ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Prefixes re-, mis-, pre-, over-, under- Quiz: Meaning and Use

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Explanations

1. My essay had too many mistakes, so the teacher asked me to ___ it.
✔ **A) redo**
Redo means do again: re- means again.

2. Don't throw that jar away. You can ___ it for jam.
✔ **B) reuse**
Reuse means use again. Misuse means use wrongly, and overuse means use too much.

3. The swimming pool was closed all winter, but it ___ in April.
✔ **C) reopens**
Reopen means open again after a time when something was closed.

4. "Meet me at two." "At ten?" "No, at two! You ___ me."
✔ **A) misheard**
Mishear means hear a different word from the one someone said. Overhear means hear something by chance.

5. Which word is spelled correctly?
✔ **B) misspell**
Mis + spell = misspell, with two s. When you add a prefix, keep every letter of the word.

6. Sorry, I ___ the question. I thought you meant next week.
✔ **D) misunderstood**
The past of understand is understood, so the past of misunderstand is misunderstood.

7. Before you buy the book, you can read a short ___ online.
✔ **C) preview**
A preview is a small part of a book, film or website that you see before you get the whole thing.

8. I ___ the new phone in May, and it arrived on the first day it was in the shops.
✔ **D) pre-ordered**
Pre-order means buy something before it is in the shops. Pre- means before.

9. I ___ "necessary" again: I wrote it with two c's.
✔ **A) misspelled**
Misspell means write a word with the wrong letters. Mis- means wrongly.

10. Five minutes is enough. If you cook it longer, you will ___ the fish.
✔ **B) overcook**
Overcook means cook for too long. Over- means too much.

11. The chicken is still pink inside. It's ___.
✔ **C) undercooked**
Undercooked food didn't cook for long enough. Under- means not enough.

12. The taxi should cost £20, but the driver asked for £30. He ___ us.
✔ **D) overcharged**
Overcharge means ask someone to pay too much.

13. The bill was £40, but by mistake the waiter asked for £30. He ___ us.
✔ **A) undercharged**
Undercharge means ask someone to pay less than the right price.

14. Nurses work very hard, but many of them get too little money. They are ___.
✔ **C) underpaid**
Underpaid means your pay is too low for the work you do. Overpaid means paid too much.

15. My first email was too rude, so I ___ it in a friendlier way.
✔ **B) rewrote**
Rewrite means write again to make something better. Its past is rewrote.

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