ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Supposed To or Suppose To Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. You're ___ wear a helmet when you ride your bike.
✔ **A) supposed to**
After are ('re), write supposed to with a -d. It means you should, because of a rule.

2. "Can we finish this tomorrow?" "I ___ so."
✔ **C) suppose**
I suppose so is the ordinary verb suppose. It gives a weak or unwilling yes.

3. ___ we missed the last bus, what would we do?
✔ **B) Suppose**
At the start of a sentence, suppose means what if.

4. The old castle is ___ haunted, but I've never seen a ghost there.
✔ **B) supposedly**
Supposedly means according to what people say. Supposed would need to be: is supposed to be haunted.

5. The train was ___ arrive at ten, but it was an hour late.
✔ **C) supposed to**
Was supposed to describes a plan that did not happen. The -d stays in the past too.

6. You aren't ___ use your phone during the test.
✔ **D) supposed to**
Not supposed to means not allowed. After aren't, write supposed to.

7. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **B) I'm supposed to call my aunt tonight.**
We need be (I'm) and supposed with a -d.

8. "Who broke the window?" "How am I ___ know?"
✔ **A) supposed to**
How am I supposed to know? is a fixed phrase meaning I can't possibly know.

9. "You're very quiet today." "What's that ___ mean?"
✔ **D) supposed to**
What's that supposed to mean? is said when you feel annoyed or hurt by a comment.

10. I don't ___ you could lend me a pencil?
✔ **A) suppose**
I don't suppose ...? is a polite way to ask for something. It uses the base form after don't.

11. This medicine is ___ to be taken with food.
✔ **D) supposed**
Is supposed to be taken tells you what you should do. Supposedly does not fit: is supposedly to be taken is not English.

12. We ___ live in a flat, but now we have a house.
✔ **A) used to**
Used to describes a past state that is not true now. It keeps its -d when there is no did; supposed to keeps its -d every time.

13. "Are you coming to the party?" "I'm ___ be revising, but I might come for an hour."
✔ **B) supposed to**
I'm supposed to be doing something means I should be doing it, but I may not.

14. In school writing, which sentence is correct?
✔ **C) Students are supposed to bring a pen.**
Write the full form with be: are supposed to. S'posed is only for very informal messages.

15. Take a coat. It's ___ to rain later this afternoon.
✔ **C) supposed**
It's supposed to rain means the forecast says it will. It's = it is, so keep the -d.

16. ___ we supposed to bring our own lunch tomorrow?
✔ **A) Are**
Supposed to goes with be, so the question starts with are: Are we supposed to ...? Never do or did.

17. The ___ shortcut took us twice as long as the main road.
✔ **C) supposed**
Before a noun, supposed means that people believe or claim, often wrongly. An adverb like supposedly can't go before a noun.

18. The builders are supposed to ___ the roof last week, but it still leaks.
✔ **A) have fixed**
For something that should already have happened, use be supposed to have + past participle.

19. It's getting late. I ___ I'd better start my homework.
✔ **C) suppose**
I suppose I'd better ... is the ordinary verb suppose in the present. It means I think I should.

20. Do you ___ she'll remember my birthday?
✔ **D) suppose**
Do you suppose ...? asks what someone thinks. After do we need the base form suppose.