

A Long Way Gone

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Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: abundant, apprentice, cease, colleague, continuous, deviate, enable, environment, facilitate, genuine, initiate (2), junction, kiosk, monologue, ponder, recite, refugee, rehabilitate, simultaneous



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
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4	C
5	C
6	A
7	B
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9	B
10	A
11	C
12	B
13	B
14	B
15	A
16	A
17	B
18	A
19	B
20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The region has **abundant** natural resources, from oil to fresh water.
 - A. extremely scarce
 - B. highly disputed
 - C. widely available
2. Although she was still an **apprentice**, Clara already had a natural talent for woodworking and carved beautiful details into her projects.
 - A. employee with seniority
 - B. learner on the job
 - C. licensed professional
3. The injunction requires that they **cease** all activity on the site.
 - A. stop
 - B. record
 - C. permit
4. The surgeon consulted her **colleague** before the operation.
 - A. former teacher
 - B. private patient
 - C. fellow worker
5. Alternating walk and rest was more beneficial than continuous walking for people with Type 2 diabetes.
 - A. occasional
 - B. scheduled
 - C. uninterrupted
6. Good students rarely **deviate** from their study schedule.
 - A. depart from norms
 - B. stick to plans
 - C. yell at rules
7. Modern smartphones **enable** people to work from almost anywhere.
 - A. require
 - B. allow
 - C. remind
8. We create a supportive environment where it's safe to take chances.
 - A. setting
 - B. help desk
 - C. insurance policy
9. She argues that the stimulus **facilitated** an economic recovery.
 - A. ruled out
 - B. made easier
 - C. complicated
10. She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
 - A. sincere (real)
 - B. fake
 - C. generous (giving)
11. We are encouraging local authorities to initiate long-term emergency planning.
 - A. increase
 - B. extend
 - C. start

12. My mother couldn't attend my Honor Society initiation ceremony.
- A. graduation
 - B. joining
 - C. convention
13. The accident happened at a busy junction downtown.
- A. an empty field
 - B. an intersection
 - C. a deep tunnel
14. We bought our concert tickets at the kiosk near the mall entrance.
- A. large department store
 - B. small stand or booth
 - C. underground tunnel
15. Our conversation became more of a monologue on her part.
- A. speech
 - B. complaint
 - C. pity party
16. We pondered our fate.
- A. thought about
 - B. feared for
 - C. actively changed
17. The children recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- A. memorized
 - B. said aloud
 - C. listened to
18. She was a Tutsi refugee from Rwanda.
- A. someone who fled their homeland
 - B. someone who suffered
 - C. someone who immigrated
19. The program helps injured athletes rehabilitate their muscles after surgery.
- A. hide from public view
 - B. restore to good condition
 - C. judge as impossible
20. The store provides shoppers with a simultaneous art/music experience.
- A. consecutive
 - B. alternating
 - C. at the same time

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 It wasn't until **refugees** started passing through our town that we began to see that it was actually taking place in our country.
A. people who fled their homeland
B. understandings or explanations
C. quiet voices; or a quiet voice
- 2 We alternately moved our right and then our left feet to the front and back, and **simultaneously** did the same with our arms, shaking our upper bodies and heads.
A. done while awake
B. done with excess
C. at the same time
- 3 I held back my tears and left the verandah to meet with Junior at the **junction** where we waited for the lorry.
A. particles emitted by nuclear decay
B. a place where things come together
C. a central open space in a building
- 4 But after a week the stream of refugees from that direction **ceased** and news dried up.
A. stopped or discontinued
B. not taken on or adopted
C. did in a particular way
- 5 Sweeping an arm in our direction, one of the rebels announced, "We are going to **initiate** all of you by killing these people in front of you."
A. a method of artistic painting on a wall by using watercolors on wet plaster; or the painting made in such a manner
B. begin a period of instruction and/or testing required to accept someone's membership into an organization
C. removal of false belief that something is better than it is; or the disappointment from removal of such a belief
- 6 Alhaji and I gave the three other boys a few minutes to take their positions before we started crawling even closer to the village to **initiate** the attack.
A. trade
B. adapt
C. begin
- 7 Everyone seemed to be in a different world or seemed to be **pondering** something.
A. thinking deeply or carefully about
B. finding, searching, or researching
C. learning, discovering, or deciding
- 8 Talloi **continuously** tapped his foot on the floor, as if trying to distract himself from thinking about the present.
A. in a manner that serves to help explain or demonstrate something
B. in a manner that tests someone or something for a period of time
C. continuing in time or space without interruption or irregularity
- 9 One day during his trickery, a small pig saw the hunter biting a plant that **enabled** him to return to his human form.
A. got closer to
B. made possible
C. not satisfied
- 10 We hurriedly **deviated** from the path, running into the bushes and lying on the ground.
A. differed or changed
B. excessively excited
C. nervous or confused

