

A Farewell to Arms

by Ernest Hemingway

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

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About the Pre-Reading Activity

Open-dictionary; ungraded or completion grade. Students preview 20 words from the upcoming reading, each in a sentence that supports understanding. They choose the best meaning from 3 choices.

About the Optional Post-Reading Quiz

Use after reading, or skip. The same words appear in excerpts from the text.

Practice words: anarchist, breech, conceit, contrast, dialect, dismal, fracture, gaunt, hemorrhage, inflammation, obligation, peasant, probe, protracted, remorse, socialism, taut, tetanus, valor, whitecaps



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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18	A
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20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. She didn't call herself an **anarchist**, but she refused to follow rules she saw as unfair.
 - A. someone with anxiety
 - B. someone against authority
 - C. someone who gives advice
2. The hunter cleaned the **breech** after firing several rounds at the target.
 - A. tip of an arrow
 - B. edge of a blade
 - C. back of a firearm
3. Her **conceit** showed in the way she interrupted others and assumed she was always the smartest person in the room.
 - A. ignorance
 - B. arrogance
 - C. encouragement
4. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
5. India has twenty-two officially recognized languages and thousands of **dialects**.
 - A. different ethnic groups
 - B. words shared by different languages
 - C. regional varieties of languages
6. When she graduated from college the job market was **dismal**.
 - A. especially good
 - B. promising but unusual
 - C. terrible or depressing
7. She thought it was just a sprain, but after the swelling didn't go down for a week, the X-ray showed a hairline **fracture** in her ankle.
 - A. bruise
 - B. crack
 - C. twist
8. Don Quixote looked **gaunt** and tired.
 - A. very worried
 - B. very thin
 - C. very bored
9. She died of a brain **hemorrhage** caused by "blunt impact" to her head.
 - A. severe swelling
 - B. severe pain
 - C. severe bleeding
10. The doctor said the redness around the cut was caused by **inflammation**.
 - A. tissue swelling
 - B. broken bone
 - C. steady heartbeat
11. I have a family **obligation** Saturday afternoon.
 - A. emergency
 - B. duty
 - C. meeting

12. In 1932 a **peasant** revolt in Su County, China stopped collection of the poppy tax.
- A. city dweller
 - B. young person
 - C. poor farmer
13. The committee will **probe** the cause of the failure.
- A. investigate
 - B. make better
 - C. make worse
14. Finally, there was an end to the **protracted** conflict.
- A. long
 - B. violent
 - C. needless
15. I expressed my **remorse** at having let them down.
- A. frustration
 - B. worry
 - C. regret
16. Societies calling themselves **socialist** range from Western-style democracies to dictatorships.
- A. with an economic system that has a complete absence of political authority
 - B. with an economic system based on government control of all important companies
 - C. with an economic system based on private ownership of property and businesses
17. The clothesline was **taut** between the two trees in the yard.
- A. shiny
 - B. tight
 - C. noisy
18. A booster shot is recommended every ten years to protect against **tetanus**.
- A. bacterial infection from puncture wounds
 - B. a sexually transmitted infection
 - C. viral infection from mosquito bites
19. She has served her country with **valor**.
- A. wisdom
 - B. enthusiasm
 - C. courage
20. The restaurant has a beautiful ocean view. You can almost always waves breaking on shore as well as distant **whitecaps**.
- A. snow-covered mountains
 - B. seagulls with a gray body & white head
 - C. wind-blown waves with white foam at their crest

