

A Walk to Remember

by Nicholas Sparks

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: congregation, dejected, despondent, earnest, gist, irresponsible, lax, lethargic, monetary, nonetheless, oblivious, optimistic, passage, pessimistic, primarily, proprietor, rapt, stifle, trepidation, wistful



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	A
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10	A
11	A
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17	C
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19	B
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The **congregation** voted to approve appointment of the new minister.
 - A. people who agree
 - B. people who worship together
 - C. people who meet periodically
2. After the argument, she sat alone at the table, slumped and **dejected**.
 - A. sad or disappointed
 - B. tired or hungry
 - C. confused or uncertain
3. She felt **despondent** after weeks of trying without any success.
 - A. mildly curious
 - B. secretly amused
 - C. deeply discouraged
4. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - A. frivolous attitude
 - B. seriousness
 - C. falseness
5. It's a 300-page report, but the **gist** of it is that the plan won't work.
 - A. concern
 - B. problem
 - C. main point
6. Her **irresponsible** spending habits led to significant credit card debt.
 - A. careless
 - B. careful
 - C. thoughtful
7. The teacher's **lax** discipline allowed students to talk during the test.
 - A. extremely harsh
 - B. not strict enough
 - C. perfectly fair
8. Large lunches make me feel **lethargic** in the afternoon.
 - A. sluggish
 - B. upset
 - C. energetic
9. The **monetary** value of the brooch does not reflect its sentimental value to me.
 - A. auction
 - B. money
 - C. low
10. The class was hard. It was **nonetheless** my favorite.
 - A. despite that
 - B. because of that
 - C. for that reason
11. She's a happy girl--**oblivious** to most of the unhappiness around her.
 - A. unaware of
 - B. concerned with
 - C. adding to

12. She keeps telling me her chances of dying in a car accident are 1 in 150, but I keep telling her that's too optimistic if she drives after drinking.
- A. hopeful
 - B. gloomy
 - C. simplistic
13. After reading each **passage**, choose the best answer to each question.
- A. article
 - B. short part of a longer work
 - C. route to get somewhere
14. Her outlook on the future was quite **pessimistic**, as she worried about the economy and the environment.
- A. expecting that things will turn out well
 - B. expecting that things will turn out badly
 - C. having no expectation of how things will turn out
15. The second paragraph is **primarily** concerned with showing how the colleges are different.
- A. barely
 - B. mainly
 - C. secretly
16. After 40 years of greeting guests in person, the **proprietor** of the restaurant is retiring.
- A. customer
 - B. employee
 - C. owner
17. We all listened with **rapt** attention as she described the accident.
- A. divided
 - B. disciplined
 - C. interested
18. She had to **stifle** a laugh during the somber funeral service.
- A. let out freely
 - B. hold back
 - C. loudly announce
19. I'm feeling something between normal **trepidation** and excessive test anxiety.
- A. confidence
 - B. nervousness
 - C. sleepiness
20. She had a **wistful**, dreamy look as she thought about how life would change if she could get a good job.
- A. showing longing
 - B. showing determination
 - C. showing optimism

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 She didn't say exactly those words, but I got the **gist** of it.
 - A. worst part(s)
 - B. best part(s)
 - C. the main point(s)
- 2 Growing **despondent**, I started listing the things I actually could do, but to be honest, there really wasn't that much.
 - A. angry
 - B. confused
 - C. depressed
- 3 Despite my fevered rush to her house, my **pessimistic** side assumed that Carey would be the one who opened the door for me.
 - A. of a guitar or other musical instrument: not using electricity to amplify sound
 - B. expectation that things will turn out badly
 - C. relating to the smallest amount of a chemical substance that can exist by itself
- 4 The minister before Hegbert ... took sort of a **lax** view about school dances as long as they were chaperoned, and because of that, they'd become a tradition of sorts.
 - A. the quality of not being sensible and careful
 - B. relaxed; or lacking in strictness
 - C. the trait of being easy to meet and talk with
- 5 Ministering wasn't a profession where people made a lot of money, but of course ministers weren't in it for **monetary** gain, they were in it for the long haul, if you know what I mean.
 - A. things that are able to change
 - B. relating to or involving money
 - C. with or based on basic beliefs
- 6 "Hello, Reverend," I said, swallowing my **trepidation**.
 - A. pride
 - B. fear
 - C. anger
- 7 He thinks you're **irresponsible**.
 - A. careless or reckless
 - B. careful or cautious
 - C. thoughtful or considerate
- 8 Sometimes Jamie seemed **oblivious** of situations that were happening right in front of her.
 - A. unaware of
 - B. related to
 - C. very large
- 9 My father was back in Washington, D.C., which made things a lot more fun around my house, **primarily** because I could sneak out the window again and head to the graveyard for my late night forays.
 - A. really
 - B. mainly
 - C. wisely
- 10 Our conversations weren't exactly highbrow, I admit, but I enjoyed them **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)
- 11 I'd **stifle** the curses rising in my throat and bite out, "Just don't do it again."
 - A. stiffen
 - B. suppress
 - C. feel

- 12 *Everyone was in motion, working off nervous energy, but she seemed strangely lethargic.*
A. without energy
B. agitated (upset)
C. apprehensive (nervous)
- 13 *Thinking that it was a mistake, I went out the next day, hauled a few dozen boxes, and chatted with another twenty proprietors while I collected cans and jars.*
A. drawings or photographs
B. positively charged ions
C. the owner of a business
- 14 *...a few of the smaller kids were sitting on the adults' laps, their faces rapt with attention as they listened to "Twas the Night Before Christmas.*
A. noisy and unrestrained
B. accidental or unintentional
C. showing deep interest and focus
- 15 *Now, I knew I hadn't exactly been the most spiritual kid in the congregation, but I still found his behavior sort of odd.*
A. group of people who work in the same industry and meet periodically
B. group of people who worship together in the same building
C. group of people who meet periodically to discuss differences
- 16 *"I don't have any money left," I said to her dejectedly.*
A. with low spirits
B. with anger
C. in a confused manner
- 17 *I could see them smiling wistfully at us.*
A. with longing (unfulfilled desire)
B. insincerely (in a fake manner)
C. with weakness
- 18 *On February 14, Valentine's Day, Jamie picked out a passage from Corinthians that meant a lot to her.*
A. the act of stopping a battle or fight
B. a short part of a longer written work
C. dense, rainy forest with many species
- 19 *I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it to the earnestness of others.*
A. the state of being awake
B. sincerity or seriousness
C. able to take on or adopt
- 20 *Her cheerfulness and optimism, even in times of sickness, was the most amazing thing I have ever witnessed.*
A. tendency to expect and see the best in all things
B. smile
C. determination to keep fighting despite difficulty

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	gist	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
2	C	despondent	Used 2 times in this book.
3	B	pessimistic	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
4	B	lax (<i>as in: lax supervision</i>)	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
5	B	monetary	High-utility academic word
6	B	trepidation	Used 2 times in this book.
7	A	irresponsible	Used 4 times in this book.
8	A	oblivious	Used 2 times in this book.
9	B	primarily	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
10	A	nonetheless	Used 3 times in this book.
11	B	stifle (<i>as in: stifling the urge</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
12	A	lethargic	High-utility academic word
13	C	proprietor	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	rapt (<i>as in: rapt attention</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
15	B	congregation (<i>as in: the congregation voted</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
16	A	dejected	Used 5 times in this book.
17	A	wistful	Used 3 times in this book.
18	B	passage (<i>as in: In lines 1–9 of the passage...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	A	optimistic	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.