ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **(Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)**
Doug: I just saw a sign that said "Entering New York." We must have _____ somewhere.
✔ **A) taken a wrong turn**
Take a wrong turn means to go the wrong way by turning onto the wrong road. Doug sees a sign for New York, so they are lost. After **must have** we need a past participle: **taken**.

2. *Lynn:* Oh no! You told me you knew these roads _____.
✔ **C) like the back of your hand**
To know something **like the back of your hand** means to know it very well. Lynn is surprised they are lost because Doug said he knew the roads perfectly.

3. *Doug:* I thought I did.

Lynn: I'm getting hungry anyway. Let's stop somewhere to _____, and we can ask for directions.
✔ **D) grab a bite**
Grab a bite means to get something quick to eat. The clue is **I'm getting hungry**. Not **doze off**, which means to fall asleep.

4. *Doug:* Yeah, I'd better get some coffee so I don't _____. We haven't _____ in a few hours.
✔ **D) doze off**
Doze off means to fall asleep without wanting to. Doug wants coffee to stay awake while driving.

5. *Doug:* Yeah, I'd better get some coffee so I don't _____. We haven't _____ in a few hours.
✔ **C) made a pit stop**
Make a pit stop means to stop for a short break on a trip, for example to get food, fuel or use the bathroom. After **haven't** we need the past participle **made**. Not **grab a bite**, because the form is wrong after **haven't**.

6. *Lynn:* Let's _____ at the next exit and look for a restaurant.
✔ **B) turn off**
Turn off here means to leave the main road, for example at an exit. **Let's turn off at the next exit** = let's leave the highway there.

7. *Doug:* I can't believe we're going the wrong way. I thought we were _____. Now we're going to be late.
✔ **A) making good time**
Make good time means to travel quickly and be on schedule. Doug thought they were fast, but now they will be late. After **were** we need the **-ing** form: **making**.

8. *Lynn:* Hey, slow down! We don't want to miss the exit.

Doug: Please don't be a _____.
✔ **B) backseat driver**
A **backseat driver** is a passenger who keeps telling the driver what to do. Lynn tells Doug to slow down, so he calls her a backseat driver. The article **a** shows that a noun is needed here.

9. *Lynn:* Sorry, sometimes _____, but I'll try to _____ in the future!
✔ **C) I can't help myself**
I can't help myself means I can't stop myself from doing something. Lynn is saying she sometimes can't stop giving driving advice.

10. *Lynn:* Sorry, sometimes _____, but I'll try to _____ in the future!
✔ **A) bite my tongue**
Bite my tongue means to stop yourself from saying something. Lynn promises to stay quiet and not give advice in the future. After **try to** we need the base form of the verb.

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