ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

# Illustrated Everyday Expressions with Stories 2 – Lesson 16 MCQ Test

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## Explanations

**1.** **Choose the best answer.**

"Are you hungry?"

"_____. I ate an hour ago."
✓ **C) Not at all**
**Not at all** is a strong way to say "no". The speaker ate an hour ago, so they are not hungry. **Beats me** means "I don't know", which does not answer this question.

**2.** Archeologists believe that this ancient weapon _____ to 500 B.C.
✓ **C) dates back**
**Date back to** means "to have existed since a time in the past". The clue is **to 500 B.C.**: the weapon was made about 2,500 years ago.

**3.** He _____ the whole team when he missed the final point on purpose.
✓ **A) let down**
**Let someone down** means "to disappoint someone by not doing what they expected". He missed the point on purpose, so the team was disappointed. The past form of **let** is also **let**.

**4.** If you would like some time to _____ my offer, you can let me know tomorrow.
✓ **C) think over**
**Think over** means "to consider something carefully before deciding". The clue is **some time** and **let me know tomorrow**: the person needs time to decide about the offer.

**5.** It _____ why the boss doesn't just fire him.
✓ **A) beats me**
**It beats me** means "I don't know" or "I can't understand". It is often followed by **why**, **how** or **what**: **It beats me how she does it.**

**6.** You must _____ the fire before you leave the camp.
✓ **A) put out**
**Put out** a fire means "to stop it burning". You must do this before you leave a camp, so the fire doesn't spread.

**7.** Only employees _____ the office where the manager keeps the money.
✓ **B) have access to**
**Have access to** means "to be allowed to enter or use a place or thing". **Only employees** tells us that other people cannot go into the office.

**8.** I didn't want to _____ in Asia, so I dyed my hair black.
✓ **A) stand out**
**Stand out** means "to be easy to notice because you are different". The speaker made their hair black so they would look like the people around them and not be noticed.

**9.** The guide _____ through the jungle.
✓ **B) led the way**
**Lead the way** means "to go in front and show others where to go". A guide does this, and the past form is **led the way**.

**10.** Well, it's almost 6:00. We _____ start cooking dinner.
✓ **A) might as well**
**Might as well** + verb means "it is a good idea to do this, because there is no reason not to". It's almost 6:00, so starting dinner now makes sense.

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