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Vocabulary Test About FLOWERS Choose The Correct Answer MCQ Exercise 74

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Explanations

1. I am growing some geraniums in my window _____.
✔ **A) box**
A **window box** is a long, narrow container fixed outside a window, where people grow flowers. **Case**, **shelf** and **tin** do not form this fixed phrase.

2. My mother _____ very fine roses in her garden.
✔ **C) grows**
We **grow** plants and flowers in a garden: **She grows tomatoes and roses.** Not **breeds**: to breed roses means to create new types of rose, not simply to have them in your garden. **Rises** is wrong because **rise** has no object.

3. As the flowers had _____ she threw them away.
✔ **C) faded**
When flowers **fade**, they lose their colour and freshness and start to die, so you throw them away. Not **dead**: it is an adjective, so **had dead** is not possible (we say **had died**).

4. Playing games in the flower garden is _____.
✔ **C) forbidden**
Forbidden means not allowed by a rule: **Smoking is forbidden here. Refused** and **dismissed** are used for offers, requests or people, not for activities that are not allowed.

5. I'll put the flowers in this _____. They'll look nice there.
✔ **D) vase**
A **vase** is a container, often made of glass, used for holding cut flowers. A **bucket** or a **mug** can hold water, but we don't usually put flowers in them to look nice.

6. After searching for a long time, the children found their ball in the _____ by the lilac bushes.
✔ **B) undergrowth**
Undergrowth means the bushes and plants growing thickly close to the ground, where things are easy to lose. An **underpass** is a road or path under another road, and the **underground** is a train system or the space below the ground.

7. Look! He has brought you a beautiful _____ of flowers.
✔ **B) bunch**
A **bunch of flowers** is a group of flowers held or tied together: **He gave her a bunch of roses.** A **branch** and a **twig** are parts of a tree, and a **bush** is a whole plant.

8. I am going into the garden to _____ some flowers.
✔ **B) pick**
We **pick** flowers or fruit when we take them from the plant: **pick some apples**. **Grip**, **seize** and **snatch** mean to hold or take something quickly and with force.

9. The roses were still _____ in December when the first snow began to fall.
✔ **A) blooming**
When flowers **bloom**, they are open and flowering. The word **still** tells us it was surprising to see open roses so late, when snow was already falling. Not **ripening**: fruit ripens, flowers don't. Not **sprouting**: seeds and young shoots sprout when they start to grow.

10. He _____ his rose bushes carefully with insecticide every week.
✔ **C) sprayed**
To **spray** means to cover something with tiny drops of liquid, and we use this verb for insecticide: **spray the plants**. Not **spread**: we spread soft things like butter or a thin layer over a surface, not a liquid in drops.

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