ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Ordinal Numbers Quiz: First, Second, Third

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1	**A**	2	**B**	3	**C**	4	**D**	5	**A**	6	**B**	7	**C**	8	**D**	9	**A**	10	**B**
11	**C**	12	**D**	13	**A**	14	**B**	15	**C**										

Explanations

1. What is the ordinal number for 1?
✔ **A) first**
1st = first. First, second and third have their own special words.

2. What is the short form of "second"?
✔ **B) 2nd**
The short form uses the last two letters of the word: seco-nd = 2nd.

3. How do you spell the ordinal of 5?
✔ **C) fifth**
Five changes ve to f: fifth.

4. How do you spell the ordinal of 9?
✔ **D) ninth**
Nine drops the e: ninth. (But nineteenth and ninetieth keep it.)

5. How do you spell the ordinal of 12?
✔ **A) twelfth**
Twelve changes ve to f: twelfth. Don't forget the f.

6. How do you spell the ordinal of 20?
✔ **B) twentieth**
The y changes to ie before th: twentieth.

7. What is the short form of the ordinal of 11?
✔ **C) 11th**
11, 12 and 13 always take -th, because we say eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth.

8. What is the short form of the ordinal of 23?
✔ **D) 23rd**
23 = twenty-third, so 23rd.

9. How do you write 21st in words?
✔ **A) twenty-first**
Only the last part becomes an ordinal: twenty-first.

10. Choose the correct sentence.
✔ **B) Today is the twenty-first of June.**
We say dates with ordinal numbers: the twenty-first of June (British English).

11. How do Americans usually say the date 4 July?
✔ **C) July fourth**
American English: July fourth. British English: the fourth of July.

12. In the UK, the floor at street level is called...
✔ **D) the ground floor**
In the UK it's the ground floor, and the floor above is the first floor. In the US, street level is the first floor.

13. How do you say "Henry VIII"?
✔ **A) Henry the Eighth**
Kings and queens use "the" + an ordinal number: Henry the Eighth.

14. Which sentence uses a cardinal number, not an ordinal?
✔ **B) I have three brothers.**
Cardinal numbers (one, two, three) say how many. Ordinal numbers (first, second, third) say which one.

15. What is 1/3 in words?
✔ **C) a third**
Fractions use ordinal numbers: a third (1/3), a fifth (1/5). You can also say "one third".

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