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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: arduous, censor, coherent, condone, confide, constraint, debris, disdain, expel, immigrate, incite, irate, liberate, primarily, rehabilitate, signify, sinister, suburban, transcend, undermine



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
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7	C
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10	A
11	A
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20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She undertook the **arduous** work of caring for twins.
 - A. difficult
 - B. rewarding
 - C. profitable
2. The performer chose *Bombay* as a good word to rhyme with *today*, but India's Central Board of Film Certification censored the word and replaced it with a beep.
 - A. improved
 - B. reinforced
 - C. removed
3. Her argument is **coherent**.
 - A. unreasonable
 - B. fragmented
 - C. sensible and clear
4. We cannot **condone** such behavior.
 - A. insure
 - B. understand
 - C. approve of
5. She **confided** in her parents.
 - A. trusted
 - B. didn't trust
 - C. was proud
6. We want **constraints** on her power to spend taxpayer funds.
 - A. flexibility
 - B. limitations
 - C. increases
7. Crews spent hours clearing **debris** from the highway after the crash.
 - A. intact structures
 - B. valuable items
 - C. scattered wreckage
8. 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
9. If her behavior does not improve, she could face **expulsion** from school.
 - A. having to repeat a grade
 - B. serious punishment
 - C. being forcing to leave
10. At that time, most of the people who immigrated to the United States came from Latin America and Asia.
 - A. relocated
 - B. exported goods
 - C. visited
11. The rumors were spread by her enemies to incite the people against her.
 - A. provoke
 - B. calm the anger of
 - C. distract

12. The **irate** customer was yelling at the manager.
- A. extremely angry
 - B. extremely loud
 - C. extremely big
13. She writes to **liberate** her readers from social conformity.
- A. teach
 - B. free
 - C. instruct
14. The second paragraph is **primarily** concerned with showing how the colleges are different.
- A. barely
 - B. mainly
 - C. secretly
15. The program helps injured athletes **rehabilitate** their muscles after surgery.
- A. hide from public view
 - B. restore to good condition
 - C. judge as impossible
16. Her silence seemed to **signify** that she disagreed.
- A. indicate
 - B. delay
 - C. repeat
17. In the movie, there was a **sinister** plot to kill people and harvest their organs.
- A. complicated
 - B. evil
 - C. clever
18. They open restaurants in nice **suburban** areas.
- A. located in the center of the city
 - B. located far from any city
 - C. located outside the edge of a city
19. Her artwork **transcends** typical landscape painting through bold abstract elements.
- A. goes beyond
 - B. stays within
 - C. exactly copies
20. The purpose of the UN Human Rights Commission is **undermined** by dictators who have maneuvered to control it.
- A. strengthened
 - B. weakened
 - C. celebrated

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've visited numerous prisons, juvenile detention centers, sober-living homes and **rehabilitation** centers.
 - A. the state or character of agreeing or approving
 - B. to restore someone to a state of good condition
 - C. the degree to which something can be translated
- 2 According to the American Library Association, it is one of the 100 most **censored** books in the United States.
 - A. without a personal preference; or without any tendency to move in a particular direction
 - B. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
 - C. removed or suppressed something considered obscene, immoral, or politically unacceptable
- 3 I don't **condone** this, although it usually happens in places where there are no bookstores or decent library facilities.
 - A. not answer questions; or block progress
 - B. move from more general to more specific
 - C. accept without criticism; or approve of
- 4 Still I sprinted down the gangway which led to a **debris**-strewn alley, filled with furniture parts and overturned trash cans.
 - A. the act of treating or preparing food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
 - B. passages food and drink follow between the back of mouths and the stomachs
 - C. pieces of something that has been destroyed; or trash that is lying around
- 5 They are members of a social stratum which includes welfare mothers, housing project residents, **immigrant** families, the homeless and unemployed.
 - A. a person who came to live in a new country
 - B. something accepted as true (without proof)
 - C. relating to properties of sound or hearing
- 6 This **incited** my mother to greater fits.
 - A. provoked
 - B. collided
 - C. not said
- 7 We ended up in Watts, a community **primarily** of black people except for La Colonia, often called The Quarter — the Mexican section and the oldest part of Watts.
 - A. really
 - B. mainly
 - C. wisely
- 8 We kept jumping hurdles, kept breaking from the **constraints**, kept evading the border guards of every new trek.
 - A. differences
 - B. limitations
 - C. thigh bones
- 9 Up until then my brother had never shown any emotion to me other than **disdain**.
 - A. a lack of respect
 - B. differ; or change
 - C. influence opinion
- 10 The rooms lay there, hauntingly still without the voices of children, the commands of **irate** teachers or the clapping sounds of books as they were closed.
 - A. angry
 - B. strongly biased
 - C. material wealth
- 11 Books were discards from other **suburban** schools where the well-off students turned up.
 - A. not relating to practice or belief that is long-established or was previously long-established
 - B. outstanding or surpassing others in status, ability, or possession of a notable characteristic
 - C. relating to a residential area located near the outer edge of a city where it isn't as crowded

- 12 *They also told her the next time I cut class or even made a feint toward trouble, I'd be expelled.*
A. translated
B. subtracted
C. forced out
- 13 *Wilo threw a dirt clod at the sofa and Noodles mumbled some incoherent words.*
A. related to the change of a light wave (or other wave) when it passes an opaque edge or narrow opening
B. related to a scale where each step is a multiple of the prior step rather than a fixed addition to it
C. not sensible or clear; or describing parts as not fitting together in a consistent or pleasing manner
- 14 *The march to the concession stand was sustained and arduous.*
A. difficult – requiring much energy and effort
B. the state or degree of agreeing or approving
C. the state of doing something unintentionally
- 15 *US and Thee Prophettes kept cool, not wanting anything to undermine the benefit dance.*
A. take on or adopt
B. weaken gradually
C. make more varied
- 16 *Others said it began with one guy who happened to be crazy, but the rest followed suit as the attacks signified a distorted sense of power.*
A. to indicate (to show or to mean)
B. lacking things most people enjoy
C. of the Netherlands or its people
- 17 *"Listen, I like you Louie," Frankie confided.*
A. placed trust (in someone) by talking about private things
B. viewed in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
C. made a decision or voiced an opinion by formal group vote
- 18 *The Sinisters hated Mexicans.*
A. acts of being in a working position; or the acts of starting
B. evil or harmful; or making an evil or frightening impression
C. things or characteristics that express agreement or approval
- 19 *In East L.A., a group calling itself the Chicano Liberation Front had allegedly planted bombs in power stations and government buildings.*
A. aroused or inspired again
B. the act of being set free
C. expressing intense hatred
- 20 *Pity links us in a perverted way, transcending our veneers, joining us in our vulnerability, and at the same time distancing us from one another.*
A. exceeding or surpassing
B. reaching
C. restricting

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	rehabilitate	Used 6 times in this book.
2	C	censor (<i>as related to censorship</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
3	C	condone	Used 2 times in this book.
4	C	debris	Used 4 times in this book.
5	A	immigrate	Used 11 times in this book.
6	A	incite	Used 2 times in this book.
7	B	primarily	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
8	B	constraint	Used 2 times in this book.
9	A	disdain	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
10	A	irate	Used 2 times in this book.
11	C	suburban	Used 6 times in this book.
12	C	expel	Used 5 times in this book.
13	C	coherent	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
14	A	arduous	Used 2 times in this book.
15	B	undermine	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
16	A	signify	Used 4 times in this book.
17	A	confide	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
18	B	sinister	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
19	B	liberate	Used 5 times in this book.
20	A	transcend	Used 2 times in this book.