

# A Man Named Dave

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## 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:** adamant, anxiety, appease, camaraderie, compassion, comprehend, deploy, dismay, elated, enable, eulogy, grandeur, intimidate, phase (2), probe, serene, vengeance, vindictive, with a vengeance



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## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
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# Vocabulary Preview

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. The CEO was **adamant** that the company would not compromise on its commitment to sustainability, even if it meant sacrificing short-term profits.
  - A. willing to change a decision based on new information
  - B. uncertain or hesitant about a decision
  - C. determined not to change a decision
2. It is a vicious cycle in which worry leads to decreased spending and decreased spending leads to increased **anxiety**.
  - A. happiness
  - B. worry
  - C. saving
3. If I fail English because I didn't do my homework, there will be no **appeasing** my mother.
  - A. calming
  - B. talking with
  - C. hiding from
4. The veteran team showed **camaraderie** in the locker room.
  - A. tension between members
  - B. close friendship in a group
  - C. respect for opponents
5. It is not enough to be **compassionate**. We must act. It is not enough to act. We must act with intelligence.
  - A. lucky
  - B. sympathetic
  - C. talented
6. Washington fails to **comprehend** the change in China's strategy.
  - A. fully understand
  - B. regard respectfully
  - C. respond adequately to
7. The city **deployed** snowplows before the storm reached downtown.
  - A. sent out
  - B. held back
  - C. sold off
8. Hope was replaced by **dismay**.
  - A. satisfaction
  - B. faith
  - C. sorrow
9. The **elated** winner couldn't stop smiling.
  - A. extremely happy
  - B. newly created
  - C. exhausted or tired
10. Modern smartphones **enable** people to work from almost anywhere.
  - A. require
  - B. allow
  - C. remind
11. Her father gave the **eulogy**, saying "Goodnight, my angel, sleep tight."
  - A. bedtime prayer
  - B. last presentation
  - C. funeral speech

12. The palace was famous for its **grandeur** and ornate decoration.
- A. shabby plainness
  - B. majestic splendor
  - C. tiny size
13. She was **intimidated** by the formality of her first board meeting.
- A. made fearful
  - B. made welcome
  - C. quite amused
14. We finished the first **phase** of the project.
- A. pretending to have moral standards while not living up to them
  - B. a stage during the development of something
  - C. someone responsible for a wrongdoing -- especially a criminal
15. The total increase in the minimum wage will be **phased** in over the next three years.
- A. gradually [added]
  - B. with all attention focused
  - C. intentionally insulted
16. The committee will **probe** the cause of the failure.
- A. investigate
  - B. make better
  - C. make worse
17. She remained **serene** even when he was yelling at her.
- A. unmoved
  - B. calm
  - C. aggressive
18. Her evolutionary benefit theory of **vengeance** is supported by studies showing that a person's desire for revenge increases when others see their mistreatment.
- A. fairness
  - B. status
  - C. revenge
19. She threw herself into work **with a vengeance**.
- A. with reluctance
  - B. with intensity
  - C. with careful thought
20. She's not a **vindictive** person.
- A. easy-going
  - B. revengeful
  - C. driven

