ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Reign or Rein Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. Queen Elizabeth II's ___ lasted more than seventy years.
✔ **A) reign**
A reign is the time a king or queen rules. It keeps the silent g, like sovereign.

2. Our riding teacher showed us how to hold the ___ loosely.
✔ **C) reins**
Reins are the straps a rider holds to guide a horse. No g.

3. The teacher gave us free ___ to choose our own project.
✔ **C) rein**
Free rein means freedom to act as you wish, like a horse on a loose rein. Free reign is a common slip.

4. The town council has promised to ___ in its spending.
✔ **B) rein**
To rein in something is to hold it back, as a rider pulls in the reins to slow a horse.

5. She is the ___ national chess champion.
✔ **B) reigning**
A reigning champion holds the title now, as a monarch holds the throne.

6. When the captain broke her wrist, her deputy took the ___.
✔ **C) reins**
To take the reins is to take control. The picture is a rider picking up the straps.

7. Silence ___ in the exam hall.
✔ **D) reigned**
A feeling or state can reign: it fills the place, as if it ruled there.

8. It ___ all afternoon, so sports day was moved indoors.
✔ **A) rained**
Rain is water falling from the clouds. The past form is rained.

9. The cathedral was finished in the ___ of King John.
✔ **D) reign**
In the reign of means during the time a king or queen ruled.

10. Good coaches keep a tight ___ on how much young players train.
✔ **A) rein**
To keep a tight rein on something is to control it carefully, like a rider with short reins.

11. Questions ___ down on the speaker from every side.
✔ **A) rained**
Things that fall or arrive in large numbers rain down, like drops of rain.

12. The rider ___ in her horse at the gate.
✔ **B) reined**
To rein in a horse is to pull on the reins to slow or stop it. The past form is reined.

13. In our family, board games ___ supreme on rainy weekends.
✔ **B) reign**
To reign supreme is to be the best or most important of all.

14. We'll hold the fun run, ___ or shine.
✔ **D) rain**
Rain or shine means whatever the weather.

15. King Alfred ___ over Wessex in the ninth century.
✔ **C) reigned**
To reign over a country is to rule it as king or queen. King Alfred ruled Wessex from 871 to 899.

16. After a week in bed with flu, I'm as right as ___ again.
✔ **D) rain**
Right as rain means completely well again. It is the weather word.

17. In British English: our cricket match was ___ off, so we played cards instead.
✔ **B) rained**
Rained off means cancelled because of rain. American English says rained out.

18. After thirty years, the old manager will hand over the ___ to his daughter.
✔ **C) reins**
Hand over the reins means pass control to someone else. The picture is a rider holding the straps.

19. The cruel leader's ___ of terror lasted ten years.
✔ **B) reign**
A reign of terror is a time when a cruel leader rules through fear. It is about ruling, so it has a g.

20. Count to ten and try to ___ in your temper.
✔ **C) rein**
Rein in means hold back or control, like pulling in the reins to slow a horse.