ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **(Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)**

John: Mr Jackson _____ the children to the zoo yesterday.
✔ **C) took**
Yesterday tells us the action is finished, so we use the past simple: **took**. Not **has taken**, because we don't use the present perfect with **yesterday**.

2. When they got there, they _____ a bell, and when they were inside, they saw a man in the lion's house.
✔ **A) heard**
A bell is a short sound that comes to you, so we use **hear**, here in the past simple: **heard**. **Listen** needs **to** and means you try to hear something.

3. **Mary:** Why _____?
✔ **D) was he there**
The visit was yesterday, so we use the past simple. The man was in the lion's house, not where Mary is, so we say **there**: **Why was he there?**

4. **John:** He _____ the lions their food.
✔ **A) was just giving**
We use the past continuous (**was giving**) for an action in progress when the children saw him. **Just** goes after **was**: **was just giving**.

5. **Mary:** How much _____?
✔ **B) did he give them**
Past simple questions use **did** + verb: **How much did he give them?** Not **he gave to them**, because a question needs **did**.

6. **John:** The children didn't _____.
✔ **C) tell me**
We say **tell me** (tell + person): **The children didn't tell me.** With **say**, we can't put the person straight after it. **Say me** and **say it me** are wrong.

7. Did you know that _____ two restaurants in the zoo?
✔ **D) there are**
This is not a question, so the word order is **there are**: **There are two restaurants in the zoo.** Not **are there**, which is the question form.

8. So, people _____ go out if _____ eat something.
✔ **C) don't need to**
There are restaurants in the zoo, so it isn't necessary to go out: **don't need to go out**. Not **mustn't**, because that means it is not allowed.

9. So, people _____ go out if _____ eat something.
✔ **A) they want to**
People is plural, so we use **they**. **Want** needs **to** before another verb: **if they want to eat**.

10. **Mary:** What time _____ the restaurants?
✔ **B) do they open**
A present simple question needs **do** + a subject + verb: **What time do they open the restaurants?** **Do open** has no subject, so it is wrong.

11. **John:** Oh, the children _____ remember times.
✔ **A) can't**
Can't + verb means the children are not able to do something: **can't remember**. We don't use **to** after **can't** or **couldn't**. **Aren't able** needs **to**: **aren't able to remember**.

12. They _____ times aren't important.
✔ **D) tell me that**
We say **tell me** (tell + person, with no **to**), and **that** introduces what they said: **They tell me that times aren't important.** We can't say **say me** or **tell to me**.

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