ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

PRE-INTERMEDIATE Test 24

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Explanations

1. Don't wait for me. I _____ late. It depends on the traffic.
✔ **C) might be**
It depends on the traffic shows the speaker is not sure, so we use **might be** for something that is possible. Not **will be**, because that sounds certain.

2. "What are you doing tonight?"

"I don't know. I _____ out, or I _____ at home."
✔ **B) might go / might stay**
The speaker says **I don't know**, so both plans are only possible. We use **might** + verb for this: **I might go out, or I might stay at home.**

3. We have guests coming for Saturday lunch. I _____ cook roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. I have bought all the ingredients.
✔ **C) am going to**
The speaker has already bought the ingredients, so this is a plan made before now. We use **be going to** for plans: **I am going to cook roast beef.** Not **will**, which is for decisions made at the moment of speaking.

4. A- I'm going to buy George a green shirt.

B- I wouldn't if I were you.

A- Why not?

B- I'm sure he _____ the green colour.
✔ **D) won't like**
I'm sure shows a prediction based on the speaker's opinion, so we use **will** / **won't**: **I'm sure he won't like it.** Not **might not like**, because the speaker is sure, not just guessing. **Like** is not used in the continuous form.

5. "Goodbye, darling. I _____ phone as soon as I arrive."

"Thanks. Bye!"
✔ **B) will**
This is a promise, and we use **will** for promises: **I will phone as soon as I arrive.** Not **am going to**, which is mostly for plans made earlier.

6. Catherine wants to be a politician. Who knows? One day she _____ Prime Minister!
✔ **C) might be**
Who knows? shows that this is only a possibility, so we use **might be**. Not **will be**, because the speaker cannot be sure.

7. _____ on your warm coat. It's cold today.
✔ **D) Put**
Put on means to start wearing clothes: **Put on your coat.**

8. Could I _____ on these shoes, please? Size nine.
✔ **C) try**
Try on means to put on clothes or shoes in a shop to see if they fit: **Could I try on these shoes?** Not **put on**, which just means to start wearing something.

9. Don't forget to _____ off the lights when you come to bed.
✔ **B) turn**
Turn off means to stop a light or machine working: **turn off the lights**.

10. You look tired. Sit _____ and have a cup of tea.
✔ **C) down**
Sit down means to move into a sitting position, for example on a chair.

11. I'm looking for yesterday's newspaper. Did you give it _____?
✔ **D) away**
Give away means to give something to another person, so you don't have it any more. The speaker can't find the newspaper and asks: **Did you give it away?**

12. Turn _____ the music! It's too loud!
✔ **C) down**
Turn down means to make music or a machine quieter. The clue is **It's too loud!** Not **turn on**, which means to start it.