Vocabulary in Context

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 20

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

- 1 He doesn't want to see **peasants**. Let him go to centres of culture and civilization.
 - A. organisms in the early stages of growth prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting; in humans organisms during the first eight weeks of development (prior to the fetal stage)
 - B. members of an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
 - C. uneducated farmers
- 2 Rinaldi took the note, folded it without rising from the bed and slid it in his **breeches** pocket.
 - A. views
 - B. names
 - C. pants
- 3 Of course some of the bonds were not accounted for but the priest had all of the three per cent bonds and several local **obligations**, I forget exactly what they were.
 - A. copies
 - B. a duty
 - C. snakes
- 4 He said there was so much dirt blown into the wound that there had not been much **hemorrhage**.
 - A. a regular payment to a person that is intended to allow them to have an income without working
 - B. (noun) a strip of hair made lighter in color OR (verb) making strips of hair lighter in color
 - C. bleeding
- 5 Lacerations of the scalp (he **probed** Does that hurt?)
 - A. investigated (explored the wound with a medical instrument)
 - B. concentrated
 - C. bounced back
- 6 If you've got a fracture you don't want **inflammation**.
 - A. swelling and redness
 - B. basic rule or belief
 - C. the act of forgiving
- 7 He bandaged, his hands moving very fast and the bandage coming **taut** and sure.
 - A. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
 - B. pulled or drawn tight;
or: subjected to great tension
 - C. the state or degree of being pessimistic or disagreeable
- 8 Get some more of that **Antitetanus**.
 - A. an agent that works against a bacterial infection that is typically contracted through a puncture wound with a dirty object
 - B. a baseball pitcher who throws knuckleballs -- a pitch thrown with little spin (so that it moves in an unpredictable manner)
 - C. main character of Mark Twain's classic novel about Huck and Jim's journey down the Mississippi River to find freedom (1884)
- 9 You haven't any **fracture**.
 - A. portray or create in a particular way OR interpret, translate, or extract from
 - B. crack (in the bone)
 - C. to release from slavery or servitude; or (metaphorically) from social restraints
- 10 He has been proposed for the silver medal of **valor**.
 - A. exceedingly powerful bomb whose energy comes from the splitting of atoms
 - B. a long race that is shorter than the typical long race of about 26 miles
 - C. exceptional or heroic courage when facing danger
- 11 I wouldn't mind him if he wasn't so **conceited** and...
 - A. not judged in a negative way
 - B. excessively proud
 - C. calculated or judged too low

- 12 *It was a very tall **gaunt** captain of artillery with a red scar along his jaw.*
A. not having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
B. very thin and bony
C. able to qualify for regular payments that permit having an income without working
- 13 *Even with **remorse** you will have a better time.*
A. two successive lines of poetry; usually rhymed
B. the main building (or buildings) of government
C. regret for doing something that was wrong
- 14 *The girl who looked at me said something in a **dialect** I could not understand a word of.*
A. a type of small portable radio
B. a change; or a changed version
C. regional variety of a language
- 15 *Are you really **anarchists**?*
A. people who share professional opinions in a specific field
B. people who favor eliminating all government
C. unborn children (or other unborn or unhatched vertebrates)
- 16 *Everybody is a **socialist**.*
A. relating to an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
B. a person who wants an economic system based on government ownership or control of all important companies -- with the ideal of equal benefits to all people
C. relating to the 20th century movement of artists and writers who used impossible or unlikely images to represent unconscious thoughts and dreams
- 17 *It was daylight and the country was wet, low and **dismal** looking.*
A. irrelevant or unimportant
B. important or significant
C. depressing or gloomy
- 18 *He was living to be one hundred years old and played a smoothly fluent game of billiards that **contrasted** with his own ninety-four-year-old brittleness.*
A. not said
B. collided
C. differed
- 19 *The wind was still blowing outside up the lake and we could see the tops of the **whitecaps** going away from us and up the lake.*
A. acts of interacting or getting interested again
B. general feelings of not being as good as others
C. wind-blown waves with white foam at their crest
- 20 *The first labor is usually **protracted**.*
A. long-lasting
B. (verb) created, started, settled, or set in a place OR (adjective) existing, or familiar
C. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	peasant	Used 10 times in this book.
2	C	breech	Used 3 times in this book.
3	B	obligation	Used 3 times in this book.
4	C	hemorrhage	Used 4 times in this book.
5	A	probe	Used 4 times in this book.
6	A	inflammation	Used 2 times in this book.
7	B	taut	Used 3 times in this book.
8	A	tetanus	Used 2 times in this book.
9	B	fracture	Used 4 times in this book.
10	C	valor	Used 3 times in this book.
11	B	conceit (<i>as in: confident, but not conceited</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
12	B	gaunt	Used 2 times in this book.
13	C	remorse	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	dialect	Used 4 times in this book.
15	B	anarchist	Used 6 times in this book.
16	B	socialism	Used 7 times in this book.
17	C	dismal	Used 2 times in this book.
18	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	C	whitecaps	Used 2 times in this book.
20	A	protracted	Used 3 times in this book.