ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Sequencing Words Quiz: First, Then, After That, Finally

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Explanations

1. ___, I didn't enjoy my new job, but now I really like it.
✔ **A) At first**
At first means at the beginning, when the situation changed later. First is a step in a list.

2. First, wash the potatoes. ___, cut them into small pieces.
✔ **B) Then**
Then introduces the next step. After needs something after it, and at first and at last don't mean the next step.

3. We waited for over an hour. ___ the train arrived!
✔ **C) At last**
At last means after a long wait. It shows you are happy that something finally happened.

4. Choose the correct sentence.
✔ **D) We had dinner. After that, we watched TV.**
After can't stand alone at the start of a sentence. Use After that or Afterwards.

5. The car broke down and we tried to fix it for hours. ___, we called a taxi.
✔ **A) In the end**
In the end gives the result after problems. At the end needs of + something: at the end of the day.

6. Choose the correct sentence.
✔ **B) At the end of the film, everyone cried.**
At the end of + noun is the time when something ends: at the end of the film.

7. To turn on the machine: ___, press the green button.
✔ **C) First**
Use First for the first step in instructions. At first means at the beginning, before something changed.

8. Mix everything together and ___, put the cake in the oven for forty minutes.
✔ **D) finally**
Finally introduces the last step in a list or recipe. At last is for something after a long wait.

9. ___ lunch, we went for a walk on the beach.
✔ **A) After**
After + noun: After lunch, … Afterwards, Then and Finally can't go before a noun like this.

10. Which word means "at the beginning, but later things changed"?
✔ **B) at first**
At first I hated it, but now I love it. The situation changed later.

11. Which sentence has the same meaning as "We had a long argument, but in the end we agreed"?
✔ **C) We argued for a long time, but finally we agreed.**
In the end and finally here both mean that the result came after a long time or a problem.

12. Mix the flour and the butter. ___, add the milk.
✔ **D) Next**
Next introduces the next step in instructions, like then.

13. Choose the correct instruction.
✔ **A) First, open the box.**
Instructions start with First (or First of all, To start with), not At first.

14. I cooked dinner. ___, my brother set the table.
✔ **B) Meanwhile**
Meanwhile means at the same time. After can't stand alone at the start of a sentence.

15. We looked for my keys everywhere. ___, we found them in the fridge!
✔ **C) Eventually**
Eventually means after a long time or a lot of effort. First of all and To start with begin a list.

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