

Becoming Me

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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: abortion, adopt, attribute, audacious, bolster, confide, conflict, conviction, despise, humiliate, hypocrite, imply, initiate, motive, nonchalant, on the other hand, perturb, seminary, twinge, vary



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
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10	B
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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. Abortion is a highly controversial and divisive issue, with people holding strong opinions on both sides of the debate.
 - A. intentionally preventing pregnancy
 - B. intentionally ending pregnancy
 - C. planned adoption before birth
2. The company plans to **adopt** new safety guidelines next month.
 - A. ignore
 - B. publish
 - C. take on
3. She **attributes** her success to hard work.
 - A. gives money for
 - B. gives credit for
 - C. gives help for
4. It is an **audacious** plan.
 - A. likely to succeed
 - B. bold and daring
 - C. improperly considered
5. The falling unemployment rate is **bolstering** consumer confidence.
 - A. weakening
 - B. confusing
 - C. strengthening
6. She **confided** in her parents.
 - A. trusted
 - B. didn't trust
 - C. was proud
7. The Israeli–Palestinian conflict flared up again in Jerusalem.
 - A. agreement
 - B. border
 - C. struggle
8. She stood up in class with total conviction and said, "I believe animals deserve to be treated kindly, no matter what."
 - A. raised voice
 - B. firm belief
 - C. shaky voice
9. She **despises** his lifestyle.
 - A. admires
 - B. wants
 - C. hates
10. She's convinced PE class was invented to **humiliate** innocent kids.
 - A. strengthen
 - B. extremely embarrass
 - C. teach hard lessons
11. She may be a **hypocrite**, but at least she knows the difference between right and wrong.
 - A. ethical hero
 - B. harsh critic
 - C. moral pretender

12. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
A. hinted
B. insisted
C. denied
13. We are encouraging local authorities to **initiate** long-term emergency planning.
A. increase
B. extend
C. start
14. A desire for religious freedom was their **motive** for leaving England.
A. excuse
B. technique
C. reason
15. How could she be so **nonchalant** about making him suffer?
A. dishonest
B. unconcerned
C. happy
16. I think she's pushy. On the other hand, my boyfriend describes her as assertive.
A. also
B. from another point of view
C. for that reason
17. She was **perturbed** by the criticism, but resolved to continue.
A. unaffected
B. disturbed
C. challenged
18. She plans to attend Fuller Theological Seminary.
A. a school for training musicians, painters, and other artists
B. a school for training ministers, priests, or rabbis
C. a school for training teachers and school administrators
19. Sometimes I get a **twinge** in my knee that makes me think I may be getting arthritis.
A. sudden, short-lived heat
B. sudden, short-lived pain
C. sudden, short-lived numbness
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 But **on the other hand**, I guess I'd be willing to find out, if I had the chance.
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. from another point of view; or in a way that is different (a phrase used to introduce a different perspective or idea)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 2 But the best part was how Jenny even **confided** in me about him in the first place.
 - 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
- 3 Anyway, I know I've got all kinds of horribly wrong **motives** going on here, and the whole guilt thing is starting to get to me a little, but I just can't seem to help myself.
 - A. social events or ceremonies
 - B. things that cause suffering
 - C. reasons for doing something
- 4 What a total **hypocrite**!
 - A. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - B. found a condition or substance to be present
 - C. someone who violates claimed moral standards
- 5 Then he had the **audacity** to say that he has not been unfaithful to my mom.
 - A. act of hiring again
 - B. boldness and daring
 - C. wrong understanding
- 6 Well, naturally, I just act all **nonchalant** and cool (the way I'd been acting toward him all week, but usually Jenny is around to sort of buffer things).
 - A. sensible and careful
 - B. calm and unconcerned
 - C. sincerity (realness)
- 7 And for that reason I think I'm totally **despicable**.
 - A. not easily influenced or harmed OR not capable of being treated in a particular way
 - B. someone who consumes more than they should -- especially eating and drinking too much
 - C. terrible (vile; disgusting) -- worthy of being strongly disliked and looked down upon
- 8 I got a few new items of clothing which might help **bolster** my confidence.
 - A. express strong regret
 - B. to strongly criticize
 - C. support or strengthen
- 9 To think that Belinda and I actually have such a despicable thing in common is truly a shock to the system (not to mention totally **humiliating**).
 - A. protecting something or keeping it as it is
 - B. extremely embarrassing (decreasing dignity)
 - C. compensating for a loss; or paying a reward
- 10 No **big huge conflicts** at school.
 - A. is attractive or desirable
 - B. requires (to do something)
 - C. struggles or disagreements
- 11 It's not like dating is going to lead everyone right into having sex (like my dad used to **imply**), which, by the way, brings me to a very interesting point.
 - A. suggest (say indirectly)
 - B. struggle or disagreement
 - C. include consideration of

