

A Stolen Life

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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: adamant, adopt, affirm, crucial, delude, dementia, direct (2), enable, focus (2), genuine, inquisitive, instill, nonetheless, parole, speculate, subconscious, theme, ultimate



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
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10	A
11	B
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18	C
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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. The company plans to **adopt** new safety guidelines next month.
 - A. ignore
 - B. publish
 - C. take on
3. Maria **affirmed** that she has complete faith in the other members of the team.
 - A. denied
 - B. pretended
 - C. confirmed
4. The information is **crucial** to making a good decision.
 - A. helpful
 - B. very important
 - C. more than is needed
5. Do not **delude** yourself into thinking one late apology fixes everything.
 - A. praise
 - B. protect
 - C. deceive
6. Symptoms of **dementia** began to appear when she was in her eighties.
 - A. loss of physical strength
 - B. loss of social standing
 - C. loss of mental abilities
7. She is easy to work with. She is **direct** in her communications and expectations.
 - A. straightforward
 - B. considerate
 - C. humble
8. The judge **directed** the jury to ignore the question.
 - A. asked
 - B. ordered
 - C. understood
9. Modern smartphones **enable** people to work from almost anywhere.
 - A. require
 - B. allow
 - C. remind
10. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
11. The **focus** of this class is classic American Literature.
 - A. hardest part
 - B. area where attention is concentrated
 - C. prerequisite (understanding required to enroll)

12. She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
A. sincere (real)
B. fake
C. generous (giving)
13. Her **inquisitive** nature led her to explore every corner of the old library.
A. nervous
B. curious
C. forgetful
14. Her parents **instilled** the lesson that it is more important to be a good person than to be a successful person.
A. rejected
B. taught
C. disproved
15. The class was hard. It was **nonetheless** my favorite.
A. despite that
B. because of that
C. for that reason
16. She was imprisoned for life without the possibility of **parole**.
A. appeal to a higher court
B. early release from prison
C. transfer to a new prison
17. We were **speculating** as to whether a president would have to resign after that kind of scandal.
A. hoping
B. thoughtfully guessing
C. demonstrating concern
18. If revenge was a motive, it was **subconscious**.
A. unnecessary
B. well-disguised
C. without awareness
19. What is the **theme** of your essay?
A. basic idea
B. grammatical voice
C. narrative point of view
20. When everything was included, the **ultimate** cost was just over \$200.
A. estimated
B. preliminary
C. final

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 *Although each father is unique in his own way, they all have one thing in common—**genuine** love for their children.*
 - A. real
 - B. city
 - C. lazy
- 2 *When I was first found I was **adamant** that there would be no book, no one would ever know what happened.*
 - A. the characteristic of demonstrating something
 - B. the quality of not being sensible and careful
 - C. determined not to change a decision or belief
- 3 *I will probably have to give her up for **adoption**, how can I possibly raise a baby in this environment?*
 - A. relating to where attention is concentrated
 - B. something that helps clarify or demonstrate
 - C. the act of taking something on as one's own
- 4 *I think I was always an **inquisitive** person.*
 - A. the quality or degree of the involvement of other people or things
 - B. interested in learning about things -- often asking many questions
 - C. not having the characteristic of bouncing back light/heat/sound...
- 5 *Although I would have liked some **direct** answers to my questions, I learned to not question too much because the answer I got would be lengthy and in the end make me forget the question in the first place.*
 - A. clear, or straightforward
 - B. the state or degree of being very large
 - C. meticulousness (care for small details)
- 6 *At first all the anger was **directed** at both of them [Phillip and Nancy], but time makes things clear and blame is in the right place now.*
 - A. helped make clear
 - B. aimed, or intended for
 - C. thought carefully
- 7 *I'm not sure why Phillip chose the name he did for my first daughter, which later in his **delusional** thinking began to symbolize the powerful spirit forces that controlled his mind.*
 - A. tending to have excessively unfavorable opinions
 - B. the state or degree of criticism or disagreement
 - C. out of touch with reality (having false beliefs)
- 8 *Free to roam the backyard but still prisoner **nonetheless**.*
 - A. in spite of that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 9 *Since they treat ADD with methamphetamines, he believes that's what he **subconsciously** was trying to do all these years.*
 - A. in a manner that explains or demonstrates an understanding of something in a particular way
 - B. in a manner related to the smallest amount of a chemical substance that can exist by itself
 - C. of mental activity of which one is not aware, but which can influence feelings and behavior
- 10 *What I have learned is the difference between supportive therapy and **enabling** therapy.*
 - A. being a sign of
 - B. making possible
 - C. moving downward
- 11 *I have tried to **instill** in my kids a love of reading and even encouraged them to write their own stories.*
 - A. gain advantage from
 - B. put into one's mind
 - C. influence or effect

