ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Program or Programme Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. In American English, a show on television is a TV ___.
✔ **A) program**
American English writes program for every meaning, including TV shows.

2. In British English, we watched a nature ___ about whales on television.
✔ **B) programme**
A TV or radio show is a programme in British English.

3. Even in British English, a piece of computer software is a computer ___.
✔ **C) program**
British English uses the short spelling program for software.

4. In British English, she programmed the robot. Which spelling of the verb form is right?
✔ **B) programmed**
British English always doubles the m: programmed, programming. Programed is only a less common American variant.

5. A student in Toronto writes in Canadian spelling: “I’m on a two-year college ___.”
✔ **C) program**
Canadian English uses program for every meaning, like American English.

6. At a British theatre, you can buy a printed ___ with the names of the actors.
✔ **D) programme**
The printed booklet at a play or concert is a programme in British English.

7. In British English, my cousin is studying on a medical degree ___.
✔ **A) programme**
A course of study is a programme in British English. American English: a degree program.

8. People whose job is writing computer code are called ___ in every country.
✔ **D) programmers**
Programmer, with a double m, is the usual spelling in British and American English.

9. In our science book, the ___ shows each stage of the water cycle. (British spelling)
✔ **C) diagram**
Only programme has the British -mme ending. Diagram is the same everywhere.

10. The United Nations agency that helps people who are hungry is the World Food ___.
✔ **A) Programme**
Names keep their own spelling. This organisation writes Programme.

11. In British English, children at our school are learning to ___ in a simple coding language.
✔ **D) program**
The verb for writing computer code is program in British English too.

12. Which sentence uses British spelling all the way through?
✔ **B) My favourite TV programme is about animals.**
Favourite and programme are both British spellings. The other sentences mix the systems or are American.

13. The town council in Florida announced a new summer reading ___ for children.
✔ **B) program**
Florida is in the United States, so American spelling is used: program.

14. In the UK, the festival ___ includes music, dance and films from twenty countries.
✔ **C) programme**
A plan or list of events is a programme in British English.

15. In an IELTS essay, the best advice about program and programme is to ___.
✔ **A) keep to one spelling system**
Exams accept British or American spelling, but you should be consistent. Software is a program in both systems.

16. In British spelling, the new bank card has a small silver ___ on the front.
✔ **B) hologram**
Programme is the only everyday -gramme word. Hologram, like diagram and telegram, ends in -gram in British English too.

17. In British English: the theatre plans to ___ more plays for children next season.
✔ **B) programme**
For planning events as part of a series, British English uses the verb programme. The other forms are not verbs.

18. American English: My dad listens to a sports ___ on the radio every Saturday.
✔ **D) program**
American English writes program for every meaning, including a show on the radio.

19. In British English, our school has an exchange ___ with a school in Lyon.
✓ C) programme
An exchange programme is a plan of visits, not software, so British English writes programme.

20. A writer for the Australian Government follows its style manual and writes about a new health ___.
✓ D) program
The Australian Government Style Manual tells writers to use program for every meaning, even though Australia follows British spelling in many other words.

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