ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Commonly Confused Words Quiz: Continual, Imply, Infer, Morale

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Explanations

1. Since the new airport opened, we've had ___ complaints about noise: every few days, another one.
✔ **A) continual**
Continual means again and again, with breaks in between.

2. The motorway was closed, and the queue of cars was ___ for ten miles.
✔ **D) continuous**
Continuous means with no break at all, in time or in space.

3. The day the country elected its first woman president was a ___ day.
✔ **C) historic**
Historic means so important that history will remember it.

4. She is writing a ___ drama about the first women doctors in Scotland.
✔ **B) historical**
Historical means about the past or set in the past: a historical drama, novel or film.

5. When she said, "Nice of you to come at last," she ___ that I was late, and I ___ that she was annoyed.
✔ **D) implied … inferred**
The speaker implies (suggests without saying); the listener infers (works it out).

6. Please be ___: nobody else in the office knows about my new job.
✔ **A) discreet**
Discreet means careful not to tell secrets or embarrass anyone.

7. The course is divided into six ___ units that you can study in any order.
✔ **B) discrete**
Discrete means separate, each part on its own. It sounds the same as discreet.

8. A judge must be ___: she gains nothing, whichever side wins.
✔ **C) disinterested**
In careful English, disinterested means fair, with nothing to win or lose.

9. The children were completely ___ in the castle and asked to go to the beach.
✔ **A) uninterested**
Uninterested means not interested. Uninteresting describes the thing that is boring.

10. After three defeats in a row, the team's ___ is very low.
✔ **C) morale**
Morale is how confident and cheerful a group feels. Stress the second part: mo-RALE.

11. Many people see eating meat as a ___ question, not just a matter of taste.
✔ **D) moral**
Moral means about right and wrong: a moral question, a moral duty.

12. All flights were cancelled because of ___ weather conditions.
✔ **B) adverse**
Adverse means bad or harmful: adverse weather, adverse effects.

13. I'm not ___ to hard work, but I'll only do ___ Saturdays: one on, one off.
✔ **A) averse … alternate**
Not averse to means quite happy to. Alternate means every second one.

14. ___ for the defence said the evidence was weak, and he ___ the jury that his client was innocent.
✔ **C) Counsel … assured**
Counsel is the lawyer speaking for one side in court (formal). You assure a person that something is true; ensure means make sure.

15. This is the ___ biography of Churchill: nobody will write a better one.
✔ **B) definitive**
Definitive means final and complete. Definite just means certain or clear.