ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Patience or Patients Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. Thank you for your ___ while we fix the problem with the website.
✔ **B) patience**
You are thanking people for waiting calmly, so it is patience.

2. The nurse checked on all the ___ in the children's ward.
✔ **C) patients**
Patients are people who are being cared for. Here there are many, so we need the plural.

3. Please be ___: the bus will be here in a few minutes.
✔ **C) patient**
After be we need the adjective patient.

4. My little brother has no ___ when he loses a game.
✔ **B) patience**
Patience is the noun for staying calm. You can have it or have none.

5. Our family doctor sees about thirty ___ a day.
✔ **A) patients**
Thirty tells you we are counting people, so we need patients.

6. She waited ___ for her turn at the front of the queue.
✔ **A) patiently**
To describe how she waited, we need the adverb patiently.

7. After an hour in the traffic jam, Dad began to lose ___.
✔ **D) patience**
To lose patience is to stop being able to wait calmly.

8. The children got ___ and kept asking when the show would start.
✔ **B) impatient**
After got we need an adjective. The opposite of patient is impatient.

9. Don't rush your work! ___ is a virtue.
✔ **C) Patience**
Patience is a virtue means that being able to wait is a good quality.

10. In Britain, a card game that you play on your own is called ___.
✔ **D) patience**
In British English, patience is a card game. In American English it is usually solitaire.

11. The hospital has a new clinic for ___, who come in for treatment and go home the same day.
✔ **A) outpatients**
Outpatients visit hospital for treatment and do not stay overnight. Inpatients stay in hospital.

12. The noise from next door really tried the teacher's ___.
✔ **A) patience**
To try someone's patience is to make them start to feel annoyed.

13. The ___ records are kept in a locked office at the surgery.
✔ **D) patients'**
The records belong to the patients, so we need the plural possessive patients'.

14. Our grandad is very ___ with us when we ask him lots of questions.
✔ **B) patient**
After very we need the adjective patient. You are patient with someone.

15. She was ___ to start her new job and counted the days.
✔ **C) impatient**
Impatient to do something means you want to do it very soon.

16. Our teacher has the ___ of a saint: she never shouts, even when we are noisy.
✔ **C) patience**
The patience of a saint means a huge amount of patience. After the we need the noun for calm waiting.

17. The ward has beds for twenty ___ who stay in hospital for several nights.
✔ **B) inpatients**
Inpatients stay in hospital overnight or longer. Outpatients go home the same day, and inpatience is not a word.

18. Hurry up! My ___ is wearing thin.
✔ **D) patience**
My patience is wearing thin means I will soon stop being calm. After my we need the noun patience.

19. His ___ was clear: he kept looking at his watch and sighing.
✔ **B) impatience**
After his we need a noun, and the noun for not being able to wait calmly is impatience.

20. My sister is more ___ than me. She never gets angry when she has to wait.
✔ **A) patient**
After be (is more ... than) we need the adjective patient, not the noun patience.