ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Traveled or Travelled Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. Usual American spelling: We ___ to Chicago by train.
✔ **A) traveled**
American English usually keeps one l before -ed: traveled (Merriam-Webster also lists travelled). Travelled is the usual British spelling.

2. British spelling: She has ___ all over Asia.
✔ **B) travelled**
British English doubles the l before -ed: travelled.

3. Which form is spelt the same in every country?
✔ **B) travels**
Travels has one l everywhere. Only the -ed, -ing and -er forms differ.

4. British spelling: Are you ___ alone this summer?
✔ **D) travelling**
British English writes travelling with two l's. The usual American form is traveling.

5. Usual American spelling: The hostel was full of young ___.
✔ **C) travelers**
Traveler usually has one l in American English (Merriam-Webster also lists traveller). British: traveller.

6. British and American spelling: The pilot ___ the plane calmly.
✔ **D) controlled**
Control is stressed on the last syllable, so both varieties double the l: controlled.

7. British spelling: What ___ weather for a picnic!
✔ **A) marvellous**
British English writes marvellous with two l's. American: marvelous.

8. American spelling: She keeps her ___ in a small wooden box.
✔ **C) jewelry**
Jewelry is the American spelling. The British spelling is jewellery.

9. British spelling: The jars were ___ with the date.
✔ **C) labelled**
Label follows the same pattern as travel: labelled in British English, labeled in American English.

10. Why does American English write "traveled" with one l?
✔ **A) Travel is stressed on the first syllable.**
American English doubles a final l only when the last syllable is stressed. TRAV-el is stressed at the start.

11. British and American spelling: A small engine ___ the boat forward.
✔ **D) propelled**
Propel is stressed on the last syllable, so the l doubles in both varieties.

12. A British magazine: "Holiday tips for the well-___ family."
✔ **C) travelled**
The adjective is well-travelled in British English (well-traveled in American English).

13. Which sentence is correct in every country?
✔ **B) We went on a trip to Rome.**
Travel is an uncountable noun, so we don't say "a travel". One journey is a trip.

14. Usual American spelling: The truck needs ___ before we leave.
✔ **A) fueling**
American English usually writes fueling with one l (Merriam-Webster also lists fuelling). British: fuelling.

15. British spelling: The lesson was ___ at the last minute.
✔ **B) cancelled**
Cancelled has two l's in British English, like travelled. American: canceled.

16. A newspaper in Sydney: "Our reporter ___ by train across Australia."
✔ **D) travelled**
Australian English follows British spelling, so it doubles the l: travelled.

17. British and American spelling: Heavy rain ___ us to stay indoors all weekend.
✔ **C) compelled**
Compel is stressed on the last syllable (com-PEL), so both varieties double the l: compelled.

18. Choose the sentence that is correct in every country.
✔ **C) Air travel is cheaper than it was ten years ago.**
The noun travel has one l everywhere and is normally uncountable, so there is no an and no -s.

19. She wrote a book about her ___ in South America.
✔ **D) travels**
The plural noun travels means a person's journeys taken together. The l doubles only before endings such as -ed, -ing and -er, never before -s.

20. Usual American spelling: Grandma knitted me a warm ___ scarf.
✔ **D) woolen**
The usual American spelling is woolen with one l. British English writes woollen.