

Augie & Me

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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: accordion, adapt, chord, commotion, contradict, elective, ensemble, expel, genre, incredulous, instantaneous, liberate, mischievous, narrative, narrator, precept, remorse, solar system, validate, vary



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
3	A
4	A
5	A
6	A
7	A
8	C
9	B
10	C
11	A
12	B
13	A
14	A
15	B
16	B
17	C
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.

- Her grandfather taught her to play the **accordion** at age seven.
 - bellows-based instrument
 - stringed instrument
 - brass instrument
- This passage is **adapted** from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
 - copied
 - read
 - changed
- The guitarist strummed a complex **chord**, its rich harmony filling the room.
 - three or more notes that blend harmoniously
 - a single, sustained musical tone
 - a repeated rhythmic pattern
- Her entrance created quite a **commotion**.
 - disturbance
 - outburst of laughter
 - accident
- Does the sentence **contradict** what is said in the previous paragraph?
 - disagree with
 - reinforce
 - expand upon
- Sarah chose Drama as her favorite **elective**.
 - chosen class
 - required class
 - after-school class
- The comedy worked because every member of the **ensemble** played her part well.
 - performing group
 - private audience
 - written script
- If her behavior does not improve, she could face **expulsion** from school.
 - having to repeat a grade
 - serious punishment
 - being forcing to leave
- Jazz is her favorite musical **genre**.
 - origin
 - style
 - instrument
- At first, she was **incredulous**--thinking the report was in error.
 - worried
 - confused
 - without belief
- She was in a car crash and died **instantaneously**.
 - immediately
 - painfully
 - unfortunately
- She writes to **liberate** her readers from social conformity.
 - teach
 - free
 - instruct

13. The mischievous children spilled chocolate syrup all over the kitchen.
- A. misbehaving
 - B. careless
 - C. young
14. It's an interesting narrative about her first year in college.
- A. story
 - B. joke
 - C. theatrical play
15. One of the more popular narrators in movie history is Morgan Freeman. I especially liked him in *The Shawshank Redemption* where in addition to playing a major role, he narrated the film.
- A. producer who works closest with the actors
 - B. actor who talks directly to the audience
 - C. script writer
16. It became a precept of U.S. foreign policy.
- A. sign
 - B. rule
 - C. problem
17. I expressed my remorse at having let them down.
- A. frustration
 - B. worry
 - C. regret
18. Earth is one of several planets in our solar system.
- A. one planet's weather
 - B. a single galaxy
 - C. star and its orbiting bodies
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 "Yeah, we saw how strict it was when you didn't **expel** Jack Will for punching Julian in the mouth," Mom answered quickly.
 - A. collision
 - B. translate
 - C. force out
- 2 "Doesn't it trouble you at all that Julian doesn't seem to be showing the least bit of **remorse**?" said Mr. Tushman, squinting at Dad.
 - A. two successive lines of poetry; usually rhymed
 - B. the main building (or buildings) of government
 - C. deep regret for doing something that was wrong
- 3 But *Tourteau* was an excellent **narrator**, and he made me laugh a lot.
 - A. translation
 - B. storyteller
 - C. quiet voice
- 4 I had no idea you were so **mischievous**!
 - A. playfully causing minor trouble; or describing the smile of someone doing so
 - B. the state or degree of having the ability to change for different situations
 - C. the quality of behaving in an instinctive, uninhibited, and unplanned manner
- 5 We didn't find out he was dead until after the **liberation**.
 - A. aroused or inspired again
 - B. the act of being set free
 - C. expressing intense hatred
- 6 So we ran downstairs to see what the **commotion** was about.
 - A. noisy disturbance
 - B. circular movement
 - C. size or dimension
- 7 "I hate the B **chord**!" said John.
 - A. a combination of three or more notes that blend harmoniously when sounded together; or figuratively to express harmonious blending or clashing
 - B. fear, or anticipate with worry (commonly only seen in the forms "apprehensive" and "apprehension," but seen in this form in classic literature)
 - C. to expression feelings or thoughts enthusiastically OR to squirt or give off (typically under pressure such as blood or leaking gas)
- 8 You said it was the **littlest planet in the solar system**!
 - A. connected by blood or marriage; or a plant or animal related by origin or grouping
 - B. relating to the south Asian Muslim republic that is the fifth most populous country
 - C. the area that includes the sun (or any star) and everything that revolves around it
- 9 In the wintertime, I always asked my mom for two dollars to drop into his **accordion** case instead of just one.
 - A. characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open
 - B. design based on alphabetic letters; or adding such a design to something
 - C. regular crisscross grid that repeats in a pattern of squares or diamonds
- 10 That explains why Ellie switched **electives**!
 - A. a class chosen rather than being a requirement
 - B. held together (connected or united) or wrapped
 - C. a document granting permission to do something
- 11 I'm **adapting** a piece I choreographed years ago, which had gotten considerable attention at the time, I don't mind saying.
 - A. strongly desiring; or a strong desire
 - B. charging (with having broken the law)
 - C. changing to fit a different situation

