ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Discourse Markers in English Quiz: Well, By the Way, Mind You

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Explanations

1. "Do you like my new haircut?" "___, it's ... different."
✔ **A) Well**
Well gives you a second to think, and it shows the answer isn't a simple yes.

2. The teacher closes the door and says, "___, let's begin. Open your laptops."
✔ **C) Right**
Right shows you are ready to begin or to move to the next thing.

3. "I'll bring the drinks." "Great. ___, have you seen my blue umbrella anywhere?"
✔ **B) By the way**
By the way adds something that is not about the topic.

4. "My sister has just moved to Spain." "___ Spain, have you ever been to Madrid?"
✔ **D) Speaking of**
Speaking of + a word from the conversation starts a new topic that is linked to it.

5. Sorry, I had to answer the phone. ___, the best thing about the trip was the food.
✔ **A) As I was saying**
As I was saying takes you back to your story after something stopped you.

6. "Are you coming to the match on Saturday?" "___, I'd like to, but I'm working."
✔ **B) Well**
Well gives you a second, and shows the answer isn't a simple yes.

7. The film is long and has lots of characters, but ___ it's about a boy looking for his dog.
✔ **C) basically**
Basically gives the main idea in a few simple words.

8. "What do you think of my poem?" "___, I don't really understand it."
✔ **D) To be honest**
To be honest comes before what you really think, often something the listener won't like.

9. Our hotel was far from the beach. ___, it had a lovely pool.
✔ **B) Mind you**
Mind you (mainly British) adds a fact that makes the first sentence less strong.

10. I don't usually like horror films. ___, this one was brilliant.
✔ **A) Having said that**
Having said that adds the other side after a strong opinion.

11. We didn't win the cup. ___, we played really well.
✔ **C) Still**
Still at the start of a sentence means even so: something went badly, but there is a good side.

12. I lost my phone at the station. ___ I didn't lose my wallet too.
✔ **D) At least**
At least finds one good thing in a bad situation. At last means finally, after a long wait.

13. Don't be angry with him. He's only four, ___.
✔ **B) after all**
After all gives a reason the listener may have forgotten. It can go at the end.

14. "Is Lucy vegetarian?" "Hmm, ___, I've never seen her eat meat."
✔ **C) come to think of it**
Come to think of it: while you are talking, you suddenly notice or remember something.

15. "___, who's coming to the party? Is Dan coming? ___, Dan from work, not my cousin Dan."
✔ **A) So ... I mean**
So opens a new topic or question. I mean explains or corrects what you just said.

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