ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Vocabulary Test About DRUGS Choose The Right Answer MCQ Exercise 84

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Explanations

1. Doctors write a _____ for medicine which chemists or dispensers make up.
✔ **B) prescription**
A **prescription** is the note a doctor writes that says which medicine you need. The chemist then prepares it. Not **recipe**, which tells you how to cook food.

2. The _____ of the sugar is of course to sweeten the medicine.
✔ **C) purpose**
Purpose means the aim, or what something is for: **The purpose of the sugar is to sweeten the medicine.** Not **reason**: a reason explains why something happened, and it is usually followed by **for** or **why**.

3. _____ the bottle well before you pour out the medicine.
✔ **B) Shake**
You **shake** a bottle by moving it quickly up and down, so the medicine inside mixes. Not **stir**: you stir a liquid with a spoon.

4. A chemist always puts a _____ on a bottle of medicine.
✔ **A) label**
A **label** is a small piece of paper on a bottle or package that gives information, for example the name of the medicine and how much to take.

5. Don't lay that bottle on its side: the top might start _____.
✔ **B) leaking**
Leak means that liquid comes out slowly through a hole or a loose part: **The top might start leaking.** Not **spilling**: liquid spills when a container falls over or is too full, not through a loose top.

6. All medicines should be kept out of _____ of children.
✔ **C) reach**
The fixed phrase is **out of reach of**. It means too far away for someone to touch or take. The other words do not go in this phrase.

7. Aspirin is generally _____ as the best remedy for a headache.
✔ **B) regarded**
The pattern **be regarded as** means 'be thought of as': **Aspirin is generally regarded as the best remedy. Thought**, **supposed** and **believed** cannot be followed by **as** in this way. We say **thought to be** and **believed to be**.

8. Put the _____ back in the bottle. You might spill the medicine.
✔ **A) cork**
A **cork** is a stopper that you push into the neck of a bottle, so you put it **back in the bottle**. Not **lid**: a lid goes on top of a jar or box, not inside a bottle.

9. The doctor gave me some medicine to _____ my cold.
✔ **B) cure**
To **cure** an illness means to make it go away so you are well again. **Mend** and **repair** are used for broken things, not illnesses.

10. He _____ the medicine quickly and then drank some orange juice.
✔ **C) swallowed**
To **swallow** means to make food or drink go down your throat. He took the medicine down quickly and then drank juice.

11. That medicine was horrible! Give me a piece of chocolate to take the _____ away.
✔ **D) taste**
The phrase is **take the taste away**: the chocolate removes the horrible taste of the medicine. **Bitter** is an adjective, so it cannot follow **the** here.

12. The doctor told him to keep the tablets in his mouth and _____ them slowly.
✔ **D) suck**
To **suck** something means to keep it in your mouth and let it dissolve slowly, like a sweet. Not **swallow**, because the tablets must stay in his mouth.