ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Countable / Non-Countable Food Partitives Vocabulary Test

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Explanations

1. Please go to the store and pick up a _____ of milk.
✔ **B) half gallon**
In American stores, milk is sold by volume, for example **a half gallon of milk** or **a gallon of milk**. A **dozen** is for eggs, and a **pound** is a weight for solid food.

2. This recipe calls for a _____ of butter.
✔ **C) stick**
In the US, butter is often sold in long pieces called **sticks**: **a stick of butter**. Recipes often ask for one stick.

3. My cat eats a _____ of tuna every day.
✔ **A) can**
Tuna usually comes in a small metal container: **a can of tuna**.

4. I like to drink a _____ of mineral water after I exercise.
✔ **D) bottle**
Water is a liquid, and it is sold in **bottles**: **a bottle of mineral water**.

5. I want to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. But the _____ of peanut butter is empty.
✔ **B) jar**
Peanut butter is sold in a glass or plastic container with a lid: **a jar of peanut butter**. We also say **a jar of jam**.

6. I need three _____ of yoghurt from the dairy section.
✔ **C) containers**
Yoghurt is usually sold in small plastic pots: **containers of yoghurt**. **Loaves** are only for bread, and **dozens** are for things we count, like eggs.

7. If you want coffee with breakfast, you should buy a _____ of coffee tonight.
✔ **B) pound**
Coffee beans or ground coffee are sold by weight in the US: **a pound of coffee**. Not **cup**: you drink a cup of coffee, but you don't buy one at the store to make coffee at home.

8. I would like a large, green _____ of lettuce for tonight's salad.
✔ **A) head**
A whole lettuce is called **a head of lettuce**. We also say **a head of cabbage**.

9. Would you like a _____ of chocolate or vanilla ice cream?
✔ **B) pint**
In the US, ice cream is often sold in small containers measured in pints: **a pint of ice cream**.

10. Pick up _____ of whole wheat bread at the bakery.
✔ **D) a loaf**
A whole piece of bread that you cut into slices is **a loaf of bread**.

11. I need _____ eggs for the Easter egg hunt.
✔ **C) half a dozen**
Eggs are counted in dozens (12). **Half a dozen eggs** means six eggs. There is no **of** after **dozen**.

12. I need a _____ of ground beef to make hamburgers for the picnic.
✔ **D) pound and a half**
Meat is sold by weight in the US: **a pound and a half of ground beef** (1.5 pounds).

13. We need a _____ of rice to make our special chicken and rice dish.
✔ **A) box**
Rice is a dry food, and it is often sold in boxes: **a box of rice**. A **gallon** is only for liquids.

14. The _____ of toothpaste are located in the health and beauty section of the supermarket.
✔ **B) tubes**
Toothpaste comes in a soft container that you squeeze: **a tube of toothpaste**.

15. Pick up a _____ of soda for the party tonight.
✔ **D) six-pack**
Cans or bottles of drinks are often sold in packs of six: **a six-pack of soda**.

16. Order _____ Swiss cheese at the deli counter.
✔ **B) half a pound**
At the deli counter, cheese is cut and sold by weight: **half a pound of Swiss cheese**. A **pint** and a **quart** are only for liquids.

17. This recipe needs a _____ of salt.
✔ **A) teaspoon**
Recipes use small spoon measures for salt: **a teaspoon of salt**.

18. Go get a _____ of bananas in the produce section at the front of the store.
✔ **C) bunch**
Bananas grow and are sold together in a group: **a bunch of bananas**. We also say **a bunch of grapes**. Not **dozen**: we say **a dozen bananas**, without **of**.

19. We need a _____ of orange juice for tomorrow morning.
✔ **B) quart**
Juice is a liquid, so it is sold by volume in the US: **a quart of orange juice** (about one liter).

20. Buy a _____ of chocolate chip cookies for dessert.
✓ A) bag
Cookies are often sold in packets: **a bag of cookies**.
Half a gallon is for liquids, and a **loaf** is for bread.

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