ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Stationary or Stationery Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. The bus was ___ when the cyclist rode into it.
✔ **C) stationary**
Stationary, with an a, means not moving.

2. I need some new ___ for school: pens, pencils and two notebooks.
✔ **A) stationery**
Stationery, with an e, means writing materials. It has no plural.

3. Traffic on the motorway is ___ because of an accident.
✔ **D) stationary**
The traffic is not moving, so it is stationary.

4. The hotel left ___ on the desk: paper and envelopes with its name on.
✔ **B) stationery**
Paper and envelopes are stationery. Think e for envelope.

5. The old ___ on the High Street sells beautiful pens.
✔ **D) stationer**
A stationer is a person or shop that sells stationery.

6. She rides her ___ bike for twenty minutes every morning.
✔ **A) stationary**
A stationary bike is an exercise bike that stays in one place.

7. Look in the ___ cupboard if you need more envelopes.
✔ **A) stationery**
The stationery cupboard is where paper, pens and envelopes are kept.

8. Bus fares have remained ___ for three years.
✔ **B) stationary**
Stationary can also mean not changing.

9. The forecast says that ___ fronts will keep the rain over the coast all week.
✔ **B) stationary**
A stationary front is a weather front that hardly moves.

10. How much ___ did you order for the new office?
✔ **C) stationery**
Stationery is uncountable, so we say how much stationery, with no plural.

11. Please remain ___ until the ride has stopped completely.
✔ **D) stationary**
Remain stationary means stay still, do not move.

12. The couple chose cream wedding ___ with gold letters.
✔ **C) stationery**
Wedding stationery means the invitations and cards. Paper things have an e.

13. It is much easier to hit ___ targets than moving ones.
✔ **A) stationary**
The opposite of moving is stationary, with an a.

14. Paper clips and sticky notes are kept with the other ___.
✔ **C) stationery**
Paper clips and sticky notes are office stationery.

15. Most ___ also sell birthday cards and wrapping paper.
✔ **B) stationers**
Stationers are shops or people that sell stationery.

16. Some weather satellites are ___: from the ground, they seem to stay in one place in the sky.
✔ **C) geostationary**
Geostationary means seeming not to move above one point on the Earth. The idea is not moving, so it is spelt with a.

17. Every pupil gets one free item of ___: a pen or a notebook.
✔ **A) stationery**
Stationery is uncountable, so we say an item of stationery for one thing. Pens and notebooks are stationery, with e.

18. The company prints its letters on headed ___ with its logo at the top.
✔ **D) stationery**
Headed stationery is paper with a name and address printed on it. Paper things are spelt with e.

19. Drivers must switch off their engines in ___ vehicles outside the school.
✔ **A) stationary**
Stationary vehicles are vehicles that are not moving. A for at rest.

20. I bought ___ for my new desk at work.
✔ **C) some stationery**
Stationery is uncountable, like furniture, so we say some stationery. There is no plural and no a.