

Beautiful Creatures

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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: agitate, approach (2), coincidence, composure, expel, finale, genealogy, hysteria, intricate, manor, natural law, pallid, prudent, redundant, replenish, sinister, skeptical, talisman, vindictive



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
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17	B
18	A
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.

1. She gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
 - A. calm and thoughtful
 - B. gloomy (sad)
 - C. emotionally disturbed
2. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
3. We need to **approach** this problem in a new way.
 - A. avoid
 - B. think about
 - C. assign
4. It was a fortunate **coincidence** that we ran into each other at Starbucks.
 - A. unlikely event
 - B. plan
 - C. likely event
5. She is admired for maintaining her **composure** under even the worse of circumstances.
 - A. calm state of mind
 - B. strong family ties
 - C. clear thought process
6. 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
7. The orchestra played the symphony's **finale** with stunning power.
 - A. an opening note
 - B. a quiet middle
 - C. a closing piece
8. The researcher is utilizing a database that combines **genealogy** records with vital statistics including cause-of-death.
 - A. medical information
 - B. blood test
 - C. family history
9. The worst legislation is passed when voters are whipped into a state of **hysteria**.
 - A. uncontrollable emotion
 - B. extreme anger
 - C. complete confusion
10. The law in that area is **intricate**. I suggest you talk with a lawyer.
 - A. outdated
 - B. predictable
 - C. complicated
11. She inherited the **manor**, but seldom visits it.
 - A. castle
 - B. large house
 - C. palace

12. Natural law is why war crimes are wrong even if national law allowed them.
- A. innate moral code
 - B. popular opinion
 - C. regional custom
13. The patient's pallid complexion alarmed the nurse on duty.
- A. deeply flushed
 - B. unhealthily pale
 - C. heavily wrinkled
14. Courage is dangerous without prudence.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
15. After the merger, they concluded the office was redundant.
- A. more than is needed or desired
 - B. less than what is required
 - C. exactly fitting requirements
16. After a hard workout, it's good to replenish the water and nutrients your body used up.
- A. consider
 - B. measure
 - C. replace
17. In the movie, there was a sinister plot to kill people and harvest their organs.
- A. complicated
 - B. evil
 - C. clever
18. She is skeptical about the project.
- A. doubtful
 - B. keeping silent
 - C. excited
19. The witch wore a talisman around her neck which she believed protected her from evil.
- A. garlic necklace thought to have magical power
 - B. object thought to have magical power
 - C. chain thought to have magical power
20. She's not a vindictive person.
- A. easy-going
 - B. revengeful
 - C. driven

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 That was my **approach** to most things the past few months.
- A. change the direction of something or the purpose for which it is used
 - B. technique (way of doing something)
 - C. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
- 2 In its clumsy way, it does **approach** Peace and Goodwill.
- A. get near
 - B. create dramatic change
 - C. mirror back (an image)
- 3 Apparently, I was taking U.S. History again this year, which was the only history taught at Jackson, making the name **redundant**.
- A. more than is needed -- often something that is unnecessarily repeated

or in technical usage: describing a secondary component designed to work if the primary component fails

B. the degree to which a performance of or to someone else's work lends itself to the expression of personal artistic ideas or feelings by the performer

C. the quality or degree of being straightforward or clear (sometimes indicating that truth is not worded carefully to spare feelings or gain advantage)

- 4 His face was a **pallid** green from never leaving the house.
- A. mental weakness caused by old age; or describing a medical condition as caused by old age
 - B. abnormally pale (lacking healthy skin color); or anything that lacks energy or liveliness
 - C. relating to a government, country, or ruling family of a country ruled by a king or queen
- 5 We climbed the hill up toward Ravenwood **Manor**, the great house.
- A. lymph node -- one of many bean-sized organs that filter bacteria and other toxins from circulating white-blood-cell filled lymph fluid
 - B. a large house of a wealthy person

or historically:

the main house of a lord and the land around it that was worked by tenant farmers

C. when what happens is very different than what might be expected; or when things are together that seem like they don't belong together

