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Vocabulary Test About COOKING Choose The Right Answer MCQ Exercise 65

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Explanations

1. My mother always _____ her own bread.
✓ **A) bakes**
We **bake** bread in an oven. We fry, grill or roast other foods, like eggs or meat.

2. She put a _____ of chocolate on the cake.
✓ **C) layer**
A **layer** is a flat, thin amount of something that covers a surface: **a layer of chocolate**. Not **cover**, because **cover** is not used with **of chocolate** in this way.

3. You can't make an omelette without _____ eggs. (proverb)
✓ **A) breaking**
We say **break eggs** when we open them to cook. The proverb means you cannot get something good without some loss or effort.

4. A man sat on my shopping bag on the bus and _____ my tomatoes.
✓ **C) squashed**
To **squash** something soft, like tomatoes, means to press it so hard that it loses its shape. Not **squeezed**, because we squeeze something on purpose with our hands, e.g. **squeeze a lemon**.

5. A power failure completely _____ the cake she was baking.
✓ **C) ruined**
Ruin means to spoil something completely, so it cannot be used: **The power failure ruined the cake.** Not **damaged**, because that means only partly harmed, which does not fit **completely**.

6. To make a good omelette, you must _____ the eggs very well.
✓ **B) beat**
To **beat** eggs means to mix them quickly with a fork or whisk. The other verbs mean hitting things.

7. I loved the cake. Would you mind letting me have the _____ for it?
✓ **D) recipe**
A **recipe** tells you how to cook a dish. Not **receipt**, which is the paper you get after you pay in a shop.

8. To _____ the best results, mix the powder with warm water.
✓ **C) obtain**
Obtain means to get: **to obtain the best results** is a common fixed phrase in instructions. Not **expect**, because the instruction tells you how to get the results, not what to hope for.

9. Would you put the water on, please, ready to _____ the potatoes?
✓ **B) boil**
You **boil** potatoes in hot water, and the sentence talks about putting the water on. You bake food in an oven, not in water.

10. The recipe is a secret; it has been _____ from father to son for generations.
✓ **A) handed down**
Hand down means to pass something from an older person to a younger one: **The recipe was handed down from father to son.** Not **made up**, which means invented.

11. Add the essence _____ until the teaspoonful is beaten into the mixture.
✓ **A) drop by drop**
Drop by drop means adding a liquid one drop at a time. It is the right phrase for a small liquid like an essence.

12. How do you like your eggs _____?
✓ **A) done**
How do you like your eggs done? asks how you want them cooked, e.g. boiled or fried. **Done** here means cooked.

13. Mrs Baker rolled out the pastry and cut it into pretty _____ before baking it.
✓ **C) shapes**
Shapes are forms like stars, hearts or circles: **She cut the pastry into pretty shapes.** Not **sizes**, because we don't usually call sizes **pretty**.

14. Don't _____ the bottle or you will spoil the wine.
✓ **B) shake**
Shake means to move something quickly up and down or from side to side. Not **stir**, which is moving a liquid round with a spoon.

15. She left the milk in a jug and a thick layer of _____ formed on the surface.
✓ **B) cream**
When fresh milk stands for a while, **cream** (the fatty part) rises and forms a layer on top. Not **skin**, which forms on milk that has been heated.

16. Frozen food should always be _____ before it is cooked.
✓ **A) defrosted**
To **defrost** frozen food means to let the ice in it melt before cooking. Not **melted**, because we melt things like butter or chocolate, not frozen meals.

17. Can you give me a teaspoon to _____ my tea?
✔ **C) stir**
To **stir** means to move a spoon round in a liquid: **stir your tea**.

18. It's important that while baking this cake the temperature should remain _____.
✔ **B) constant**
Constant means staying the same and not changing: **a constant temperature**. Not **continual** or **continuous**, which describe something that keeps happening or never stops. They do not describe a level that stays the same.

19. Chocolate _____ if you keep it in your pocket.
✔ **B) melts**
Melt means to become soft or liquid because of heat. Your pocket is warm, so chocolate **melts** there.

20. When I peel onions, I can't stop my eyes from _____.
✔ **D) watering**
When your eyes **water**, tears come out of them, for example when you cut onions. Not **dripping** or **leaking**, which we use for taps, pipes or containers.

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