ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Vocabulary Test About BITS AND PIECES Choose The Right Answer MCQ Exercise 55

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Explanations

1. The _____ needs changing on your typewriter; otherwise, we won't be able to read a word.
✔ **D) ribbon**
A typewriter prints letters through an inked **ribbon**. When the ink is used up, the print becomes too faint to read, so the ribbon **needs changing**.

2. The paper was so thin that the _____ of the pencil went right through it.
✔ **C) point**
The sharp end of a pencil is called its **point**. Not **edge**, because an edge is the side of a flat thing, such as a table or a page.

3. Write in pencil and _____ out any mistakes.
✔ **B) rub**
Rub out means to remove pencil marks with a rubber (eraser): **rub out a mistake**. Not **wipe out**, which means to destroy something completely.

4. Oh, my pen has _____; can you lend me yours?
✔ **D) run out**
A pen that has **run out** has no more ink left. Not **run down**, which is used for batteries that are losing power.

5. On no _____ must you press this button!
✔ **A) account**
On no account is a fixed phrase meaning "never, for any reason". It is followed by inversion: **On no account must you…**. Not **circumstances**, because that phrase is **under no circumstances**, not "on no circumstances".

6. The educational _____ of computers has not yet been fully realised.
✔ **C) value**
Educational value is the usual collocation for how useful something is for learning. Not **worth**, which is mostly used for money or for a person's importance.

7. Can you lend me a _____ of paper?
✔ **C) piece**
We say **a piece of paper** for one single bit of paper. Not **page**, which is one side of a sheet in a book or document.

8. He _____ up the sheet of paper and dropped it into the wastepaper basket.
✔ **C) crumpled**
To **crumple up** paper means to press it into a small, untidy ball, often before throwing it away. Not **curled**, which means bent into a round shape, not squashed.

9. With a word _____ you can produce a document much faster than with a typewriter.
✔ **C) processor**
A **word processor** is a computer program or machine for writing and editing texts. **Word computer** and **word printer** are not real expressions.

10. Paper clips, drawing pins and safety pins were _____ all over the desk.
✔ **B) scattered**
Scattered means lying untidily in many different places: **Toys were scattered all over the floor.** Not **dispersed**, which is used for crowds, gas or light spreading away, not for small objects on a desk.

11. Give me a _____ of paper and I'll write a message for Mr Absent.
✔ **D) sheet**
A sheet of paper is one whole flat piece of paper, such as one you write on. Not **leaf**, which is used for the pages of a book, not for loose writing paper.

12. In the computer room the boys were _____ holes in cards.
✔ **C) punching**
To **punch holes** means to make holes with a tool or machine. Early computers read information from **punched cards**. **Banging** and **knocking** mean hitting something, not making holes in it.

13. We packed most of our books in strong _____ boxes.
✔ **A) cardboard**
Cardboard is thick, stiff paper used to make boxes: **a cardboard box**. Not **carton**, because a carton is itself a box or container, so we don't say "carton boxes".

14. Unfortunately our local library provides no _____ for photocopying.
✔ **C) facilities**
Facilities are the equipment or services provided for a particular purpose: **facilities for photocopying**. Not **amenities**, which means things that make a place pleasant, such as parks or shops.

15. I can't open the drawer in my desk as it's _____.
✔ **C) stuck**
Stuck means fixed in one position and impossible to move or open: **The window is stuck.** Not **fixed**, which usually means attached on purpose or repaired.