- 6 The work on the face of it was **intricate** with detail.
- A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
 - C. complicated -- having many complexly arranged elements
- 7 "I'll tell you what happened," Aunt **Prudence** said, appearing out of nowhere with a first aid kit in her hand.
- A. good sense and caution
 - B. not easily set on fire
 - C. surrounding conditions
- 8 I have the Wate Family Tree in my **genealogy** book.
- A. small quantity or indication
 - B. reason (for doing something)
 - C. family ancestry or its study
- 9 Aunt Grace was noticeably **agitated**.
- A. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
 - B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - C. not calm; or stirred up (often emotionally)

- 10 *She was hysterical, and every few seconds she was wracked with a fit of coughing, choking on both the smoke and her tears.*
- A. exceedingly funny (resulting in uncontrollable laughter); or exhibiting excessive, uncontrollable emotion
 - B. when what happens is very different than what might be expected; or when things seem incongruous together
 - C. marked by a colonnade (series of regularly spaced columns) surrounding a building or enclosing a courtyard
- 11 *There were no coincidences.*
- A. situations where things happened at the same time by chance even though they were unlikely
 - B. streaks of light in the sky caused by small space rocks burning up in Earth's atmosphere
 - C. pathways consisting of a series of regularly spaced columns -- typically covered by a roof
- 12 *She looked at me, skeptically.*
- A. in a doubtful manner (regarding the truth of something)
 - B. in a manner that is open to arguments, ideas, or change
 - C. inadequately (in a manner that does not provide enough)
- 13 *In the candlelight, Macon looked sinister.*
- A. not able to be disagreed with
 - B. evil, harmful, or frightening
 - C. not thoughtful about the past
- 14 *Her mother had warned her and Evangeline often enough about respecting the Natural Laws.*
- A. rules of conduct said to be universally desired by all peoples
 - B. results or the processes of learning, discovering, or deciding
 - C. chemicals that trigger behaviors in others of the same species
- 15 *There are powerful books down there—Binding books, Caster scrolls, Dark and Light talismans, objects of power.*
- A. sculptures or other things made of the brownish metal with the same name -- such as third place medals
 - B. a small object or piece of jewelry thought to have magical power -- especially to protect against evil
 - C. small paper forms made to lists the amount of money and each check being deposited into a bank account
- 16 *What are the grounds for expulsion?*
- A. not easily set on fire
 - B. surrounding conditions
 - C. the act of forcing out
- 17 *This seemed more vindictive and more personal.*
- A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - B. desirous of seeking revenge or wanting to hurt someone
 - C. not capable of surviving; or not capable of being done
- 18 *By nature, gentlemen like myself do have certain powers, but those powers are only relative to our strength, which we must replenish regularly.*
- A. provide investment funds for something -- such as a business
 - B. point to differences between; or compare to show differences
 - C. replace what was used up; or restore to a previous condition
- 19 *DEATH, AT THE HOURE OF CLAYMING, IS MOST FINALE & ETERNALLE ...*
- A. an architectural feature at the top of a roof, usually dome-shaped and opened by windows or columns
 - B. the degree to which a solution is simpler (and often more comprehensive) than most would anticipate
 - C. the final part of a series of events -- often of a performance and especially a musical performance
- 20 *I thought about Macon, his books tied with string and paper, his perfectly pressed shirts, and his even more perfect composure.*
- A. calm state of mind
 - B. wrongly translates
 - C. restarted (a fire)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	approach (<i>as in: use the best approach</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	redundant	High-utility academic word
4	B	pallid	Used 3 times in this book.
5	B	manor	Used 15 times in this book.
6	C	intricate	Used 3 times in this book.
7	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
8	C	genealogy	Used 5 times in this book.
9	C	agitate	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
10	A	hysteria	Used 6 times in this book.
11	A	coincidence	Used 8 times in this book.
12	A	skeptical	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
13	B	sinister	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
14	A	natural law	Used 2 times in this book.
15	B	talisman	Used 7 times in this book.
16	C	expel	Used 5 times in this book.
17	B	vindictive	Used 2 times in this book.
18	C	replenish	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
19	C	finale	Used 2 times in this book.
20	A	composure (<i>as in: regained her composure</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.