ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Vocabulary Test About TOOLS Choose The Right Answer MCQ Exercise 125

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Explanations

1. I'll lend you my _____ to chop down the tree.
✔ **A) axe**
An **axe** is a tool with a heavy blade on a long handle, used to **chop** wood or trees. **Chop down a tree** = cut it down with strong hits. Not **saw**: you cut with a saw, but you do not **chop** with it.

2. The screw on the cupboard seems to have worked _____.
✔ **B) loose**
Work loose means to slowly become less tight or less firmly fixed: **The screw has worked loose. Unfixed** and **unsteady** do not collocate with **work**.

3. I must cut this sheet of paper in two. Would you pass me the _____?
✔ **D) scissors**
Scissors are the tool with two blades that we use to cut paper or cloth. An axe, a chisel and a pickaxe are heavy tools for wood, stone or earth.

4. The axe left lying on a bench in the rain was now covered with _____.
✔ **D) rust**
Rust is the red-brown layer that forms on iron or steel when it gets wet. The axe was left **in the rain**, so its metal blade became rusty. Not **mud**: mud is wet earth, not something that grows on metal.

5. Put some oil on that tight nut; that might _____ the trick.
✔ **A) do**
Do the trick is a fixed phrase meaning "solve the problem" or "work as needed": **A little oil might do the trick.** We never say **make the trick**.

6. These bolts are much too stiff to loosen by hand. Have you got a _____?
✔ **D) spanner**
A **spanner** (American: **wrench**) is a tool for holding and turning nuts and bolts. Not **screwdriver**: it turns screws, not bolts.

7. What is the use of having a hammer if you haven't any _____?
✔ **C) nails**
You use a hammer to hit **nails** into wood or a wall. Not **screws**: you turn screws with a screwdriver. Bolts are tightened with a spanner.

8. The simplest way to get this nut off the bolt would be to use a _____.
✔ **D) spanner**
A **spanner** grips a nut so you can turn it and take it off a bolt. A **jack** lifts a car, and a **screwdriver** turns screws.

9. A small _____ is handy for minor electrical jobs in the home.
✔ **C) screwdriver**
A **screwdriver** turns screws, and small electrical jobs, like changing a plug or a light switch, often mean undoing tiny screws. **Handy** means useful.

10. He hammered a _____ into the wall.
✔ **B) nail**
You **hammer a nail** into a wall or a piece of wood. Not **screw**: you turn a screw in with a screwdriver. A **nut** goes on a bolt.

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