ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. _____ you ever stayed at the Ritz?
✔ **B) Have**
Ever asks about life experience, so we use the present perfect: **have** + past participle (**stayed**). Not **Did**, because **did** needs the base form (**Did you ever stay**).

2. We _____ breakfast in bed.
✔ **D) had**
This is a simple statement about a finished action, so we use the past simple **had**. We say **have breakfast**. Not **was having**, because **we** needs **were**, not **was**.

3. _____ John give you those flowers?
✔ **A) Did**
Give is the base form, so the question needs **Did** (past simple question: **Did** + subject + base verb). **Have** would need **given**.

4. I _____ my homework very quickly last night.
✔ **C) did**
Last night is finished past time, so we use the past simple **did**. We say **do homework**.

5. She _____ a shower every morning before school.
✔ **B) has**
Every morning shows a habit, so we use the present simple. We say **have a shower**, so with **she** it is **has**. Not **does**, because we don't say **do a shower**.

6. We _____ talking to James about his exam.
✔ **D) aren't**
Talking (-ing form) needs the verb **be**: present continuous. With **we** we use **are**, so the negative is **aren't**. Not **wasn't**, because **we** takes **were**, not **was**.

7. Lots of trees _____ blown down by the wind.
✔ **A) were**
This is the passive: **be** + past participle (**blown**). **Trees** is plural, so we use **were**. Not **has**, because **trees** is plural (it would be **have been blown**).

8. Where _____ you yesterday?
✔ **D) were**
Yesterday needs the past of **be**, and with **you** we always use **were**: **Where were you?** Not **was**, which is for **I/he/she/it**.

9. Mary never _____ the washing up.
✔ **A) does**
Never here describes a habit, so we use the present simple. We say **do the washing up**, and with **Mary** (she) it is **does**. Not **do**, because **she** needs the -s form.

10. Thank goodness we _____ a dishwasher!
✔ **B) have**
The speaker means they own a dishwasher now, so we use the present simple **have**. **We was** and **we were a dishwasher** make no sense.

11. How many people _____ you invited to the party?
✔ **B) have**
Invited is a past participle, so we need the present perfect: **have** + past participle. Not **did**, because **did** needs the base form (**did you invite**).

12. Why _____ you leaving so early?
✔ **D) are**
Leaving (-ing form) needs **be**: present continuous. With **you** we use **are**: **Why are you leaving?**

13. We _____ got a beautiful puppy called Molly.
✔ **B) have**
Have got means **have** (own). With **we** we say **We have got** (**We've got**).

14. We _____ a beautiful puppy called Molly.
✔ **D) had**
Without **got**, we need a main verb meaning own: **had** (past simple of **have**). Not **having**, because it needs **be** before it, and **have** for owning is not usually used in the continuous.

15. I have been to Australia but Anna _____.
✔ **B) hasn't**
In short answers we repeat the auxiliary from the first part. **I have been** uses **have**, and with **Anna** (she) it is **hasn't**. Not **haven't**, which is for **I/you/we/they**.

16. Anna likes ice-cream but John _____.
✔ **D) doesn't**
Likes is present simple, so the short form uses **do/does**. With **John** (he) it is **doesn't**.

17. I don't like ice-cream but Jill _____.
✔ **D) does**
Don't like is present simple, so we use **do/does** to avoid repeating the verb. With **Jill** (she) it is **does**.

18. Maria isn't studying hard but I _____.
✔ **C) am**
Isn't studying is present continuous with **be**, so we repeat **be**. With **I** we use **am**. Not **are**, which is for **you/we/they**.

19. John loves flying but we _____.
✔ **B) don't**
Loves is present simple, so we use **do/does**. With **we** it is **don't**. Not **doesn't**, which is for **he/she/it**.

20. I watched TV last night but my sister _____.
✓ B) didn’t
Watched last night is past simple, so the short form uses **did**: **my sister didn't**. Not **hasn't**, because **last night** is finished time.

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