- 12 *I mean, we talk occasionally at track practice, but he's ALWAYS the one who initiates it—just ask anyone on the team.*
- A. trades
 - B. adapts
 - C. starts
- 13 *The other wounded kids are in **varying** conditions, but they say most are out of critical danger by now.*
- A. gaining advantage from
 - B. differing; or changing
 - C. taking on as one's own
- 14 *And today, for the first time since Friday, I felt this little **twinge** of, I don't know, almost like joy—but not real bubbly or anything.*
- A. control in advance (how something will turn out)
 - B. a sudden, short-lived feeling of pain or emotion
 - C. cheerful and lively music, or to play such music
- 15 *The other kids who were shot have been released from the hospital now and it sounds like they're all making fairly good recoveries—many people **attribute** this to all the prayers that have been going up all over town (and even across the country!)*
- A. say something or make a sound with the voice
 - B. credit (point to as the source of something)
 - C. move out of an interacting position; or stop
- 16 *Clay told us once how God had given him certain **convictions** and at the time I wasn't totally sure what he meant by that.*
- A. not working or not operating
 - B. a strong, firmly held belief
 - C. calculates or judges too low
- 17 *I mean, both Beanie and I are hugely opposed to **abortion** (we even participated in a Right to Life parade once in middle school).*
- A. another battle with the same foe
 - B. intentionally ending a pregnancy
 - C. describing someone as antisocial
- 18 *I was glad for Zach (although at the same time slightly **perturbed** that Beanie was bearing her troubles alone).*
- A. mirrored back (an image)
 - B. disturbed
 - C. quoted (to make a point)
- 19 *And that she planned to give the baby up for **adoption** because she didn't want to end up like her mom (poor and a single parent).*
- A. relating to where attention is concentrated
 - B. something that helps clarify or demonstrate
 - C. the act of taking something on as one's own
- 20 *And then, with a serious expression, she asked if I was planning to go to **seminary** and become a lady preacher or something—to which I just laughed.*
- A. the reason for doing something; or the level of desire to do something
 - B. a school for training clerics -- usually ministers, priests, or rabbis
 - C. a drug that calms or puts to sleep; or describing something as calming

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	on the other hand	Used 9 times in this book.
2	A	confide	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	C	motive (<i>as in: What is her motive?</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
4	C	hypocrite	Used 3 times in this book.
5	B	audacious	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
6	B	nonchalant	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
7	C	despise	Used 3 times in this book.
8	C	bolster (<i>as in: to bolster</i>)	High-utility academic word
9	B	humiliate	Used 3 times in this book.
10	C	conflict	High-utility academic word
11	A	imply	High-utility academic word
12	C	initiate (<i>as in: initiate discussions</i>)	High-utility academic word
13	B	vary	High-utility academic word
14	B	twinge	Used 2 times in this book.
15	B	attribute (<i>as in: I attribute it to...</i>)	High-utility academic word
16	B	conviction (<i>as in: spoke with conviction</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
17	B	abortion (<i>as in: have an abortion</i>)	Used 10 times in this book.
18	B	perturb (<i>as in: she was perturbed</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
19	C	adopt	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	B	seminary	Used 2 times in this book.