ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Commonly Misspelled English Words and Silent Letters (A2) Quiz

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Explanations

1. Which spelling is right?
✔ **A) Wednesday**
Wednesday: W-e-d-n-e-s-d-a-y. We don’t say the first d, but we write it.

2. My best ___ lives next door.
✔ **C) friend**
Friend has ie: a friend to the end.

3. I stayed at home ___ I was ill.
✔ **C) because**
Because ends in -cause: b-e-c-a-u-s-e.

4. What a ___ dress!
✔ **D) beautiful**
Beautiful starts with b-e-a-u and ends in -ful, with one l.

5. Cats and dogs are very ___.
✔ **A) different**
We often say diff-rent, but we write different: two f and -ent at the end.

6. ___ bus goes to the station?
✔ **C) Which**
The question word is which: w-h-i-c-h. A witch is a woman in stories.

7. I can’t come today. Can we meet ___?
✔ **B) tomorrow**
Tomorrow has one m and two r.

8. Please write your ___ on the form.
✔ **D) address**
Address has two d and two s.

9. My uncle has a small ___. He sells bikes.
✔ **A) business**
Business: b-u-s-i-n-e-s-s. We don’t say the i, but we write it.

10. Which letter is silent in listen?
✔ **B) t**
We say /ˈlɪs.ən/. The t is silent.

11. Which letter is silent in knife?
✔ **A) k**
We say /naɪf/. The k is silent, like in know.

12. Which letter is silent in answer?
✔ **D) w**
We say /ˈɑːn.sə/. The w is silent.

13. The train takes one ___.
✔ **C) hour**
An hour is sixty minutes: h-o-u-r, with a silent h. Our means it belongs to us.

14. Which letter is silent in island?
✔ **B) s**
We say /ˈaɪ.lənd/. The s is silent.

15. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **B) I waited for an hour.**
The h in hour is silent, so the word starts with an o sound and we say an hour.

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