

And The Mountains Echoed

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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: accompany (2), approach (2), artificial (2), contrast (2), feasible, illustrate (2), interpret (2), jihad, listless, loathe, mullah, perpetual, transparent (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
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10	C
11	A
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19	A
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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. Will you **accompany** her to the party?
A. follow
B. precede
C. go with
2. The exact numbers are shown in the **accompanying** table.
A. provided together
B. informative
C. previously published
3. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
A. gets nearer
B. is remembered
C. continues
4. I **approached** three bankers about a loan.
A. avoided
B. complained to
C. asked
5. The company does not use **artificial** ingredients.
A. grown non-locally
B. containing gluten
C. made by humans
6. She put on an **artificial** smile for the cameras while berating my performance.
A. not sincere
B. very large
C. barely noticeable
7. **Contrast** typical underlying beliefs of pro-life and pro-choice supporters.
A. study
B. compare
C. describe
8. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
A. notable similarity
B. covering of all styles
C. notable difference
9. The goal is good, but the plan doesn't seem very **feasible**.
A. profitable
B. practical
C. impressive
10. The example **illustrates** the belief.
A. disproves
B. proves
C. makes clear
11. The assembly directions include **illustrations** to identify each part.
A. drawings
B. coded stickers
C. descriptions
12. She will stand to his left and **interpret** his speech into sign language.
A. refute (prove false)
B. elaborate upon
C. translate

13. How will a court interpret the word *careless* if there is a lawsuit?
- A. understand
 - B. insist on
 - C. ignore
14. They urged a **jihad** against Jews and crusaders.
- A. propaganda
 - B. holy war
 - C. economic boycott
15. She accepted her fate with listless resignation.
- A. unenergetic
 - B. frustrated
 - C. lonely
16. I **loathe** that man. He ruined my life.
- A. fear
 - B. avoid
 - C. hate
17. He is a **mullah** from Iran.
- A. religious teacher
 - B. tribal leader
 - C. business person
18. He has a **perpetual** fear of forgetting important deadlines.
- A. joyful
 - B. constant
 - C. secret
19. It was a **transparent** lie.
- A. obvious
 - B. clever
 - C. vicious
20. The best hope for limiting excessive political influence of special interest groups is to make the decision-making process more **transparent**.
- A. fair to all impacted groups
 - B. easily observable or understood
 - C. influenced by data and statistics

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 As it **approached** the village from the direction of the mountains, the earth shook with each of its footfalls.
A. moved toward
B. made possible
C. not satisfied
- 2 It was the boy, the one with the old man who had tried to **approach** Baba Jan at the school's opening ceremony.
A. did not find a condition or substance to be present
B. to support by providing money or other economic aid
C. begin communication with
- 3 In her worst moments, when she cannot help being swallowed up by a torrent of self-**loathing**, Parwana thinks that perhaps the cord knew best.
A. changing through evolution
B. stopping a battle or fight
C. disgust or intense dislike
- 4 School was really the back room of the village mosque where, in addition to teaching Koran recitation, **Mullah** Shekib had taught every child in the village to read and write, to memorize poetry.
A. a Muslim religious teacher or leader
B. lacking experience or sophistication
C. a basic type of ecological community
- 5 Masooma **listlessly** sweeps her hand.
A. with a lack of energy and normal enthusiasm
B. in a manner that stops or hinders something
C. in a manner involving only one part or side
- 6 The way her hand bent at its slender wrist reminded me of an **illustration** I had once seen in a glossy book of poems of a long-lashed woman with flowing dark hair lying with her lover in a garden, offering him a cup of wine with her pale delicate fingers.
A. picture
B. interaction or interest
C. a subtle characteristic
- 7 The case will be used next week for Peer Review, a monthly video conference watched by all the facilities during which mistakes by physicians, who remain anonymous, are used to **illustrate** learning points.
A. work or operate
B. think carefully
C. help make clear
- 8 While I **accompanied** Mr. Wandati on his daily morning walk, Nila slept in, often until noon or even later.
A. made possible
B. got closer to
C. traveled along with
- 9 They're **accompanying** the piece with a photo.
A. providing at the same time (to make better)
B. rising and falling pitch; or cheerful and lively
C. regarding with feelings of respect and reverence
- 10 It was as though it—God forgive me for this blasphemy—had descended down on me from Heaven itself, the garden of the righteous, as the book says, where rivers flow beneath, and **perpetual** are the fruits and the shade therein.
A. having the characteristics of a *monk* (often inclined toward self-denial)
B. continuing forever without change; or occurring so frequently it seems constant
C. about things beyond the physical world, such as existence, reality, or the soul

