ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Device or Devise Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. My phone is the only ___ I take on holiday.
✔ **A) device**
A phone is a thing, so we need the noun device, with c.

2. The class had to ___ a way to stop an egg breaking when it was dropped.
✔ **A) devise**
After had to we need a verb. To devise is to plan or invent.

3. Alliteration is a literary ___ that repeats the first sound of words.
✔ **B) device**
A technique a writer uses is a literary device: a noun.

4. Engineers have ___ a new system for sorting recycling.
✔ **C) devised**
The past form of the verb devise is devised. Deviced is not a word.

5. On rainy afternoons, my parents leave us to our own ___.
✔ **A) devices**
The fixed phrase is leave someone to their own devices, with the plural noun.

6. Please switch off all electronic ___ before the exam starts.
✔ **D) devices**
Phones and tablets are devices: the plural noun, with c.

7. Who ___ this game? It's brilliant!
✔ **C) devised**
Inventing a game is devising it. The past form is devised.

8. A smoke alarm is a simple safety ___ that saves lives.
✔ **C) device**
A safety device is a thing, so it is the noun.

9. The team is ___ a plan to raise money for the school trip.
✔ **D) devising**
After is we need the -ing form of the verb devise.

10. She ___ a clever way to save water in the garden. (American English)
✔ **C) devised**
Devise is spelt with s in American English too, so the past form is devised.

11. In her will, she ___ her house to her nephew. (legal English)
✔ **B) devised**
In law, to devise property is to leave it to someone in a will.

12. Rhymes like "i before e" are a useful memory ___ for spelling.
✔ **A) device**
A memory device is a trick that helps you remember: a noun.

13. The drama group ___ its own play instead of using a script.
✔ **B) devised**
Creating a play together is devising it, a verb in the past.

14. Spies in old films use clever ___ hidden in pens and watches.
✔ **D) devices**
These gadgets are devices: the plural noun.

15. It took months to ___ a timetable that suited everyone.
✔ **B) devise**
After to we need the base form of the verb, devise.

16. My aunt ___ crossword puzzles for the local newspaper every week.
✔ **B) devises**
She plans and creates the puzzles, so we need the verb devise. With she, it takes -s: devises.

17. A dishwasher is a labour-saving ___: it does a boring job for you.
✔ **D) device**
A dishwasher is a machine, so we need the noun device, with c.

18. The new spelling test was carefully ___ by a group of teachers.
✔ **B) devised**
The teachers planned the test, so this is the verb devise in the passive: was devised by.

19. Which word ends with a z sound, like the word eyes?
✔ **D) devise**
The verb devise ends with a z sound. The noun device ends with an s sound, like ice and advice.

20. In the story, a lost letter is the plot ___ that brings the two sisters together.
✔ **A) device**
A plot device is a trick a writer uses to move the story on. It is a noun, so it has c.