

Arrowsmith

by Sinclair Lewis

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: abrupt (2), amiable, antibody, ardent, assert, bacteria, convention (2), denounce, edify, endure (2), minute (2), perceive, pi, placid, trifle, trifle with



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	A
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12	B
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19	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. The weather changed **abruptly** at about noon.
 - A. for the better
 - B. gradually
 - C. suddenly
2. Try not to be so **abrupt** with the people you manage. It may seem quicker, but we're losing talented people because they don't like working with you.
 - A. rude or unfriendly because of using too few words or moving too quickly
 - B. relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
 - C. unbelieving; or having difficulty accepting something so unexpected
3. It was an **amiable** gathering of old friends.
 - A. friendly
 - B. rare
 - C. emotional
4. The vaccine triggers the body to produce **antibodies** that fight off the virus.
 - A. energy-storing fats
 - B. germ-fighting proteins
 - C. memory-storing nerves
5. She is an **ardent** defender of free speech.
 - A. standing above others in attainment or reputation
 - B. enthusiastic (feeling intense emotion)
 - C. existing as an inseparable part or characteristic
6. She **asserts** that her opponent lacks managerial experience.
 - A. says
 - B. proves
 - C. demonstrates
7. She survived a severe infection of MRSA **bacteria**.
 - A. lice
 - B. germs
 - C. mosquitoes
8. 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
9. 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
10. She bravely stepped forward to **denounce** the corruption within her company.
 - A. openly condemn
 - B. warmly praise
 - C. quietly ignore
11. She both entertains and **edifies** when she speaks.
 - A. puzzles listeners
 - B. teaches or instructs
 - C. learns from others

12. As a soldier, she was prepared to endure hardship and even to sacrifice her life for others.
- A. risk
 - B. suffer through
 - C. cause
13. Over the years, the stories my grandmother told me have endured as a source of wisdom in my life.
- A. stopped acting
 - B. brought suffering
 - C. continued to exist
14. Even a minute amount of lead can be harmful to children.
- A. large
 - B. 60 seconds
 - C. tiny
15. She thrives at sifting through that kind of minute detail.
- A. quickly eliminated
 - B. available from prior research
 - C. including even small considerations
16. It's one thing to perceive something with the senses and another to understand its importance.
- A. become aware of
 - B. physically touch
 - C. clearly see
17. The value of pi is needed to calculate any circle's area.
- A. a triangle's height
 - B. a square's diagonal
 - C. the circle ratio
18. Her eyes were clear and placid.
- A. calm
 - B. anxious
 - C. teary
19. Don't waste my time with trifling matters.
- A. other's
 - B. future
 - C. unimportant
20. The European Parliament refuses to be trifled with.
- A. treated without respect
 - B. argued with
 - C. negotiated with

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 The light had gone out **abruptly**, as though an agitated watcher were trying to hide from him.
A. not exactly or accurately
B. in a manner like a "monk"
C. suddenly
- 2 ...and if you'll just get over some of your **abruptness** and your unwillingness to appreciate big executives and charming women ... you and I can become the dictators of science throughout the whole country!
A. rudeness or unfriendliness caused by using too few words or moving too quickly
B. acceptance of what happens without trying to take control or reacting strongly
C. the state of being a concept or idea not associated with any specific instance
- 3 The calculations were delicate, **minute**, exquisitely clear; and delicate were the scientist's thin hands among the papers.
A. having the characteristics of a *monk* (often inclined toward self-denial)
B. the quality of holding something back or holding others down through oppression
C. done with great care
- 4 When he had closed the door and let his spirit flow out and fill that **minute** apartment with his own essence, he felt secure.
A. awake
B. exact
C. small
- 5 Digamma Pi was a lively boarding-house with a billiard table and low prices.
A. radically new and experimental; or people who practice radically new and experimental ideas -- especially in the arts
B. drugs that causes temporary loss of bodily sensations in a limited region of the body while maintaining consciousness
C. mathematics: an important constant representing the circumference of any circle divided by its diameter (about 3.14)
- 6 Martin, in ... his distaste for the **amiable** dullness of Irving Watters, turned to the roaring Clif as to something living and experimenting.
A. friendly, agreeable, and likable
B. important, serious, or dangerous
C. not clear or easily identifiable
- 7 They came out at a medical **convention** in Philadelphia
A. result or predictable value
B. large conference or meeting
C. a long uninterrupted speech
- 8 I do so hate these **conventional** phrases that everybody uses, don't you?
A. complete or total
B. able to challenge
C. something regarded as typical
- 9 He wanted—like most poor and **ardent** young men in such a case, he wanted all he could get.
A. aka analytic -- relating to a theory of psychiatry
B. feeling intense emotion (often enthusiasm or love)
C. the trait of being difficult to meet and talk with
- 10 She was before him, provocative, **enduring**.
A. lying or misleading
B. influencing opinion
C. continuing to exist

