ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Precise Verbs Quiz: Gaze, Peer, Stride, Trudge and More

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Explanations

1. Which verb means you see something for a moment, by chance, and perhaps only part of it?
✔ **A) glimpse**
You glimpse something by chance, for a second. Gaze and scrutinise are long looks; squint describes half-closed eyes.

2. The fog was so thick that we had to ___ through the windscreen to see the road.
✔ **B) peer**
Peer means look hard because something is difficult to see. Gawp is silly, open-mouthed staring, gaze is a calm look for pleasure, and a glimpse is not something you do on purpose.

3. On their anniversary, the couple sat ___ into each other's eyes.
✔ **C) gazing**
Gaze is a long, calm look full of love. Scrutinise means search for faults, gawp is critical, and squinting has nothing to do with love.

4. A small crowd stood with their mouths open, ___ at the burst water pipe.
✔ **D) gawping**
Gawp means stare with your mouth open, looking a bit silly. A glimpse lasts a second, scrutinise is careful checking, and murmur is a sound.

5. The sun was right in my eyes, so I had to ___ to read the sign.
✔ **A) squint**
You squint, half closing your eyes, in bright light. Gazing and gawping are long looks, not a way to protect your eyes; stride is walking.

6. Before she signed, the lawyer ___ every line of the contract.
✔ **B) scrutinised**
Scrutinise means examine every detail for faults, which is a lawyer's job. A glimpse is by chance, gawping is silly, and peeping is quick and secret.

7. British English: "He has had a ___ since childhood, so he finds phone calls hard."
✔ **C) stammer**
A stammer can be a lifelong condition that makes speaking hard (American English: stutter). A drawl is just a slow, stretched way of talking, and a murmur is a soft sound.

8. "Lovely," she ___ softly as the baby finally fell asleep.
✔ **D) murmured**
Murmur is soft, low and gentle. A drawl sounds bored or superior, blurting out is sudden, and stammering comes from nerves.

9. Before anyone could stop him, Leo ___ that the party was meant to be a surprise.
✔ **A) blurted out**
Blurt out means say something suddenly before you can stop yourself, often a secret. Murmur and drawl are calm, slow ways of speaking; gaze is looking.

10. Which word names a slow way of speaking with long, stretched vowels?
✔ **B) drawl**
A drawl stretches the vowels and can sound relaxed, bored or superior. A stammer repeats sounds, a murmur is soft and low, and a stride is a step.

11. The winner ___ up to the stage, waving happily to her fans.
✔ **C) strode**
Stride means walk with long, confident steps. Trudge is tired and unwilling, shuffle keeps your feet near the floor, and stagger is nearly falling.

12. Soaked and exhausted, the hikers ___ the last few miles back to the hostel.
✔ **D) trudged**
Trudge means walk slowly and heavily because you are tired. Saunter, amble and stride all sound relaxed or confident, not exhausted.

13. Which pair fits? The cows ___ across the field, and the late student ___ into the lecture with a cheeky smile.
✔ **A) ambled … sauntered**
Cows amble: slow, easy and comfortable. A late student who saunters in is relaxed and careless. Trudging and staggering don't match a cheeky smile, and stammer is a way of speaking.

14. The old man ___ along the icy pavement, keeping his feet close to the ground.
✔ **B) shuffled**
Shuffle means walk without lifting your feet much, as on ice or in slippers. Stride and saunter are confident; gawp is looking.

15. Which pair fits? Hit on the chin, the boxer ___ back against the ropes. Later, tired and fed up, we ___ round town looking for a chemist's.
✔ **C) staggered … traipsed**
Stagger means several unsteady steps, nearly falling, after a blow. Traipse is a long, annoying walk from place to place. Stroll and amble are pleasant, and sauntering is not what a hurt boxer does.