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Explanations

1. The day before yesterday, I WENT TO SEE my sick grandmother.
✔ **E) invited**
When you **go to see** someone, you travel to them. When you **invite** someone, you ask them to come to you, so it is the opposite direction. **Visited** and **called on** mean the same as **went to see**.

2. Her character is very MILD.
✔ **D) rude**
A **mild** person is gentle and soft in manner. The opposite is **rude**, which means not polite and unkind in how you speak or act. **Gentle** means the same as **mild**.

3. The British seem to like their weather as it is ISLAND weather.
✔ **E) continental**
Island weather is the weather of a place surrounded by sea. It is usually mild and wet. The opposite is **continental** weather, found far from the sea, with very hot summers and very cold winters.

4. I think it is a LEGAL party as it has been functioning for a long time.
✔ **C) illegal**
Legal means allowed by law. Its opposite is **illegal**, meaning against the law. **Lawful** is a synonym. Not **illiterate**, which means unable to read and write.

5. My mother was a KIND person.
✔ **A) cruel**
A **kind** person is nice and caring to others. The opposite is **cruel**: a cruel person enjoys hurting people or animals. **Good-natured** and **nice** are similar to **kind**.

6. About one million Welshmen still speak the NATIVE language.
✔ **E) foreign**
Your **native** language is the first language you learn, the language of your own country. The opposite is a **foreign** language, which comes from another country.

7. MODERN factories have sprung up around the city.
✔ **C) out of date**
Modern means new and using the latest ideas or technology. The opposite is **out of date**, meaning old-fashioned and no longer useful. **New** is close in meaning to **modern**.

8. The Welsh ARE FULL OF idealism and good humour.
✔ **D) lack**
To **be full of** something means to have a lot of it. The opposite is to **lack** it, meaning not to have it: **The Welsh lack idealism.** Not **empty**: it is an adjective and does not fit after **The Welsh**.

9. When he was nine, he ENTERED the gymnasium and became an excellent student.
✔ **A) finished**
To **enter** a school means to start studying there. The opposite is to **finish** it, meaning to end your studies there. **Joined** is similar in meaning to **entered**.

10. She likes GETTING letters but dislikes writing them.
✔ **C) sending**
Getting letters means receiving them from other people. The opposite is **sending** letters to other people. **Receiving** means the same as **getting**.

11. There are many ANCIENT cities in Turkey.
✔ **D) modern**
Ancient means very, very old, from a time long ago. The opposite is **modern**, meaning new and from the present time. **Old** is close to **ancient**.

12. There's a DEEP lake between these two villages.
✔ **A) shallow**
A **deep** lake goes a long way down from the top of the water. The opposite is **shallow**: the bottom is not far down. Example: **The water is shallow here, so children can play in it.**

13. Our traditions are very ANCIENT and our people are proud of them.
✔ **C) modern**
Ancient traditions are very old and began long ago. The opposite is **modern**, meaning new or recent. **Old** is similar in meaning to **ancient**.

14. I didn't know she was so LEARNED.
✔ **E) ignorant**
Learned (said /ˈlɜːnɪd/) means having a lot of knowledge from study and reading. The opposite is **ignorant**, meaning knowing very little. **Well read** and **bookish** are similar to **learned**.

15. One day my brother told the story to one of his FRIENDS.
✔ **B) enemies**
Friends are people you like and trust. The opposite is **enemies**, people who hate you or want to hurt you.

16. Nobody knew he was leaving the country; only Anne knew the TRUTH.
✔ **D) lie**
The **truth** is what is real and correct. The opposite is a **lie**: something you say that you know is not true. Example: **He told a lie about his age.**

17. Why did they TURN him OUT?
✔ **B) employ**
To **turn someone out** means to make them leave a job or a place. The opposite is to **employ** them, meaning to give them a job. **Dismiss** means the same as **turn out**.

18. This is a SHARP knife.
✔ **D) dull**
A **sharp** knife cuts easily. The opposite is a **dull** (or **blunt**) knife, which does not cut well.

19. The train LEAVES ON TIME.
✔ **A) is late**
A train that **leaves on time** leaves at the correct planned time. The opposite here is that it **is late**, leaving after the planned time. **Is on schedule** means the same as **leaves on time**.

20. Tom DUG OUT his money and ran away.
✔ **E) buried**
To **dig out** something means to take it out of the ground. The opposite is to **bury** it, meaning to put it in the ground and cover it. Example: **The dog buried a bone in the garden.**

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