- 11 To persuade the shopkeeping lords of St. Hubert to **endure** a test in which half of them might die, so that all plague might--perhaps--be ended forever, was impossible.
- call -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
 - suffer through (or put up with something difficult or unpleasant)
 - communication through gestures and body movements (without words)
- 12 While Clif waited, leering, she **placidly** investigated the inside of a chicken sandwich and assented, "Um-huh."
- calmly
 - mainly
 - really
- 13 His **trifling** with the drug of research was risky.
- treating thoughtlessly or without respect
 - stop interacting; or stop having interest
 - to spoil something so it is not desirable
- 14 He concentrated on Leora, but his talk was of Martin: "Your husband must be an Artist Healer, not a picker of **trifles** like these laboratory men."
- struggles or disagreements
 - is attractive or desirable
 - things of small importance
- 15 Gottlieb had **asserted** that they produced doubtful vaccines,
- said (something is true -- especially something disputed)
 - encouraged growth or excitement, or caused something to happen
 - ignored someone's wishes or caused inconvenience or discomfort
- 16 We'll patent your method of synthesizing **antibodies** and immediately put them on the market in large quantities, with a great big advertising campaign-- you know--not circus it, of course--strictly high-class ethical advertising.
- light seen after bouncing off a surface to another
 - various proteins the body uses to fight infections
 - inexperience, innocence, or lack of sophistication
- 17 "Umph!" grunted the studious audience, doubtful whether it was fitting to be amused, offended, bored, or edified.
- translated
 - instructed
 - subtracted
- 18 Martin **perceived** new avenues of exciting research;
- saw (became aware of or viewed things in a certain way so as to believe)
 - said indirectly
 - greatly annoyed
- 19 you may have hit on the supreme way to kill pathogenic **bacteria**.
- the smallest part of any material that cannot be broken up by chemical means
 - microorganisms (living creatures so small it takes a microscope to see them)
 - psychoanalysis: that part of the unconscious mind that acts as a conscience
- 20 Martin hastened to Terry, declaring that he would resign--would **denounce**-- would expose-- Yes!
- accuse publicly
 - to corrupt or seduce from virtue, duty, or allegiance OR excessive drinking, casual sex, and/or drug abuse while partying
 - remove or suppress anything considered obscene, immoral, or politically unacceptable OR a person who does such suppression

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	abrupt (<i>as in: an abrupt change</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
2	A	abrupt (<i>as in: she is abrupt</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	C	minute (<i>as in: minute description</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
4	C	minute (<i>as in: minute size</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
5	C	pi	Used 21 times in this book.
6	A	amiable	Used 17 times in this book.
7	B	convention (<i>as in: teacher's convention</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
8	C	convention (<i>as in: conventional behavior</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	ardent	Used 15 times in this book.
10	C	endure (<i>as in: endure through the ages</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	B	endure (<i>as in: endured the pain</i>)	Used 17 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	A	placid	Used 16 times in this book.
13	A	trifle with (<i>as in: trifle with her affections</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	C	trifle (<i>as in: a trifling matter</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
15	A	assert (<i>as in: asserted her opinion that...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	antibody	Used 12 times in this book.
17	B	edify	Used 8 times in this book.
18	A	perceive (<i>as in: though blind, can perceive light</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 23 times in this book.
19	B	bacteria	Used 33 times in this book.
20	A	denounce	Used 21 times in this book.