ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Everyday Vocabulary Sadness Test

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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.)

SADNESS

When Susan's cat was killed by a car, she burst into _____ and began to _____ so loudly that the neighbours next door heard her.
✔ **C) tears**
Burst into tears means to suddenly start crying. Example: **When she heard the news, she burst into tears.** Not **grief**: we don't say **burst into grief**.

2. When Susan's cat was killed by a car, she burst into _____ and began to _____ so loudly that the neighbours next door heard her.
✔ **A) sob**
To **sob** means to cry loudly, with short breaths. The clue is **so loudly that the neighbours heard her**. Not **tear**: as a verb it means to rip something, like paper.

3. She was _____ by the _____.
✔ **B) heartbroken**
Heartbroken means extremely sad, usually because you have lost someone or something you love. Not **heartburn**: that is a burning pain in the chest after eating.

4. She was _____ by the _____.
✔ **B) loss**
After **the** we need a noun. **Loss** is the noun: the death of someone or something you love. **Lost** and **lose** are verb forms, not nouns.

5. Her mother tried to _____ her but Susan's _____ was so great that it was three days (and three _____ nights) before she began to _____ enough to eat normally.
✔ **A) comfort**
To **comfort** someone means to make a sad person feel better. Example: **She comforted her crying friend.** Not **recover**: you recover from something yourself; you can't **recover** another person.

6. Her mother tried to _____ her but Susan's _____ was so great that it was three days (and three _____ nights) before she began to _____ enough to eat normally.
✔ **D) grief**
Grief is a very strong sadness, especially after a death. The clue is that it lasted three days and stopped her eating. Not **joy**: that means great happiness.

7. Her mother tried to _____ her but Susan's _____ was so great that it was three days (and three _____ nights) before she began to _____ enough to eat normally.
✔ **B) sleepless**
Sleepless nights are nights when you cannot sleep, often because you are sad or worried. Not **sleepy**: that describes a person who wants to sleep, not a night.

8. Her mother tried to _____ her but Susan's _____ was so great that it was three days (and three _____ nights) before she began to _____ enough to eat normally.
✔ **A) recover**
To **recover** means to start feeling well again after an illness or a shock. Example: **He took weeks to recover from the accident.** Not **comfort**: her mother tried to comfort her; Susan herself began to recover.

9. Even then, she talked to no one and was silent and _____ for weeks.
✔ **C) withdrawn**
Withdrawn describes someone who stays quiet and avoids other people, often because they are unhappy. The clue is **talked to no one** and **for weeks**: it is a change caused by sadness. Not **shy** or **bashful**: they describe a person's usual character, not a reaction to grief.

10. I think she'll always _____ her pet.
✔ **D) miss**
To **miss** someone means to feel sad because they are not with you any more. Example: **I miss my grandmother.** Not **remind**: it needs an object and **of** (**remind someone of something**).