

All Over but the Shoutin'

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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: congregation, correspondent, disdain, embargo, erudite, exile, however (2), incline, inclined, inherent, legacy, objective, ornery, prone, serene, subjugate, transistor radio, validate, vary



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	A
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6	B
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10	A
11	C
12	A
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16	B
17	B
18	C
19	B
20	B

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. Our **correspondent** in Iran was kidnapped.
A. reporter
B. worker
C. witness
3. She has nothing but **disdain** for the notion that common people can regulate their own lives better than she can.
A. lack of respect
B. humility
C. intense anger
4. The country placed an **embargo** on oil shipments during the conflict.
A. ban on trade
B. tax on trade
C. increase in trade
5. The **erudite** professor gave a fascinating lecture on ancient philosophy.
A. newly hired
B. rather forgetful
C. deeply learned
6. Napoleon was forced into exile on the island of Elba.
A. apologizing
B. living elsewhere
C. hard labor
7. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
A. on-the-other-hand
B. in addition
C. no matter how
8. **However** we get there, the main thing is to be absolutely sure we're not late.
A. whatever way
B. even if in a non-standard manner
C. to whatever degree
9. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
A. disinclined
B. afraid
C. tending
10. The boat ramp has a steep **incline**.
A. slope
B. price
C. danger
11. As a representation of reality, there are **inherent** weaknesses in any art, but art excels at highlighting essence.
A. common
B. serious
C. fundamental

12. Her parents left her a small **legacy**.
A. inheritance
B. meal
C. "todo" list
13. There were lots of rumors, but no **objective** evidence.
A. done by an expert
B. important
C. fact-based
14. He is too **ornery** to celebrate his birthday.
A. bad-tempered
B. old
C. ill
15. The region is **prone** to drought.
A. prepared to withstand
B. immune
C. with a tendency
16. She remained **serene** even when he was yelling at her.
A. unmoved
B. calm
C. aggressive
17. The Taliban wants total **subjugation** to their religious law.
A. body temperature that is dangerously low
B. forced submission
C. gullibility (being too willing to believe)
18. Sony's **transistor radio** became a global success after its 1957 launch.
A. early television model
B. compact tape recorder
C. small portable radio
19. The test results **validated** her theory about the chemical reaction.
A. completely contradicted
B. confirmed the truth of
C. barely addressed
20. McDonald's menu options **vary** by location.
A. are consistent
B. are different
C. are known

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 I don't know anything about wars. I don't think even the most **erudite** scholars do. I think you have to fight one, to know it.
 - A. mental activity of which one is self-aware
 - B. without involvement of anything in between
 - C. having deep scholarly knowledge
- 2 Even a **legacy** of a lie is better than hate.
 - A. something coming from the past
 - B. the act of taking something on as one's own
 - C. something that helps clarify or demonstrate
- 3 He did not want to make his living selling whiskey on a large scale... The men who made it by the trunkload were much more **inclined** to prison, and that would have left his family alone in the teeth of the Depression. So he made a few gallons, enough to bring out the dogs and the deputies now and again, but never the federal men.
 - A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
 - C. tending (to end up in)
- 4 She drove to the lake and parked her car on the boat ramp's steep **incline**,
 - A. angle (hill)
 - B. tell someone about something
 - C. something repeated regularly
- 5 If nothing else **validates** the decency of that man, then the story of Jessie Klines will.
 - A. causes of problems or illnesses; or processes to identify such problems
 - B. give evidence for the truth or value of; or declare as legally approved
 - C. avoids responsibilities and duties -- typically by pretending to be ill
- 6 I climbed trees and was **prone** to fall out of them.
 - A. because of a basic rule or belief
 - B. interacts, interests, or attracts
 - C. had a tendency (to do something)
- 7 They will tell you that the depth of that meanness and hatred and ignorance **varies** from soul to soul, that white Southerners are not the same and symmetrical, like the boards in a white picket fence.
 - A. predicts or reveals
 - B. differs; or changes
 - C. shows or represents
- 8 It would be years before I realized the main reason she **exiled** herself to the little house, going out only to buy groceries.
 - A. took (power or responsibility)
 - B. forced to leave one's homeland
 - C. developed or changed gradually
- 9 All it took was an angry word or some insult, **however** slight, and the subtle differences in our characters vanished and you would have thought we were children of Beelzebub, unbound.
 - A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
 - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
 - C. regardless of how
- 10 They did not see what they were doing as anything wrong; their daddies had been free to take game when they wanted, **however** they wanted.
 - A. in whatever way
 - B. starts fighting
 - C. starts (a fire)

- 11 *They bought me a coat, a pair of shoes, a football, and a **transistor** radio.*
A. a change; or a changed version
B. confidential or secret meeting
C. a type of small portable radio
- 12 *He tells his **congregation** that he is living proof that religion can save anyone.*
A. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
B. people who worship together in the same building
C. a general feeling of not being as good as others
- 13 *I described the **serenity** of the park,*
A. relative amount
B. peaceful calmness
C. in disagreement
- 14 *Maybe it is because the boy is my brother and I am blind to some things, but I do not believe, not for one minute, that he is cruel, that he is **inherently** mean, the way that my daddy could be.*
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. in a manner that exists as an inseparable part or characteristic
- 15 *We are taught in this business to leave our emotions out of a story, to view things with pure and perfect objectivity, but that was impossible on this story.*
A. growth hormone -- a hormone produced by the anterior pituitary gland that promotes growth in humans
B. "spiritually renews" in a Christian ceremony OR initiates or purifies by a challenging experience
C. lack of bias (influence of personal feelings or preferences)
- 16 *In their eyes, they had been **subjugated** by the old Crackers, and now they were subjugated again by people who were not even born there.*
A. not roughly calculated
B. forced into submission
C. influenced or effected
- 17 *I called Bill Cooke, our free-lance photographer and my friend, but an **ornery** man even on his best days.*
A. easily annoyed and quick to complain and argue
B. a document granting permission to do something
C. the state or character of being bad or harmful
- 18 *The **embargo** only inconveniences the rich.*
A. an official ban or restriction -- especially a government-imposed trade barrier
B. portray or create in a particular way OR interpret, translate, or extract from
C. to release from slavery or servitude; or (metaphorically) from social restraints
- 19 *It may even be that I saw the **disdain** in places where it didn't exist.*
A. a lack of respect
B. differ; or change
C. influence opinion
- 20 *The packed bodies turned and ran, and I ran with them, watching a senior foreign **correspondent** closely, to see when it was right to run and when you were supposed to stand.*
A. reporter
B. disorder
C. marriage

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	erudite	Used 3 times in this book.
2	A	legacy	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
3	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	A	incline (<i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	B	validate	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
6	C	prone (<i>as in: prone to</i>)	Used 12 times in this book.
7	B	vary	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
8	B	exile	Used 5 times in this book.
9	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
10	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
11	C	transistor radio	Used 3 times in this book.
12	B	congregation (<i>as in: the congregation voted</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
13	B	serene	Used 4 times in this book.
14	C	inherent	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
15	C	objective (<i>as in: an objective viewpoint</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
16	B	subjugate	Used 2 times in this book.
17	A	ornery (<i>as in: is ornery when she first wakes up</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
18	A	embargo	Used 4 times in this book.
19	A	disdain	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	A	correspondent (<i>as in: foreign correspondent of the paper</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.