ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Tic or Tick Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. Put ___ next to the questions you have finished.
✔ **A) ticks**
The marks ✓ are ticks. Tic is only for a twitch or habit.

2. My grandad's clock ___ so loudly that I can't sleep.
✔ **C) ticks**
A clock ticks. The verb for a clock's sound is tick, and with it (the clock) we add -s.

3. She has a nervous ___: she touches her ear before she answers.
✔ **B) tic**
A repeated movement that is hard to stop is a tic. A nervous tic is the fixed phrase.

4. After hiking in the woods, check your socks for ___.
✔ **D) ticks**
Ticks are tiny biting animals that live in long grass and woods.

5. Saying "literally" every few words has become his verbal ___.
✔ **B) tic**
A verbal tic is a word or phrase someone repeats out of habit.

6. Please ___ the box if you would like a reply.
✔ **A) tick**
To tick a box is to put a ✓ in it. American English also says check the box.

7. Hang on, I'll be with you in two ___.
✔ **A) ticks**
In two ticks is British informal English for in a moment.

8. No one really knows what makes my cat ___.
✔ **B) tick**
What makes someone tick means what makes them think and act as they do. After makes my cat, use the base form tick.

9. The new school trip plan ___ all the boxes.
✔ **A) ticks**
To tick all the boxes is to be exactly what is wanted. With the plan (it), add -s.

10. His left cheek has a small ___ that comes and goes.
✔ **C) tic**
A small twitch that keeps coming back is a tic.

11. We could hear the seconds ___ away as we waited for the results.
✔ **D) ticking**
The clock's sound is ticking. We can say hear something ticking away.

12. The writer has a funny ___ of ending every chapter with a question.
✔ **C) tic**
A tic can also be a small habit of style that someone keeps repeating.

13. Yesterday she ___ off each item on her shopping list.
✔ **B) ticked**
To tick off items is to mark them as done. Yesterday needs the past form, ticked.

14. In American English, people say check mark; in British English, they say ___.
✔ **C) tick**
British English calls the mark ✓ a tick.

15. Clearing her throat before she speaks is one of her little ___.
✔ **D) tics**
Repeated sounds or habits like this are tics. The plural is tics.

16. Hurry up and finish your essay: the clock is ___!
✔ **C) ticking**
The clock is ticking means time is running out. The verb for a clock is always tick.

17. Yesterday the coach ___ us off for being late to training.
✔ **D) ticked**
In British informal English, tick someone off means tell them off. Yesterday needs the past form, ticked.

18. The doctor said the boy has a mild ___ disorder, so he sometimes blinks without meaning to.
✔ **D) tic**
Medical words for movements or sounds a person makes without meaning to are always spelt tic, as in tic disorder.

19. The car is fine. Just let the engine ___ over for a few minutes.
✔ **C) tick**
Tick over (British) means run slowly and steadily, like an engine. After let the engine we use the base form tick.

20. After our walk in the woods, the vet found two ___ bites on my dog's ear.
✔ **A) tick**
Tick bites are bites from the tiny animal that lives in long grass. The animal is always spelt tick.