ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. Most banks will _____ people money to buy a house.
✔ **A) lend**
A bank **lends** money: it gives it for a time and you pay it back. You **borrow** money from a bank.

2. My friend has a _____ job at a chemist's.
✔ **D) part-time**
A **part-time** job is a job for only some hours of the day or week, not a full week.

3. _____ have you been learning English?
✔ **B) How long**
We ask about time with **How long**: **How long have you been here?** Don't add **time** after it.

4. I hate doing the _____, especially cleaning the windows.
✔ **B) housework**
Housework is the work you do to keep your home clean, like cleaning windows. **Homework** is work from school.

5. You mustn't be angry with her. It wasn't her _____ that she was late.
✔ **D) fault**
We say **It's (not) my fault** when we say who did something wrong. Not **blame**: we say **the blame is on her**, not **her blame**.

6. She _____ to take her neighbour to court if he didn't stop making so much noise.
✔ **B) threatened**
To **threaten** is to say you will do something bad to someone if they don't stop. Going to court is bad for the neighbour, so it is a threat, not a promise.

7. You can count _____ me if you ever want any help.
✔ **B) on**
Count on someone means you can trust them to help you: **You can count on me.**

8. Each _____ of the family had to take it in turns to do the washing up.
✔ **C) member**
We say **a member of the family**: one person in a family, club or group.

9. Don't _____ my speech when I am talking.
✔ **B) interrupt**
To **interrupt** is to start talking when another person is still talking.

10. You can borrow money this time, but don't make a _____ of it.
✔ **A) habit**
Don't make a habit of it means don't do it again and again. A **habit** is something you do often.

11. I always write my daily activities in my _____.
✔ **C) diary**
A **diary** is a book where you write what you do each day. We write **in** a diary.

12. James and Jim are twins. They were _____ at birth and they didn't meet until they were both thirty-nine.
✔ **C) separated**
Separated means taken apart from each other. The clue is that the twins **didn't meet** for many years.

13. What do we call someone whose job is to repair taps and baths?
✔ **D) plumber**
A **plumber** repairs taps, pipes, baths and toilets. A **carpenter** works with wood.

14. **When I was away on business, my neighbours looked after my home.**

Which of the following is a synonym of the underlined phrase?
✔ **C) take care of**
Look after means **take care of**: **She looks after her little brother.**

15. When you say that you will do something for somebody, you _____.
✔ **B) promise**
When you **promise**, you say you will really do something: **I promise I'll help you.**

16. When you say something in someone's ear quietly and secretly, you _____.
✔ **B) whisper**
To **whisper** is to speak very quietly so only one person can hear. **Cry out** is the opposite: to shout.

17. _____ it was difficult, they managed to find somewhere they all liked.
✔ **A) Although**
Although joins two ideas that are surprising together: it was difficult, but they found a place.

18. Anyone who gets free rides in other people's cars as a way of travelling cheaply is called a _____.
✔ **D) hitchhiker**
A **hitchhiker** stands by the road and asks drivers for a free ride. A **passenger** is anyone in a car, bus or plane.

19. When you pay no attention to anybody or act as if you don't see him / her, you _____ him / her.
✔ **A) ignore**
To **ignore** someone is to act as if you don't see or hear them. **Notice** is the opposite.

20. He was bitten by a mosquito, but he made things worse by _____ the bite all the time.
✓ B) scratching
To **scratch** is to rub your skin hard with your nails because it itches. Scratching a mosquito bite makes it worse.

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