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c) Tongues were wagging
d) Tails were wagging
 2. He's such a _____ old man! He's always telling tales and talking about people.
a) gossipy
b) gossip
c) juicy gossip
d) gossip column
 3. I hate people who gossip. I don't think it's right to talk about people _____.
a) in front of their backs
b) behind their faces
c) to their faces
d) behind their backs
 4. _____ Tina and Alex are getting married, again!
a) Have you heard?
b) Have you heard the latest?
c) Haven't you heard?
d) all of the above
 5. _____ that the boss is leaving. I can't believe that's true. Have you heard anything about her quitting?
a) I talked behind her back
b) I heard on the grapevine
c) You could have heard a pin drop
d) I heard it in the vineyard
 6. No one knows exactly what the inside of his house looks like, but _____ he has tigers and monkeys in cages in his sitting room! I'd love to see inside it, wouldn't you?
a) without doubt
b) certainly
c) allegedly
d) definitely
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ANSWERS:

1. As soon as she started going out with him, everyone in the office started talking about them. _____ because he's supposed to be a happily married man!
- a) People were mouthing – This expression doesn't exist in English. You need another expression here which means 'people were gossiping'.
 - b) Mouths were talking - This expression doesn't exist in English. You need another expression here which means 'people were gossiping'.
 - c) **Tongues were wagging – This is the correct expression which means 'people were gossiping'.**
 - d) Tails were wagging – Dogs have tails which they wag when they are happy or excited. You need a different noun here to make an expression which means 'people were gossiping'.
2. He's such a _____ old man! He's always telling tales and talking about people.
- a) **gossipy - This is the correct adjective here.**
 - b) gossip – This is a noun. The correct answer is an adjective.
 - c) juicy gossip – If you tell someone something about other people's private lives, you tell them juicy gossip. The correct answer is an adjective which describes a person.
 - d) gossip column – This is a section of a newspaper which tells you about the social and private lives of famous people. The correct answer is an adjective which describes a person.
3. I hate people who gossip. I don't think it's right to talk about people _____.
- a) in front of their backs – You need a different preposition here.
 - b) behind their faces – The first two words are correct here but you need a different part of the body to create an expression which means 'gossip about people without their knowing'.
 - c) to their faces – If you talk to people 'to their faces' you talk to them honestly and openly. The correct answer is the opposite of this. The correct expression means 'gossip about people without their knowing'.
 - d) **behind their backs – This is the correct answer. If you talk behind someone's back, you gossip about them without their knowing.**

4. _____ Tina and Alex are getting married, again!
- a) Have you heard? – This answer is correct but there are other options which are correct too.
 - b) Have you heard the latest? – This answer is correct but there are other options which are correct too.
 - c) Haven't you heard? – This answer is correct but there are other options which are correct too.
 - d) all of the above – This the correct answer. Well done!**
5. _____ that the boss is leaving. I can't believe that's true. Have you heard anything about her quitting? –
- a) I talked behind her back – This means 'I gossiped'. The correct expression means 'I heard informally'.
 - b) I heard on the grapevine – This the correct answer. Well done!**
 - c) You could have heard a pin drop – This means there was complete silence in the room. You need a different expression here which means 'I heard informally'.
 - d) I heard it in the vineyard – You need different preposition and final word to create an expression which means 'I heard informally'.
6. No one knows exactly what the inside of his house looks like, but _____ he has tigers and monkeys in cages in his sitting room! I'd love to see inside it, wouldn't you?
- a) without doubt – If something is 'without doubt', it means it's definitely true. The correct answer means 'people say it's true but we don't know if it's true or not'.
 - b) certainly – 'Certainly' means it's 'definitely'. The correct answer means 'people say it's true but we don't know if it's true or not'.
 - c) allegedly – This the correct answer. Well done!**
 - d) definitely – 'Definitely' means 100% certain. The correct answer means 'people say it's true but we don't know if it's true or not'.

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