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## Explanations

**1.** I invited you to dinner, so let me _____ the bill.
✔ **C) foot**
**Foot the bill** means to pay for something, often for other people. Example: **My parents footed the bill for the wedding.**

**2.** My friend Kate is really _____ it. She doesn't even know who Oprah Winfrey is.
✔ **A) out of**
**Out of it** is an informal phrase. It means not knowing what is happening around you, or not knowing things most people know. Here Kate doesn't even know who a very famous TV host is. Not **unaware of it**: we would need to say what she is unaware of, and **it** refers to nothing here.

**3.** Ted told Amber he'd need to call her back later in the evening since he was just _____ to have dinner.
✔ **C) about**
**Be about to** do something means to be going to do it very soon. Ted was going to eat dinner in a moment, so he would call Amber back later. Example: **I was just about to leave.**

**4.** After Bob and Susan wrap _____ the sale of their business, they can relax for a while.
✔ **C) up**
**Wrap up** means to finish or complete something, such as a deal, a meeting or a project. Example: **Let's wrap up the meeting by five.** When the sale is finished, Bob and Susan can relax.

**5.** Sally got a job with a law firm in Manhattan? _____ deal!
✔ **B) Big**
**Big deal!** is often said sarcastically. It means "So what? That's not so impressive." The speaker is not impressed by Sally's new job. Not **Huge deal!**: it is not a fixed exclamation, and **Small deal** is not used at all.

**6.** We love to visit our friends in Florence, Italy. They always _____ and dine us.
✔ **B) wine**
**Wine and dine** someone means to treat them generously, with good food and drink, often at restaurants. It is a fixed expression, so **wine** cannot be replaced by another drink.

**7.** Bob and Susan plan to give Nicole $1,000 per year of spending _____ when she's in college.
✔ **C) money**
**Spending money** is money you can use for small personal things, such as snacks, going out or hobbies. Example: **Her parents give her some spending money every month. Dough** is slang for money, but **spending dough** is not the usual expression.

**8.** I recommend that you go to a concert at Carnegie Hall. The musicians who play there are always the cream of the _____.
✔ **A) crop**
**The cream of the crop** means the very best people or things in a group. The musicians at Carnegie Hall are among the best. Example: **Only the cream of the crop get into this university.**

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