- 11 Mr. Wandati *did have, for instance, a habit of correcting my manner of speech with an air of superiority that could be **interpreted**, perhaps not wrongly, as arrogance.*
- understood (in a particular way)
 - not having accepted beliefs without critical question
 - made more attractive or interesting through additions
- 12 *I had become his **de facto interpreter**.*
- people who criticize or condemn
 - someone who extensively damages
 - someone who translates language
- 13 *They declared **Jihad on him, the mullahs, the tribal chiefs.***
- popular art movement of late 19th century French painters who used dabs of color to give an impression of their subject rather than a photographic-like depiction
 - a holy war waged by Muslims against infidels; or any relentless battle for a belief
- or more rarely: a holy struggle or striving by a Muslim for a moral, spiritual, or political goal
- C. the process of replacing what was used up OR the process of restoring to a previous condition OR (more rarely) materials that replaced what was used up
- 14 *She found herself speaking in an **artificially sophisticated**, ridiculous tone that was nothing like the way she spoke normally.*
- in a manner designed to impress
 - in comparison to something else
 - in a manner that is inseparable
- 15 *The flat-screen TV fastened to the wall; the PC in the corner; the unfinished game of Sudoku on the nightstand, the page marked by a pair of reading glasses; the TV remote; the vial of **artificial** tears; a tube of steroid cream; a tube of denture glue; a small bottle of pills; and, on the floor, an oyster-colored pair of fuzzy slippers.*
- the quality or degree of straightness, or absence of anything in between
 - bold or self-confident in a manner that seems disrespectful or tasteless
 - created by humans rather than occurring naturally
- 16 *She wears a bright yellow coat, buttoned to the throat, which **contrasts** with the dark gray overcast sky above.*
- a means of control -- most commonly the straps attached to a bit in a horse's mouth that are used to control it OR restrains or controls
 - (verb) intentionally angers, challenges, or upsets someone OR (noun) insults or other actions intended to anger, challenge, or upset someone
 - differs notably (in brightness or tone)
- 17 *His jeans were stiff with dirt, and they were too short besides. **By contrast**, his T-shirt hung almost to his knees.*
- beyond the permitted boundary or limit
 - in a comparison that shows differences
 - injured muscles or tendons in the back
- 18 *Am I that **transparent**?*
- obvious
 - indicating approval or agreement
 - the condition of being different
- 19 *All my life, I have lived like an aquarium fish in the safety of a glass tank, behind a barrier as impenetrable as it has been **transparent**.*
- non-traditional or non-standard
 - easily observable
 - poor ability to make a decision
- 20 *Unnecessary because Isabelle quickly latched onto the instrument of her own accord and **unfeasible** because the cello made Pari's hands ache.*
- able to be disagreed with
 - not possible or practical
 - not tending to find fault

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
2	C	approach (<i>as in: approached her with the proposal</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
3	C	loathe	Used 6 times in this book.
4	A	mullah	Used 25 times in this book.
5	A	listless	Used 5 times in this book.
6	A	illustrate (<i>as in: an illustrated children's book</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
7	C	illustrate (<i>as in: as illustrated by this example</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	C	accompany (<i>as in: accompany on the journey</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	accompany (<i>as in: the accompanying chart</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	B	perpetual	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
11	A	interpret (<i>as in: her interpretation of the data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
13	B	jihad	Used 6 times in this book.
14	A	artificial (<i>as in: an artificial smile</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	C	artificial (<i>as in: an artificial heart</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	B	contrast (<i>as in: contrast their writing styles</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	transparent (<i>as in: transparent lie</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
19	B	transparent (<i>as in: transparent decision making</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
20	B	feasible	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.