

Along for the Ride

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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: context, convention (2), copious, cumbersome, dissertation, economics, gender, immerse, increment, nocturnal, nostalgia, protracted, resolve (2), revise, stifle, tentative, tinged, waver



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	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. Hotel rooms are expensive that week because so many people are attending a big **convention**.
 - A. unexpected emergency
 - B. large conference or meeting
 - C. traditional holiday
2. In most countries, the **convention** is to shake the head to indicate "no", but in Bulgaria that indicates "yes".
 - A. movement
 - B. agreement
 - C. normal behavior
3. The chef served **copious** amounts of food at the wedding reception.
 - A. small in amount
 - B. rare and unusual
 - C. large in quantity
4. She struggled to lift the **cumbersome** box up the stairs.
 - A. easily broken
 - B. well-wrapped
 - C. difficult to handle
5. Oliver Stone used the **dissertation** as the basis for his film, *JFK*.
 - A. little-seen play
 - B. popular book
 - C. lengthy academic paper
6. She earned her degree in **economics** and now works at the Federal Reserve.
 - A. study of stars and planets
 - B. study of ancient ruins
 - C. study of money and markets
7. The court found the company guilty of **gender discrimination**.
 - A. religious
 - B. male/female/trans
 - C. race or ethnic
8. She **immersed** herself in her studies.
 - A. completely involved
 - B. self-trained
 - C. fully confused
9. The table shows the amount of tax based on \$1,000 **increments** in income.
 - A. subsidies
 - B. increases
 - C. regulations
10. Owls are **nocturnal** hunters that rely on excellent vision in low light.
 - A. ocean-dwelling
 - B. long-tailed
 - C. nighttime-active
11. My parents are sometimes **nostalgic** about their college days.
 - A. secretive
 - B. longing
 - C. bitter
12. She quoted him out of **context**.
 - A. in a misleading manner
 - B. in a convincing manner
 - C. in a respectful manner

13. Finally, there was an end to the **protracted** conflict.
- A. long
 - B. violent
 - C. needless
14. I **resolved** to never drink again.
- A. was forced
 - B. was encouraged
 - C. firmly decided
15. This feud will never be **resolved** with violence.
- A. properly considered
 - B. settled or solved
 - C. reduced or understood
16. Do you think the writer should **revise** the underlined sentence?
- A. remove
 - B. highlight
 - C. improve
17. She had to **stifle** a laugh during the somber funeral service.
- A. let out freely
 - B. hold back
 - C. loudly announce
18. She took a **tentative** step to see if her injured ankle would support her weight.
- A. careful
 - B. brave
 - C. confident
19. Her voice was **tinged** with sadness when she said goodbye.
- A. fully replaced
 - B. slightly marked
 - C. loudly praised
20. We will never **waver** in our commitment to provide the best education possible.
- A. speak forcefully
 - B. grow rapidly
 - C. be unsteady

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 *At the time, he'd just found a publisher for his first novel, *The Narwhal Horn*, while my mom was pregnant with my brother and trying to finish her **dissertation**.*
 - A. something that encourages something else to happen; or the process of something being encouraged
 - B. a law developed by governmental groups in contrast to common law (based on custom and precedent)
 - C. a lengthy academic paper -- especially a scholarly work required for an advanced academic degree
- 2 *I'm just making the point that the **context** doesn't have to be exclusive.*
 - A. the setting or situation in which something occurs
 - B. the act of interacting or getting interested again
 - C. an image (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
- 3 *He was telling me he met some Norwegians who were on their way to a **convention** in Amsterdam.*
 - A. result or predictable value
 - B. large conference or meeting
 - C. a long uninterrupted speech
- 4 *Hollis was still bucking **convention** and his own history.*
 - A. reason (for doing something)
 - B. small quantity or indication
 - C. normal behavior
- 5 *When he saw Heidi, and she looked back at him, I knew instantly their argument from the night before had not been **resolved**.*
 - A. helped make clear
 - B. settled
 - C. thought carefully
- 6 *I'd long ago **resolved** to be cordial but not overly so, lest I be sucked into some conversation about what celebrity was in rehab or strap versus strapless dresses.*
 - A. changed
 - B. adapted
 - C. decided
- 7 *An environment totally ruled by **gender** stereotypes and expectations, as pathetic as those who chose to inhabit it.*
 - A. an official charge (of having broken the law)
 - B. male, female, or any of many trans categories
 - C. quick, informal vote to see what people think
- 8 *I was so **immersed**, in fact, that at first I didn't even hear the music coming from the store behind me.*
 - A. completely involved
 - B. excessively excited
 - C. nervous or confused
- 9 *"Sounds more like writing than **revising**," she observed, picking up the menu and scanning it before setting it aside.*
 - A. fighting
 - B. quitting
 - C. changing
- 10 *I had a flash of her face the day we'd been discussing names, how she'd rushed to compliment my own **cumbersome** middle name, just because she assumed it would make me feel better.*
 - A. a sensible view of a situation
 - B. made by taking on as one's own
 - C. difficult to handle or awkward