## 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 As **elated** as I was, I sensed that my freedom was a hollow victory.
  - A. had a feeling of happiness and excitement
  - B. caused great mental or physical suffering
  - C. consented reluctantly; or suffered defeat
- 2 On the lighter side, they were **dismayed** at my naivete and ignorance.
  - A. (verb) created, started, settled, or set in a place OR (adjective) existing, or familiar
  - B. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
  - C. to feel sadness, disappointment, or worry -- typically in response to something surprising
- 3 The more I stared through the Plexiglas, the more the faces and **serenity** of my parents faded away.
  - A. relative amount
  - B. untroubled calm
  - C. in disagreement
- 4 I kept my eyes glued straight ahead and held my breath, praying the instructor had no idea of my latest **anxiety attack**.
  - A. basic rule or belief
  - B. nervousness or worry
  - C. narrow water passage
- 5 It took me more than half a dozen tries to **comprehend** the contents of the letter.
  - A. understand -- especially to understand it completely
  - B. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
  - C. rug-like artwork -- often hung on a wall for display
- 6 Part of the reason was that I felt enormously **intimidated** in front of other people.
  - A. fearful or threatened
  - B. gained advantage from
  - C. marked important text
- 7 "No one," Steve **adamantly** stated.
  - A. in a manner that is clear, so it is easily understood
  - B. in a manner that is able to be promised or guaranteed
  - C. with determination not to change a decision or belief
- 8 Steve paused, then switched the focus off of Mother's total lack of **compassion**.
  - A. the taking on or adoption of power or responsibility
  - B. sympathy for another's suffering and wanting to help
  - C. the process of controlling (how something turns out)
- 9 This was a woman who when I was a tiny child had hosted elegant parties and prided herself on her home's **grandeur**.
  - A. interaction or interest
  - B. impressive magnificence
  - C. a drawing or photograph
- 10 By the evil smile I knew The Mother had returned **with a vengeance**.
  - A. available cash
  - B. with intensity
  - C. very important
- 11 If I could just strip through the layers of **vengeance** ... With true sincerity, I gently probed, "What happened?"
  - A. something that stands out
  - B. something made from parts
  - C. the act of taking revenge
- 12 As I bowed my head, I realized: That was my father's entire **eulogy**.
  - A. the act of move something out of an interacting position; or the act of stopping
  - B. basketball position noted for a versatile player who can play inside and outside
  - C. formal expression of praise -- typically speeches delivered at someone's funeral

- 13 Mother seemed to attempt to **appease** Grandmother but only to a limit.
- A. satisfy or pacify (make less angry or upset)
  - B. move out of an interacting position; or stop
  - C. say something or make a sound with the voice
- 14 After more than two years of being a field cook, I was reassigned to the training section of the squadron, **enabling** me to work a basic eight-to-five schedule.
- A. being a sign of
  - B. making possible
  - C. moving downward
- 15 As a child, I lived with Mother for only twelve years, while my brothers had to endure her **vindictiveness** until they were at least eighteen.
- A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
  - B. desirous of seeking revenge or wanting to hurt someone
  - C. not capable of surviving; or not capable of being done
- 16 He seemed proud to join the elite force, and I felt that its **camaraderie** and values of duty and honor would serve Russell well.
- A. the degree of not being easily set on fire
  - B. close friendship amongst a group of people
  - C. not appropriate in size, amount, or degree
- 17 In all the years I had known him, Harold had never asked such a **probing** question.
- A. investigating
  - B. concentrating
  - C. bouncing back
- 18 We'll make it a no-notice **deployment**.
- A. placing or activating
  - B. a nerve or brain cell
  - C. long eventful journey
- 19 For almost a year as the SR-71 was being **phased** out, I had signed paperwork swearing to absolute secrecy about my involvement with the Stealth program, even though the aircraft had already been revealed to the public.
- A. gradually eliminated
  - B. limited or with boundaries
  - C. treated as if of low worth
- 20 By mid-January 1991, as the air force generals briefed us on the probable losses during the initial **phase** of the air campaign, the possibility of losing every third person opened my eyes.
- A. a measure of north/south (relative to the equator) on the earth
  - B. stage (of the development of something)
  - C. an optical device that produces an intense narrow beam of light

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	elated	Used 6 times in this book.
2	C	dismay	Used 6 times in this book.
3	B	serene	Used 5 times in this book.
4	B	anxiety	High-utility academic word; used 17 times in this book.
5	A	comprehend	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
6	A	intimidate	Used 8 times in this book.
7	C	adamant	Used 9 times in this book.
8	B	compassion	Used 6 times in this book.
9	B	grandeur	Used 2 times in this book.
10	B	with a vengeance ( <i>as in: with a vengeance</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
11	C	vengeance ( <i>as in: vengeance is mine</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
12	C	eulogy	Used 3 times in this book.
13	A	appease	Used 3 times in this book.
14	B	enable	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
15	B	vindictive	Used 10 times in this book.
16	B	camaraderie	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
17	A	probe	Used 13 times in this book.
18	A	deploy	Used 7 times in this book.
19	A	phase ( <i>as in: phased out over three years</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
20	B	phase ( <i>as in: a critical phase</i> )	2 meanings in this book.