ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

False Friends in English Quiz: Actual, Eventually, Sensible

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Explanations

1. The ticket said “£20”, but with all the extra fees, the ___ price I paid was £35.
✔ **A) actual**
Actual means real: the real price, not the one you expected. Current means now.

2. My sister is ___ working in Madrid, but she’s moving to Paris in May.
✔ **C) currently**
Currently means at this time. Actually means in fact, not now.

3. We waited and waited, and the plumber ___ arrived at 8 pm.
✔ **D) eventually**
Eventually means in the end, after a long wait. It never means possibly.

4. I don’t follow the news. Who is the ___ prime minister?
✔ **A) current**
Current: the one we have now. Spanish actual and German aktuell mean current; English actual means real.

5. I told him about my accident, but he wasn’t very ___. He just laughed.
✔ **B) sympathetic**
Sympathetic: someone is hurt or sad, and you listen and want to help. It doesn’t mean nice.

6. When my dog died, my boss was very ___ and gave me the day off.
✔ **C) sympathetic**
Sympathetic: someone is sad, and you listen, understand and want to help.

7. Everyone enjoys working with Tom. He’s friendly and funny, very ___.
✔ **D) likeable**
Likeable: you meet him and you like him at once. This is the English word for Italian simpatico.

8. The holiday was a big ___: it rained every day and the hotel was dirty.
✔ **B) disappointment**
Disappointment: you hoped for something good, and it didn’t happen. Deception means tricking someone.

9. The advert said the cream made you look ten years younger. That was pure ___, and the company had to pay a fine.
✔ **A) deception**
Deception: someone makes you believe something false, on purpose.

10. The children ___ to be pirates and sailed the sofa across the living room.
✔ **D) pretended**
Pretend: you act as if something is true when it isn’t. In Spanish, pretender means intend.

11. The curtains are made of a light, cotton ___.
✔ **B) fabric**
Fabric is cloth: cotton, wool or silk. In Spanish and Italian, the look-alike word means factory.

12. Most of the town worked at the chocolate ___ until it closed.
✔ **C) factory**
A factory is where machines and workers make things, like chocolate or cars.

13. There are three points on today’s ___: the budget, the new office and holidays.
✔ **D) agenda**
The agenda is the list of points for a meeting. Your own book of dates is a diary.

14. I only ___ I’d lost my wallet when I tried to pay.
✔ **A) realised**
Realise: suddenly you understand or notice something. In Spanish, realizar means carry out.

15. A small first-aid box is ___ on long walks. My cousin ___ a nurse last year.
✔ **B) handy … became**
Handy means useful. Become means start to be: she became a nurse. In German, Handy is a mobile phone and bekommen means get.