ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Prepositional Phrases Quiz: By Mistake, On Purpose, In Time

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Explanations

1. Sorry, I took your umbrella ___. They look the same.
✔ **D) by mistake**
By mistake: you wanted to do something else. You took the wrong umbrella.

2. I dropped the glass ___. I didn’t want to break it.
✔ **A) by accident**
By accident: it happened, but nobody planned it or wanted it.

3. My brother ate the last biscuit ___. He knew I wanted it!
✔ **C) on purpose**
On purpose: he wanted to do it and knew what he was doing.

4. I met my old teacher ___ at the airport. We didn’t plan it.
✔ **B) by chance**
By chance: nobody planned it, it just happened.

5. Sorry, I can’t stop and talk. I’m ___.
✔ **B) in a hurry**
In a hurry: you must be quick because you don’t have much time.

6. The train left at nine o’clock exactly. It was ___.
✔ **C) on time**
On time means at the planned time, not late.

7. We got to the cinema just ___ to buy popcorn before the film started.
✔ **A) in time**
In time means early enough. We say in time to do something or in time for something.

8. We waited and waited. After an hour, the bus came ___!
✔ **D) at last**
At last: you waited a long time, and now it happens.

9. The tickets cost ___ £50, maybe more.
✔ **B) at least**
At least means not less than this number; maybe more.

10. Book your table ___. The restaurant is always full on Saturdays.
✔ **D) in advance**
In advance means some time before the event, not on the day.

11. My dad often travels ___: meetings in Paris, Madrid and Rome.
✔ **C) on business**
On business: you travel for your job, not for a holiday.

12. The taxi driver doesn’t take cards, so please pay ___.
✔ **A) in cash**
In cash means with notes and coins, not with a card.

13. There’s a “___” sign outside the house next door. They want to move.
✔ **B) For Sale**
For sale: the owner wants to sell it. The sign outside a house always says For Sale.

14. Don’t drink that milk! It’s ___.
✔ **D) out of date**
Out of date food is too old to eat. Out of order is for machines that don’t work.

15. Which phrase is correct?
✔ **C) on purpose**
We always say on purpose: She did it on purpose.

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