- 11 *She gave up on me as a source of conversation, instead ordering another glass of wine before launching into a long, **protracted** story about some curriculum dispute that was apparently draining all her time and energy.*
- A. long in duration; or to extend something--especially to (prolong or make longer in duration)
 - B. (verb) created, started, settled, or set in a place OR (adjective) existing, or familiar
 - C. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
- 12 *But years from now, when you're feeling **nostalgic** about this summer and yet can't really reminisce because of a lack of documentation, don't blame me.*
- A. able to be stopped from happening
 - B. with a longing for something past
 - C. feeling reluctant to do something
- 13 *He kept his eyes right on me, not **wavering** a bit, as he said, "Thanks."*
- A. thinking carefully and making a judgment about
 - B. returning to an undesirable previous condition
 - C. moving back and forth; or being unsure or weak
- 14 *It was like being in a carnival fun house, but with a **copious** amount of hair gel.*
- A. able to accept as true (without proof)
 - B. able to be protected or kept unchanged
 - C. abundant (a lot)
- 15 *Mom doesn't exactly know about my **nocturnal** habits.*
- A. the quality of not being sensible and careful
 - B. the quality of being unchanging or continuous
 - C. nighttime
- 16 *After another **incremental** budge, I watched as Eli put his hand on the back of the bike, nudging it forward just slightly.*
- A. able to be protected or kept unchanged
 - B. relating to a small increase at a time
 - C. able to accept as true (without proof)
- 17 *I stifled a yawn, then looked at my watch.*
- A. provided investment funds for something -- such as a business
 - B. suppressed (prevented something from happening)
 - C. wanting to do something; or made someone want to do something
- 18 *Tentatively, I pushed open the door, peering in.*
- A. in an unsure or hesitant manner
 - B. in a manner that is not sincere
 - C. in comparison to something else
- 19 *I figured it would be a good way to experience some real-time **economics** while at the same time studying the larger trends.*
- A. the quality of accepting what happens without trying to take control or reacting strongly
 - B. baseball: pitches thrown with little spin (so that they move in an unpredictable manner)
 - C. the study of how limited resources are allocated in an attempt to satisfy unlimited wants
- 20 *That way, at least all of high school wouldn't be, you know, **tinged** with his memory.*
- A. said (or make a sound) with the voice
 - B. with a slight amount (often of color)
 - C. genetically changed through evolution

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	dissertation	Used 3 times in this book.
2	A	context	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
3	B	convention (<i>as in: teacher's convention</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
4	C	convention (<i>as in: conventional behavior</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	B	resolve (<i>as in: How was the problem resolved?</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	resolve (<i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	B	gender (<i>as in: gender discrimination</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
8	A	immerse (<i>as in: immersed in her book</i>)	Used 10 times in this book.
9	C	revise	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	C	cumbersome	High-utility academic word
11	A	protracted	Used 2 times in this book.
12	B	nostalgia	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
13	C	waver	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
14	C	copious	High-utility academic word
15	C	nocturnal	Used 2 times in this book.
16	B	increment	Used 3 times in this book.
17	B	stifle (<i>as in: stifling the urge</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
18	A	tentative (<i>as in: said it tentatively</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	C	economics	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	B	tinged	Used 8 times in this book.