ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

ELEMENTARY Test 20

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Explanations

1. He _____ some new shoes last month.
✔ **A) bought**
Last month is in the past, so we use the past form: **bought** (buy → bought).

2. Where _____ you _____ on holiday last year?
✔ **C) did / go**
Past questions use **did** + the base verb: **Where did you go…?** Not **did / went**, because after **did** we don't use the past form.

3. A: _____ you _____ Jane last month?

B: No, I _____.
✔ **B) Did / see / didn't**
Past question: **Did you see…?** (did + base verb). The short answer is **No, I didn't.** Not **Did / saw**, because after **did** we use **see**, not **saw**.

4. A: _____ did she _____ a job?

B: In the car factory.
✔ **D) Where / get**
The answer is a place (**in the car factory**), so we ask **Where**. After **did** we use the base verb: **get**.

5. Max didn't _____ yesterday afternoon; he _____ at home.
✔ **A) go out / stayed**
After **didn't** we use the base verb: **go out**. The second part is a positive past sentence: **he stayed at home**.

6. Geoffrey _____ French before, but he _____ at university now.
✔ **C) did not study / studies**
Before = past: **did not study**. **Now** = present, and with **he** we add -s: **studies**. Not **didn't studied**, because after **didn't** we use the base verb.

7. A: _____ did they have _____ lunch?

B: Soup and fish.
✔ **B) What / for**
The answer is food, so we ask **What**. We say **have something for lunch**.

8. A: Where _____ you last week?

B: I _____ in Alabama.
✔ **C) were / was**
Past of **be**: **you were**, **I was**. So: **Where were you? I was in Alabama.**

9. I usually _____ for 6 hours a day, but I _____ for 8 hours yesterday.
✔ **A) work / worked**
Usually = present simple: **I work**. **Yesterday** = past simple: **I worked**.

10. Rosemary often _____ to work by bus, but she _____ to work by taxi yesterday.
✔ **B) gets / got**
Often = present simple, and with **she** we add -s: **gets**. **Yesterday** = past: **got**.

11. Bonny and Nick _____ tennis last weekend, but they rarely _____ tennis.
✔ **A) played / play**
Last weekend = past: **played**. **Rarely** = present simple, and with **they** there is no -s: **play**.

12. It _____ a lot in winter here, but it _____ last year.
✔ **D) snows / rained**
A general fact uses the present simple: **It snows a lot in winter**. **Last year** = past: **it rained**.

13. Last year it _____ for three months, but it _____ just for two weeks.
✔ **B) snowed / rained**
Last year is in the past, so both verbs are past: **snowed** and **rained**.

14. A: _____ it snow a little in winter in Holland?

B: Yes, it _____. But last winter, it _____ snow at all.
✔ **C) Does / does / didn't**
With **it** in the present we use **does**: **Does it snow…? Yes, it does. Last winter** = past: **it didn't snow**.

15. A: _____ you usually work for 8 hours a day?

B: Yes, I _____. But last week I _____ for 8 hours a day.
✔ **A) Do / do / didn't work**
Usually = present: **Do you…? Yes, I do. Last week** = past negative: **I didn't work**. Not **didn't worked**, because after **didn't** we use the base verb.

16. A: _____ Alex _____ you yesterday evening?

B: No, he _____.
✔ **D) Did / help / didn't**
Past question: **Did Alex help…?** (did + base verb). **No** goes with **he didn't**.

17. It _____ Jack's birthday two days ago.
✔ **A) was**
Two days ago = past, and **it** takes **was**.

18. A: Who _____ you eat with?

B: Well, I _____ dinner with friends.
✔ C) did / ate
The question is in the past (**did**), so the answer uses the past form: **I ate dinner**. Not **eaten**; we don't use it alone without **have**.

19. Ann usually _____ to work, but yesterday she _____.
✔ B) drives / walked
Usually = present simple, and with **she** we add -s: **drives**. **Yesterday** = past: **walked**.

20. It usually _____ a lot in winter but last year it _____.
✔ A) rains / snowed
A general fact uses the present simple with -s for **it**: **rains**. **Last year** = past: **snowed**.

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