- 12 *It just exploded into an **instantaneous** universe of knowing looks and giggles and clothes and secrets.*
- A. immediate (happening with no delay)
 - B. full of strong desire for something
 - C. in a manner that takes on or adopts
- 13 *Ximena asked **incredulously**.*
- A. in a manner that influences reason or general desire to do something
 - B. in a manner that intentionally angers, challenges, or upsets someone
 - C. with disbelief; or with difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 14 *It's the one dance that intersects every **genre**.*
- A. use of reason
 - B. style or kind
 - C. determination
- 15 *This lack of artifice owes as much to the rousing arrangement of songs, which blend seamlessly together, as it does to Echevarri's poignant **narrative**.*
- A. story
 - B. snake
 - C. skill
- 16 *Ellie never says anything to **contradict** Savanna.*
- A. disagree
 - B. subtract
 - C. continue
- 17 *Remember Mr. Browne's November **precept**: "Have no friends not equal to yourself!"*
- A. wrong understanding
 - B. rule for behavior
 - C. act of hiring again
- 18 *Around the room, the kids from the jazz **ensemble** and choir stood up with varying degrees of willingness and shyness.*
- A. a group of parts considered as a whole
 - B. thing that affects a result or outcome
 - C. job, reservation, booking, or activity
- 19 *Around the room, the kids from the jazz ensemble and choir stood up with **varying** degrees of willingness and shyness.*
- A. gaining advantage from
 - B. differing; or changing
 - C. taking on as one's own
- 20 *And I want him to have **validation** that this year was a triumph for him.*
- A. the condition of being made by humans rather than being found in nature
 - B. give evidence for the truth or value of; or declare as legally approved
 - C. short for Ku Klux Klan – a white supremacist group in the United States

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	expel	Used 3 times in this book.
2	C	remorse	Used 11 times in this book.
3	B	narrator	High-utility academic word
4	A	mischievous	Used 3 times in this book.
5	B	liberate	Used 2 times in this book.
6	A	commotion	Used 2 times in this book.
7	A	chord (<i>as in: piano chord</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
8	C	solar system	Used 5 times in this book.
9	A	accordion (<i>as in: an accordion door</i>)	Used 32 times in this book.
10	A	elective (<i>as in: Choir is an elective</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
11	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word
12	A	instantaneous	Used 2 times in this book.
13	C	incredulous	Used 2 times in this book.
14	B	genre	Used 2 times in this book.
15	A	narrative (<i>as in: Narrative of the Life of...</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
16	A	contradict	High-utility academic word
17	B	precept	Used 12 times in this book.
18	A	ensemble	Used 2 times in this book.
19	B	vary	High-utility academic word
20	B	validate	High-utility academic word
