ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Naval or Navel Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. My grandfather spent twenty years in ___ service before he retired.
✔ **A) naval**
Service in the navy is naval service. Naval ends in -al, like other describing words.

2. Your ___ is the little hollow in the middle of your stomach.
✔ **B) navel**
The belly button is the navel. Navel and belly both contain el.

3. The museum has a large collection of model ships and old ___ flags.
✔ **D) naval**
Flags used by the navy and its ships are naval flags.

4. Stop the ___-gazing and think about what other people need.
✔ **B) navel**
Navel-gazing means thinking too much about yourself, as if staring at your own belly button.

5. The two fleets met in a famous ___ battle off the coast.
✔ **C) naval**
A battle between warships at sea is a naval battle.

6. The doctor pressed gently just below the patient's ___.
✔ **B) navel**
The navel is the belly button, so this is about the body.

7. The city grew up around an old ___ dockyard where warships were built.
✔ **C) naval**
A dockyard that builds ships for the navy is a naval dockyard.

8. The small round mark at one end of every ___ orange looks like a belly button.
✔ **A) navel**
The fruit is called a navel orange because of that mark.

9. He studied ___ architecture and now designs ferries and fishing boats.
✔ **A) naval**
Naval architecture is the design of ships and boats of all kinds.

10. Critics said the new album was too ___-gazing to interest most listeners.
✔ **B) navel**
Navel-gazing is spelt with -el, like the belly button.

11. The country spent more on its ___ forces than on its army.
✔ **D) naval**
Naval forces are a country's ships and sailors.

12. The ___ is a small scar left after the cord falls off a newborn baby.
✔ **C) navel**
That small scar is the navel, or belly button.

13. The ___ college trains young cadets to command ships.
✔ **C) naval**
A college for future navy officers is a naval college.

14. We bought a bag of sweet, seedless ___ oranges at the market.
✔ **A) navel**
The phrase is navel orange, after the fruit's belly-button mark.

15. On the day of the parade he wore his best ___ uniform.
✔ **D) naval**
The uniform of the navy is a naval uniform.

16. My school jumper is ___ blue: a very dark blue.
✔ **C) navy**
Navy is also a dark blue colour. A colour is never naval or navel.

17. He joined the ___ when he was eighteen and served on a submarine.
✔ **B) navy**
After the we need a noun, and the sea force of a country is the navy. Naval is only an adjective.

18. Instead of contemplating your ___ all day, go and help your friends.
✔ **A) navel**
Contemplate your navel is a joking phrase for thinking too much about yourself. It is about the belly button, so it has -el.

19. Which word comes from the Latin word for ship, the same root as navigate?
✔ **B) naval**
Naval comes from the Latin navis, ship. Navel comes from an Old English word, so the shared sound is just chance.

20. Which of these words is only ever an adjective?
✔ **D) naval**
Naval only describes nouns: a naval base, a naval officer. Navel is a noun: the belly button.