ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. How much do you spend a week _____ average?
✔ **B) on**
The fixed phrase is **on average**, meaning 'usually' or 'as a normal amount'. Example: **On average, I spend £50 a week.**

2. Watch your step with Dad. He's _____ a terrible mood.
✔ **A) in**
We say someone is **in a good/bad/terrible mood**. Example: **She's in a great mood today.**

3. Could you take a photo _____ me, please?
✔ **D) of**
We **take a photo of** someone or something, meaning that person or thing is in the picture. Example: **Can you take a photo of us?**

4. I had a crash this morning. Fortunately, I didn't do much damage _____ my car.
✔ **D) to**
The collocation is **do damage to** something. Example: **The storm did a lot of damage to the roof.** Not **on**: we don't say 'damage on'.

5. 'Where's Peter?'

'He's _____ on holiday.'
✔ **B) gone**
He's gone on holiday means he went and is still away now, which answers 'Where's Peter?'. **He's been** would mean he went and has already come back.

6. Where have you _____? You're so brown!
✔ **A) been**
Where have you been? asks about a place someone visited and has come back from; the clue is 'You're so brown!', so the person is back. Not **gone**: that would mean the person is still away.

7. 'Are you going to the shops this afternoon?'

'No, I've already _____. I went this morning.'
✔ **C) been**
I've already been means I went and came back; the clue is 'I went this morning'. Not **gone**: the speaker is here, not still at the shops.

8. 'Can I speak to Jenny, please?'

'I'm afraid she's _____ to lunch. Can I take a message?'
✔ **B) gone**
She's gone to lunch means she left and is not here now, so the caller can't speak to her. **She's been** would mean she is already back.

9. I've never _____ to Australia, but I'd like to go.
✔ **C) been**
For life experience we use **have been to** a place. Example: **I've never been to Japan.** Not **gone**: 'I've never gone to Australia' is not used for experience.

10. 'When's your holiday?'

'We've already _____. We went to France.'
✔ **C) been**
We've already been means the holiday is finished and we are back; the clue is 'We went to France'. Not **gone**: that would mean they are still away.

11. 'Where's Harry these days?'

'Didn't you know? He's _____ to another company.'
✔ **B) gone**
He's gone to another company means he left and now works there, so he isn't here. Not **went**: after **has** we need the past participle **gone**.

12. The Prime Minister of Italy _____.
✔ **D) has resigned**
News that has just happened is usually given in the present perfect: **has resigned**. **The Prime Minister** is singular, so we use **has**, not **have**, and **resign** is active here, so not **has been resigned**.

13. A new prime minister _____.
✔ **B) has been elected**
The new prime minister doesn't elect; people elect him, so we need the passive: **has been elected**. The present perfect is used for recent news.

14. The Italian people _____ of his resignation on television yesterday evening.
✔ **D) were told**
Yesterday evening is a finished time, so we use the past simple, and the people received the news, so it is passive: **were told**. **People** is plural, so not **was told**.

15. I _____ my glasses. _____ them anywhere?
✔ **C) have lost / Have you seen**
We use the present perfect for a past action with a result now: **I have lost my glasses** (I can't find them now). We also ask **Have you seen them?** because no finished time is mentioned. Not **have been lost**: I lost them myself, so the verb is active.

16. "Where _____ Liz _____ on holiday?"

"She's in Paris."
✔ **D) has / gone**
The answer 'She's in Paris' shows Liz is still away, so we ask **Where has Liz gone?** Not **has been**: that would mean she is already back.

17. “Where _____ Liz _____ on holiday?”

“She went to Paris.”
✔ C) did / go
The answer uses the past simple ('She went'), so the question is also past simple: **Where did Liz go?** After **did** we use the base form **go**, not **went**.

18. “_____ John ever _____ to Paris?”

“Oh, yes. Five times.”
✔ C) Has / been
To ask about life experience we use **Have/Has … ever been to**: **Has John ever been to Paris?** 'Five times' shows he went and came back. Not **gone**: it isn't used for experience.

19. The police _____ the public that the man is dangerous.
✔ A) have warned
The police are giving the warning, so the verb is active, and recent news uses the present perfect: **have warned**. **The police** always takes a plural verb, so not **has warned**.

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