ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Homes and Lifestyles Vocabulary: Open-Plan, Downsize, Quiz

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Explanations

1. We knocked down the wall between the kitchen and the living room, so now it's all ___.
✔ **A) open-plan**
Open-plan means with no walls between the rooms. We say an open-plan kitchen or office.

2. The new library is ___, with huge windows and high ceilings.
✔ **C) light and airy**
Airy means full of light and space. Light and airy is the usual pair, in that order.

3. In my student days I lived in a ___ little room with one tiny window.
✔ **A) poky**
Poky means small, dark and unpleasant. Roomy, airy and spacious are all positive.

4. Put a curtain over the door: this hall is really ___.
✔ **A) draughty**
Draughty means cold air comes in. The American spelling is drafty.

5. In American English, "She's rather homely" usually means she is:
✔ **B) not very attractive**
In the US, a homely person is plain or unattractive. In the UK, a homely place is warm and comfortable.

6. The advert said: "Victorian house, high ceilings, original fireplaces, ___ throughout."
✔ **B) period features**
Period features are the old details of a house built long ago.

7. The castle was ___ after a fire destroyed the roof and two towers.
✔ **A) renovated**
Renovate means repair an old or damaged building. Reform is for laws and systems, and redecorating won't fix a roof.

8. The office is closed for two weeks while it is ___: new carpets, lights and desks.
✔ **B) refurbished**
Refurbish means make the inside look new. It is common for offices, hotels and shops.

9. They bought a ruined cottage and spent three years ___.
✔ **D) doing it up**
Do up means repair and decorate an old place, often yourself: we spent years doing it up.

10. We need more space, so we're building ___ at the back and having ___ for the kids.
✔ **C) an extension … a loft conversion**
An extension is a new room added to a house; a loft conversion turns the roof space into a room.

11. When the children left home, my parents ___ to a two-bedroom flat.
✔ **D) downsized**
Downsize means move to a smaller home.

12. The houses have solar panels and collect rainwater: they're very ___.
✔ **B) eco-friendly**
Eco-friendly means harming nature less. The adjective ends in -ly.

13. Their cabin has no connection to public electricity or water; they live ___.
✔ **C) off-grid**
Off-grid means with no public power or water: you make your own.

14. Ben's ___ flat has one chair and no ___ anywhere.
✔ **C) minimalist … clutter**
Minimalist is the adjective for a home with very few things. Clutter is uncountable, so no -s.

15. Our host was so ___ that she polished the door handles every morning, and her guest house soon became ___ for us.
✔ **D) house-proud … a home from home**
House-proud means you keep your home perfect. A home from home is a place where you feel as comfortable as at home.