ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Fill in the blank with the missing word:**

Our tour group arrived in Paris this morning. Now we're off _____ the Eiffel Tower.
✔ **C) to**
Be off to a place means to leave and go there. **We're off to the Eiffel Tower** means we are leaving now to go to the Eiffel Tower.

2. My friend Jane says she just wants to stick _____ the hotel today.
✔ **A) around**
Stick around means to stay in a place and not leave. Jane wants to **stick around the hotel**, so she wants to stay there all day. Not **stick with**, which means to stay with a person or keep using a choice.

3. "I feel like I'm ready to _____," Jane says, explaining that she didn't sleep at all on the flight to Paris.
✔ **C) drop**
Ready to drop means extremely tired, so tired you could fall down. The clue is that Jane **didn't sleep at all** on the flight. Not **fall**: we don't say **ready to fall** with this meaning.

4. After the long flight to Paris and with the time difference, Jane and I both have jet _____.
✔ **B) lag**
Jet lag is the tiredness you feel after a long flight across time zones. The clue is **the time difference**. **Fatigue** and **exhaustion** mean tiredness, but they do not go with **jet**.

5. I tell Jane that exercise will work _____ for us. If we get out and walk, it will be good for us.
✔ **B) wonders**
Work wonders means to have a very good effect. The next sentence explains it: walking **will be good for us**. Not **marvels**: we don't say **work marvels**.

6. We'll definitely get a second _____ once we get moving, I tell Jane.
✔ **C) wind**
Get a second wind means to suddenly feel new energy after being tired. The clue is **once we get moving**: we will feel stronger when we start walking.

7. Jane tells me she doesn't want to go to the Eiffel Tower because it's a tourist _____.
✔ **A) trap**
A **tourist trap** is a place that attracts many tourists and is often crowded and expensive. That is why Jane doesn't want to go. Not **place**: a **tourist place** is just a place tourists visit, and it gives no reason to avoid it.

8. I tell Jane she'll change her _____ once she sees how impressive the Eiffel Tower really is.
✔ **A) tune**
Change your tune means to change your opinion. Jane will think differently when she sees the tower. **Song** and **melody** are not used in this idiom.

9. While I go to the Eiffel Tower, Jane goes to a pastry shop to grab a _____.
✔ **C) bite**
Grab a bite (to eat) means to have a quick snack or a small meal. The clue is **pastry shop**. **Piece** and **morsel** are not used in this idiom.

10. Later that night, I am ready to go out to dinner but Jane says she just wants to stay in the hotel. I think I'm traveling with a couch _____!
✔ **B) potato**
A **couch potato** is a lazy person who likes to stay at home and not do anything active. Jane wants to **stay in the hotel** instead of going out, so she is acting like a couch potato.

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