ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. Bill hasn't finished his work but we _____.
✔ **A) have**
In short answers we repeat the auxiliary verb of the first clause. **Hasn't finished** is present perfect, so the positive form is **have**: **we have** (finished). Not **do**, because the first verb uses **have**, not **do**.

2. We don't want to leave early but they _____.
✔ **B) do**
The first clause uses **don't want** (present simple), so the short positive form uses **do**. **They** takes **do**, not **does**: **they do** (want to leave early).

3. They didn't remember my birthday but you _____.
✔ **C) did**
Didn't remember is past simple, so the short positive form is **did**: **you did** (remember). **Don't** and **does** are present tense, so they don't match.

4. Your English is really improving but mine _____.
✔ **C) isn't**
Is improving is present continuous with the verb **be**, so the short form uses **is**. **Mine** means **my English** (singular), so we say **mine isn't** (improving). Not **doesn't**, because the first clause uses **is**, not **does**.

5. _____ you speak three languages?
✔ **A) Do**
This is a present simple question about a fact. With **you** we use **Do**: **Do you speak three languages?** **Does** is only for he/she/it.

6. _____ you having a holiday soon?
✔ **D) Are**
Having (verb + -ing) shows the present continuous, used here for a future plan. This tense uses **be**, so with **you** we need **Are**: **Are you having a holiday soon?**

7. _____ you have a good holiday last year?
✔ **C) Did**
Last year shows a finished time in the past, so we use the past simple question with **Did**: **Did you have a good holiday last year?**

8. _____ you ever been to Amsterdam?
✔ **C) Have**
Ever and **been** (past participle) show the present perfect, which uses **have**: **Have you ever been to Amsterdam?** Not **Did**, because **did** needs the base form (**go**), not **been**.

9. _____ you often travel abroad these days?
✔ **A) Do**
Often and **these days** show a present habit, so we use the present simple. With **you** the question starts with **Do**: **Do you often travel abroad these days?** Not **Did**, because **these days** means now, not the past.

10. _____ your best friend sometimes go on holiday with you these days?
✔ **B) Does**
Sometimes and **these days** show a present habit, so we use the present simple. **Your best friend** is he or she (third person singular), so we need **Does**: **Does your best friend sometimes go on holiday with you?** Not **Do**, which is for I/you/we/they.

11. I think you're wrong. I don't agree _____ you at all.
✔ **C) with**
We **agree with** a person: **I don't agree with you.** We use **agree about** or **agree on** with a topic, not with a person: **We agree about the plan.**

12. I'm not interested _____ what you think or what you want.
✔ **D) in**
The adjective **interested** is always followed by **in**: **I'm interested in music.** No other preposition is possible here.

13. We might have a picnic. It depends _____ the weather.
✔ **B) on**
The verb **depend** is followed by **on**: **It depends on the weather.** Not **depends about** or **depends to**.

14. What are you listening _____?
✔ **A) to**
We **listen to** something or someone: **I'm listening to the radio.** In questions the preposition goes at the end: **What are you listening to?**

15. If you have a problem, talk _____ the teacher.
✔ **A) to**
We **talk to** a person when we speak with them: **Talk to the teacher.** Not **talk at**, which means speaking to someone without listening to them.

16. "What did you talk _____?"

"Oh, this and that."
✔ **D) about**
We **talk about** a topic. The reply **this and that** names topics, so the question is **What did you talk about?** We **talk to/with** a person, not a topic.

17. You aren't concentrating on your work. What are you thinking _____?
✔ **D) about**
Think about means to have something in your mind: **What are you thinking about?** The preposition goes at the end of the question.

18. "What do you think _____ Pete?"

"I really like him."
✔ **D) of**
What do you think of...? asks for someone's opinion. The answer **I really like him** gives an opinion, so **of** is right. Not **think at** or **think with**, which are not used this way.

19. Where's the cash desk? I'd like to pay _____ this book.
✔ **B) for**
We **pay for** the thing we buy: **I'd like to pay for this book.** We **pay with** money or a card: **I'll pay with cash.**

20. "I've lost your pen. Sorry ..."

"It's all right. Don't worry _____ it."
✔ **D) about**
The verb **worry** is followed by **about**: **Don't worry about it.** This phrase is used to tell someone that a problem is not important.

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