ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Vocabulary Test About GAMBLING Choose The Right Answer MCQ Exercise 176

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Explanations

1. If you've got a _____ of cards, I'll show you some tricks.
✓ **B) pack**
In British English we say **a pack of cards** (American English: **a deck of cards**). Not **packet**, which is used for small paper containers, e.g. **a packet of crisps**.

2. Here's a coin. You call: _____ or tails?
✓ **C) Heads**
When you toss a coin, the two sides are called **heads** (the side with a face) and **tails**. People ask: **Heads or tails?**

3. We can't play with this pack of cards; the king of hearts and the ace of diamonds are _____.
✓ **D) missing**
Missing means not in the place where it should be: **Two cards are missing from the pack.** Not **absent**, which is used for people who are not at school or work.

4. The tourists at the casino were playing for very high _____.
✓ **D) stakes**
Stakes is the money you risk in a game. The fixed phrase is **play for high stakes**. Not **bets**: you **place a bet**, but we don't say **play for high bets**.

5. _____ the cards before you deal.
✓ **D) Shuffle**
To **shuffle** cards means to mix them so they are in a random order: **Shuffle the cards before you deal.** **Jumble** and **muddle** mean to mix things in an untidy way, but they are not used for cards.

6. Did you go to the casino when you were in Monte Carlo?

No, I never _____.
✓ **B) gamble**
To **gamble** means to play games of chance for money, for example in a casino: **No, I never gamble.** **Risk** and **hazard** need an object (**risk your money**), so they cannot end the sentence here.

7. If you can _____ the clues to this puzzle, you could win a prize.
✓ **B) unravel**
To **unravel** something means to understand or solve something complicated: **unravel the clues**, **unravel a mystery**. **Unwind** means to relax, and **unbind** means to untie.

8. Pete always puts money into gambling machines in the hope of winning the _____.
✓ **A) jackpot**
The **jackpot** is the biggest prize in a game or on a gambling machine: **win the jackpot**. Not **premium**, which is an amount paid for insurance or an extra charge.

9. A lot of our free time is _____ chess.
✓ **D) taken up by**
If time is **taken up by** an activity, the activity uses that time: **A lot of our free time is taken up by chess.** Not **taken over by**, which means controlled by someone else, e.g. a company.

10. Many people are taking up _____ activities in their spare time.
✓ **C) leisure**
Leisure activities are things you do for fun in your free time. Not **hobby**: it is a noun, and we don't say **hobby activities**. **Free** doesn't fit either, because **free activities** means activities that cost nothing.

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