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Explanations

1. We pay back the ___ every month, and in thirty years the house will be ours.
✔ **C) mortgage**
A mortgage is the money a bank lends you to buy a home; you pay it back every month for many years. Rent never makes the house yours.

2. The landlord wants to sell the house, so the ___ have two months to find a new home.
✔ **A) tenants**
Tenants rent a home from a landlord. When the landlord sells, they may have to leave.

3. Grandma puts four sugars in her tea and never says no to dessert. She ___.
✔ **B) has a sweet tooth**
If you have a sweet tooth, you can't say no to cake, chocolate or sweets. A fussy eater refuses lots of food.

4. Ed came to his job interview in a torn jumper and muddy trainers. He looked so ___.
✔ **C) scruffy**
Scruffy clothes are old, untidy or dirty. Elegant and glamorous are the opposite.

5. Houses are cheaper on the ___ of town, but you need a car to get to the shops.
✔ **B) outskirts**
The outskirts are the edge of a town. We say on the outskirts.

6. Ben flew home from Tokyo on Sunday, and on Monday he fell asleep at his desk at ten in the morning. It was ___.
✔ **D) jet lag**
Jet lag comes after a flight across many time zones: your body sleeps at the wrong times.

7. Three colleagues are off sick, so I'm doing their work as well as mine. I'm ___.
✔ **A) snowed under**
Be snowed under = have far too much work. On annual leave means on holiday, not at work.

8. Sam didn't get the sack. Nobody asked him to go: he ___ because he wanted to travel.
✔ **B) resigned**
You resign when you decide to leave your job yourself. When you are made redundant, the company decides that your job will go.

9. Online shopping hit the old toy shop hard, and after forty years it ___. The building is empty now.
✔ **C) went out of business**
Go out of business = the money runs out and the company closes for good. Merge, take over and expand all mean the company goes on, and here the building is empty.

10. For Mum's sixtieth birthday, we ___ on a meal at the best restaurant in town.
✔ **D) splashed out**
Splash out on something = for once, spend a lot on something special. You save up for something, and you pay off a debt.

11. After two years of medicine, Priya realised that she hated hospitals, so she ___ and became a teacher.
✔ **A) dropped out**
Drop out (of a course) = leave it before the end. She didn't finish, so she got no degree, and you write a dissertation only at the end of one.

12. This cough medicine works well, but it has one strange ___: it turns your tongue black for an hour.
✔ **C) side effect**
A side effect is something extra and unwanted that a medicine does.

13. Dad drank six cans of cola a day for years, but last spring he finally ___.
✔ **A) kicked the habit**
Kick the habit = after a long fight, stop doing something bad. It isn't only for smoking.

14. In the chess final, Maya's ___ was a twelve-year-old boy, and he beat her in twenty minutes.
✔ **B) opponent**
Your opponent is the person you play against. Spectators only watch.

15. Halfway through the match, Leo stopped running and held the back of his leg. He had ___.
✔ **D) pulled a muscle**
You pull a muscle when you stretch or move too fast or too far, and a muscle suddenly hurts.

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