ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Bring or Take Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. Could you ___ me the salt, please? It's at your end of the table.
✔ **C) bring**
The salt moves towards the speaker, so we use bring.

2. These old boxes are in the way. Could you ___ them away, please?
✔ **D) take**
The boxes go away from here, so we use take. After could you we need the base form.

3. Yesterday our teacher ___ her pet rabbit into our classroom to show us.
✔ **B) brought**
The past of bring is brought. Bought is the past of buy, and bringed and brang are not standard.

4. Have you ___ the dog for a walk yet?
✔ **B) taken**
We say take the dog for a walk. After have, we need the past participle taken.

5. I'm at home with a cold. Could you ___ my homework round to my house after school?
✔ **D) bring**
The homework comes to the speaker's house, so we use bring.

6. My parents ___ me up to be kind to animals.
✔ **C) brought**
Bring up a child means look after them until they grow up. The past is brought up.

7. Please ___ off your shoes before you come into the house.
✔ **A) take**
Take off means remove clothes or shoes. We use the base form after please.

8. You're coming to my house for dinner? You don't need to ___ anything, just come!
✔ **A) bring**
The speaker is the host, and the guest comes to the speaker's house, so we use bring.

9. Every Saturday Dad ___ my little brother to his swimming lesson.
✔ **C) takes**
The brother goes away from home to the pool, so we use take. With Dad and every Saturday we need takes.

10. The plane ___ off late because of the snow.
✔ **C) took**
Take off means leave the ground. The past tense is took.

11. I know I should tell her the truth, but I can't ___ myself to do it.
✔ **D) bring**
Can't bring yourself to do something means you can't make yourself do it.

12. In careful English: Could you ___ these empty bottles out to the recycling bin?
✔ **A) take**
The bottles go away from here to the bin outside, so careful English uses take. Bring out is heard in some casual speech.

13. I ___ a sandwich from home, so I don't need to buy lunch.
✔ **A) brought**
Brought is the past of bring: I carried it here. Bought means paid for, which does not fit from home.

14. Spring ___ longer days and warmer weather.
✔ **B) brings**
Bring can mean cause something to come. Take is not used this way.

15. The TV remote is next to you. Can you ___ it here, please?
✔ **B) bring**
Here is where the speaker is, so we use bring.

16. These shoes are too small. I'm going to ___ them back to the shop tomorrow.
✔ **C) take**
The shoes go away from here to the shop, so we use take back. After going to we need the base form.

17. Please don't ___ up money at dinner. It always starts an argument.
✔ **A) bring**
Bring up a subject means start talking about it. This is a fixed phrase with bring.

18. Excuse me, could you ___ a photo of us in front of the castle?
✔ **D) take**
We say take a photo. There is no idea of carrying here, so bring is never possible.

19. Here you are. I've ___ your book back. Thanks for lending it to me.
✔ **B) brought**
The speaker is handing the book over, so it comes here, to the listener: we use bring. The past participle is brought, not bought (the past of buy).

20. You look really tired. Why don’t you ___ a break for ten minutes?
✓ B) take
Take a break is a fixed phrase. After why don’t you we need the base form.

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