- 12 *On a promo for the news tonight the press is **speculating** that the man that killed Polly Klass also took and killed me.*
- A. aka analyzing -- analyzing based upon a theory of psychiatry
 - B. guessing or theorizing
 - C. making a decision or voicing an opinion by formal group vote
- 13 ***Affirmation** to counteract the negative feelings I have inside. I am a creative, positive, successful, and happy person...*
- A. particles emitted by nuclear decay
 - B. something quoted (to make a point)
 - C. something firmly stated as true (for encouragement)
- 14 *She was taken to the hospital and diagnosed with Parkinson's and low-grade **dementia**.*
- A. interacts, interests, or attracts
 - B. because of a basic rule or belief
 - C. deterioration of mental abilities
- 15 *A few months later, Phillip was suddenly informed that he has another new **parole officer** and needs to report in.*
- A. characterized by withdrawal, an inability to form close relationships, and taking pleasure in few activities
 - B. person responsible for seeing that special conditions are met by a person who was released from prison early
 - C. a large area of protected parks or rural land that form a belt surrounding (or in an area of) a town or city
- 16 *I wasn't the main **focus** of the group or singled out in an odd way.*
- A. calculating or judging too high
 - B. where attention is concentrated or directed
 - C. the ability to take on or adopt
- 17 *Reunification was unique in the fact that it **focused** on getting my feet on the ground, and during the reunification work we focused on reconnecting me to different facets of my family and dealt with the everyday practical things that I had not been accustomed to such as getting the kids their shots and overall checkups, which we never had the opportunity to do before.*
- A. concentrated
 - B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - C. began speaking with someone about something
- 18 *My **hope** is to provide counseling and housing for families and victims of abductions and exploitations during the **crucial** early days of reconnection.*
- A. natural
 - B. very important
 - C. more than is needed
- 19 *I have experienced basketball games and **theme parks**, reconnected with family members, and met some amazing people.*
- A. amusement parks each of which have one or more basic underlying ideas -- such as the "Magic Kingdom" of Disneyworld
 - B. removals and examination of tissues or liquids from the living body to determine the existence or cause of diseases
 - C. people characterized by withdrawal, an inability to form close relationships, and taking pleasure in few activities
- 20 *Yes, Nancy and Phillip were **ultimately** to blame, no question, but what made my heart soar was to hear that someone didn't pass the buck like Phillip always did.*
- A. as another possibility
 - B. in a self-aware manner
 - C. finally; or in the end

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
2	C	adamant	Used 3 times in this book.
3	C	adopt	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
4	B	inquisitive	Used 2 times in this book.
5	A	direct (<i>as in: gave a direct answer</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	B	direct (<i>as in: direct a question; or direct a film</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	delude	Used 4 times in this book.
8	A	nonetheless	Used 5 times in this book.
9	C	subconscious	Used 7 times in this book.
10	B	enable	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	B	instill	Used 3 times in this book.
12	B	speculate (<i>as in: don't know, but I'll speculate</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
13	C	affirm (<i>as in: I affirm the statement</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
14	C	dementia	Used 3 times in this book.
15	B	parole (<i>as in: released on parole</i>)	Used 37 times in this book.
16	B	focus (<i>as in: The focus of our study is...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	B	crucial	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	A	theme (<i>as in: theme of the novel</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	C	ultimate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.