ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Vocabulary Test About SHIPS AND BOATS Choose The Correct Answer MCQ Exercise 144

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Explanations

1. The river is so _____ here that you cannot use even a little boat.
✔ **C) shallow**
Shallow means 'not deep'. If the water is not deep enough, even a little boat touches the bottom and cannot be used. Not **deep**, because deep water is good for boats.

2. In spite of the storm, the Captain _____ the ship safely into port.
✔ **D) steered**
To **steer** a ship means to control its direction, so the captain **steered the ship into port**. Not **managed**: you can **manage to bring** a ship in, but you cannot **manage a ship into** a place. **Drove** is used for cars, not ships.

3. There was a toy boat floating on the _____ of the water.
✔ **C) surface**
The **surface** is the top layer of the water, so things float **on the surface of the water**. **Bottom** is the lowest part, under the water.

4. He stood on the _____ of the river, looking down into the water.
✔ **A) bank**
The land along the side of a river is the **bank**: **the bank of the river**. Not **beach** or **coast**, because these are used for the sea.

5. Hold on _____ to your lifebelt, otherwise you'll sink.
✔ **D) tight**
The fixed phrase is **hold on tight**, meaning hold something very firmly so you don't let go. Not **firm**: we say **hold firm** or **hold it firmly**, but not **hold on firm**.

6. There was a terrible storm at sea last night and one of the boats _____.
✔ **D) sank**
When a boat goes down under the water, it **sinks** (past: **sank**). Not **drowned**, because only people and animals drown, not boats.

7. The route into the harbour was marked by a line of _____.
✔ **A) buoys**
Buoys are floating objects in the water that show ships the safe way into a harbour. **Signposts** are used on roads, not at sea.

8. There were a number of fishing boats _____ in the harbour.
✔ **C) moored**
A boat is **moored** when it is tied to the land or held in place with ropes or an anchor: **boats moored in the harbour**. **Attached** and **fixed** are not used with boats in this way.

9. We're going to _____ a cruise on the river next weekend.
✔ **C) take**
We say **take a cruise** (or **go on a cruise**). Not **go**, because **go a cruise** is wrong without **on**.

10. The crew _____ the sinking ship as fast as they could.
✔ **A) abandoned**
To **abandon** a ship means to leave it because it is in danger, as in the order **Abandon ship!** Not **quit**: we usually **quit** a job or a habit. **Avoided** and **surrendered** do not mean leaving a ship.

11. Keep _____! Don't panic! You will soon be rescued!
✔ **B) calm**
Keep calm means stay quiet and relaxed, not frightened. It matches **Don't panic!** in the same sentence.

12. We have been unable to make _____ with the ship by radio for the last two days.
✔ **C) contact**
The collocation is **make contact with** someone, meaning to reach them and talk to them, for example by radio. Not **communication** or **connection**: we don't say **make communication** or **make connection with the ship**.

13. The old sailor _____ away at his pipe, surrounded by a cloud of tobacco smoke.
✔ **C) puffed**
To **puff (away) at a pipe** means to smoke it by taking in and blowing out small amounts of smoke again and again. Not **blew**, because **blow away** means to remove something with air or wind.