ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. To "kick the bucket" means to _____.
✓ **C) die**
Kick the bucket is an informal, jokey way to say **die**. Example: **The old car finally kicked the bucket.**

2. "Knock it off" means the same as _____.
✓ **C) stop it**
Knock it off! is an informal order meaning **stop it**, used when someone is doing something annoying. Example: **Knock it off, I'm trying to sleep!**

3. To "know the ropes" means to be _____.
✓ **A) experienced**
If you **know the ropes**, you know how a job or place works because you are **experienced**. Example: **Ask Tom, he knows the ropes.**

4. If you are a "know-it-all", you are _____.
✓ **A) overconfident**
A **know-it-all** is someone who acts as if they know everything, so they are **overconfident** and often annoying. Example: **Nobody likes a know-it-all.**

5. If a woman is a "knock-out" she's _____.
✓ **C) very attractive**
Informally, a **knockout** is a person who is **very attractive**. Example: **She looked a knockout in that dress.**

6. To "kick up a fuss" means to _____.
✓ **B) behave badly**
To **kick up a fuss** means to complain loudly or make trouble about something, so to **behave badly**. Example: **He kicked up a fuss when his order was late.**

7. If someone tells you to "keep your shirt on", you should _____.
✓ **C) calm down**
Keep your shirt on! is an informal way of telling someone to **calm down** and not get angry. Example: **Keep your shirt on, I'm almost ready!**

8. To "keep on" means to _____.
✓ **B) continue**
Keep on (doing something) means to **continue**. Example: **She kept on talking.**

9. If you "keep something down", you _____.
✓ **A) control it**
To **keep something down** means to **control it** or stop it getting bigger. Example: **Please keep the noise down.**

10. To "lash out" means to _____.
✓ **C) kick or punch someone**
To **lash out** means to suddenly attack someone, for example to **kick or punch** them (it can also mean attacking with angry words). Example: **He lashed out at the man who pushed him.**

11. To "laugh off" means to _____.
✓ **C) not take something seriously**
To **laugh something off** means to laugh about a problem or criticism and **not take it seriously**. Example: **He laughed off his injury.**

12. To "lean on" someone means to _____.
✓ **B) pressure them**
To **lean on** someone (informal) means to **pressure them** to do something. Example: **The boss leaned on him to work late.**

13. "In less than no time" means _____.
✓ **C) very soon**
In less than no time means **very soon** or very quickly. Example: **We'll be home in less than no time.**

14. To do it "like mad" means to do it _____.
✓ **A) enthusiastically**
To do something **like mad** means to do it very hard, fast or **enthusiastically**. Example: **We worked like mad to finish.**

15. If you have a "long face", you look _____.
✓ **B) sad**
A **long face** is an unhappy expression, so you look **sad**. Example: **Why the long face?**

16. "Look alive" means _____.
✓ **A) move quickly and be alert**
Look alive! is an informal order meaning hurry up and **be alert**. Example: **Look alive, the customers are coming!**

17. To "lose heart" means to _____.
✓ **C) become unenthusiastic**
To **lose heart** means to lose hope or interest, to **become unenthusiastic**. Example: **Don't lose heart, you'll pass next time.**

18. The "lowdown" is _____.
✓ **A) the important facts**
The lowdown (informal noun) means **the important facts** or inside information about something. Example: **Give me the lowdown on the new boss.** Not **immoral**: that is the adjective **low-down**, as in **a low-down trick**.

19. To "lap it up" means to _____.
✓ **A) take it in eagerly**
To **lap it up** means to **take it in eagerly** and enjoy it, like praise or attention. Example: **The audience lapped it up.**

20. If it takes a "month of Sundays", it _____.
✓ **C) feels like a long time**
A month of Sundays means a very long time, so it **feels like a long time**. Example: **I haven't seen her in a month of Sundays.**

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