- 11 *Before things started, food was prepared in **abundance** with everyone's help.*
A. sharpness or intenseness
B. conflict or disagreement
C. large amount or quantity
- 12 *He rubbed some of the water from the calabash on my forehead and **recited** more prayers, followed by the proclamation of my name.*
A. recommended or required what should be done OR (of a medical doctor) gave medical instructions -- such as writing that a patient should take antibiotics
B. to say or read something aloud -- especially something previously memorized such as a poem
- or:
- to say in detail -- especially a list of things
C. injured the ligaments of a joint by stretching them too far (ligaments are the tough, fibrous bands that connect bones across joints)
- 13 *When I was seven, I used to go to the town square to recite **monologues** from the works of Shakespeare for the adults of my community.*
A. long uninterrupted speeches
B. social events or ceremonies
C. reasons for doing something
- 14 *The soldiers never brought back their dead **colleagues**.*
A. scales where each step is a multiple of the prior step rather than a fixed addition to it
B. mammals of a specific type that seldom move and are typically very slow when they do move
C. fellow workers -- especially in a respected profession such as teaching, medicine, or law
- 15 *Even the shops and **kiosks** were lit.*
A. things that are different than others of their type (synonyms could include: adaptations, versions, alternate forms)
B. a very small area used as a store or to dispense information; or an interactive computer-driven self-service machine
C. things created -- typically works of music or writing; or acts of creating such work; or the structures of such work
- 16 *They had just started this process of **rehabilitation**, so this was one of the first lessons they had to learn.*
A. the state or character of agreeing or approving
B. to restore someone to a state of good condition
C. the degree to which something can be translated
- 17 *I walked up and down on the verandah, restless in my new **environment**.*
A. surrounding conditions
B. way of doing something
C. not easily set on fire
- 18 *We quietly sat on the bus, eyeing the **apprentice** (the conductor) who collected the fare before every stop.*
A. to express feelings or thoughts enthusiastically OR to squirt or give off (typically under pressure such as blood or leaking gas)
B. person who learns a trade or skill through hands-on experience under a skilled worker; or (as a verb) performance of that kind of work
C. the act of hiding something by making it blend in with its surroundings; or hiding the truth; or something that hides or deceives
- 19 *It was the **genuine** tone in Esther's voice that made the phrase finally begin to sink into my mind and heart.*
A. real
B. city
C. lazy
- 20 *She introduced her co-**facilitator**, Therese Plair, who was light-skinned, had African features, and held a drum.*
A. someone who avoids or tries to avoid either a responsibility or telling the whole truth
B. someone from outside a group, who helps the group to discuss issues and find solutions
C. someone who breaks the law by telling lies after formally promising to tell the truth

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	refugee	Used 5 times in this book.
2	C	simultaneous	Used 4 times in this book.
3	B	junction	Used 5 times in this book.
4	A	cease	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
5	B	initiate (<i>as in: initiate into the fraternity</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	initiate (<i>as in: initiate discussions</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	ponder	Used 5 times in this book.
8	C	continuous	Used 4 times in this book.
9	B	enable	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
10	A	deviate (<i>as in: deviate from the course</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
11	C	abundant	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
12	B	recite	Used 8 times in this book.
13	A	monologue	Used 3 times in this book.
14	C	colleague	Used 5 times in this book.
15	B	kiosk	Used 3 times in this book.
16	B	rehabilitate	Used 12 times in this book.
17	A	environment (<i>as in: her family environment</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
18	B	apprentice	Used 7 times in this book.
19	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	B	facilitate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.