

Beloved

by Toni Morrison

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: agitate, deliberate (2), discriminate, dissuade, fugitive, however (2), meddle, nevertheless, oblige (2), rancor, redundant, render (2), tentative (2), thwart, yearn



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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

1. She gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
 - A. calm and thoughtful
 - B. gloomy (sad)
 - C. emotionally disturbed
2. She **deliberately** added false information to the Wikipedia page.
 - A. intentionally
 - B. carelessly
 - C. accidentally
3. She wasn't accustomed to cold weather, but she managed to cross the icy street with **deliberate** care.
 - A. quick and energetic
 - B. very little
 - C. slow and careful
4. Few people can **discriminate** between similar shades of blue.
 - A. confuse
 - B. distinguish
 - C. imagine
5. The sanctions are intended to **dissuade** nuclear weapon development in other countries.
 - A. discourage
 - B. encourage
 - C. assist
6. The **fugitive** fled to Venezuela.
 - A. person on vacation
 - B. rebel
 - C. person running from the law
7. I hope to take the ACT just once. **However**, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
 - A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and
8. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
9. Don't **meddle** in my affairs!
 - A. interfere
 - B. pretend to understand
 - C. offer sympathy
10. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
 - A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
11. I didn't want to help, but I felt **obliged** because of our family connections.
 - A. required to
 - B. interested
 - C. sad

12. I'll be happy to oblige.
- A. grant a favor
 - B. say nice things
 - C. delay until a later time
13. Even after years apart, the rancor between the brothers had not faded at all.
- A. warm affection
 - B. mild curiosity
 - C. deep bitterness
14. 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
15. The disorder will eventually render her paralyzed.
- A. make
 - B. unmake
 - C. compare
16. The face of the child is rendered with much tenderness in this painting.
- A. depicted or created with more detail than normal
 - B. created in a manner that will always be remembered
 - C. portrayed or created in a particular way
17. She took a tentative step to see if her injured ankle would support her weight.
- A. careful
 - B. brave
 - C. confident
18. I have a tentative plan, but don't want to make any promises until I discuss it with some friends.
- A. action without forethought; or such a tendency
 - B. intended to deceive -- usually for financial gain
 - C. subject to change (likely or possibly going to change)
19. The environmental activists thwarted the construction of the new oil pipeline by protesting and filing lawsuits.
- A. surprised
 - B. prevented
 - C. responded
20. I yearn for more independence.
- A. fear
 - B. desire
 - C. work

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 And Sethe would **oblige** her with anything from fabric to her own tongue.
 - A. grant a favor
 - B. stop fighting
 - C. make possible
- 2 Perhaps it was the smile, or maybe the ever-ready love she saw in his eyes--easy and upfront, the way colts, evangelists and children look at you: with love you don't have to deserve--that made her go ahead and tell him what she had not told Baby Suggs, the only person she felt **obliged** to explain anything to.
 - A. required (to do something)
 - B. gradually added or removed
 - C. limited or with boundaries
- 3 However far she was from Sweet Home, there was no point in giving out her real name to the first person she saw.
 - A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
 - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
 - C. regardless of how
- 4 Occasionally, **however**, the rustle of a skirt hushes when they wake, and the knuckles brushing a cheek in sleep seem to belong to the sleeper.
 - A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though*, *in spite of that*, *in contrast*, *nevertheless*, etc.
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 5 All the time, no matter what they were doing— whether Denver wiped perspiration from her forehead or stooped to retie her shoes; whether Paul D kicked a stone or reached over to **meddle** a child's face leaning on its mother's shoulder—all the time the three shadows that shot out of their feet to the left held hands.
 - A. interfere (in another's affairs or business); or handle (something that shouldn't be handled)
 - B. separate two things to prevent passage of something such as heat, cold, noise, or electricity
 - C. feelings of deep respect and admiration -- sometimes with a mixture of wonder and awe or fear
- 6 The barker called them and their children names ... but the food on his vest and the hole in his pants **rendered** it fairly harmless.
 - A. made or caused to become
 - B. mirrored back (an image)
 - C. quoted (to make a point)
- 7 churned butter, **rendered** fat, laid fires....
 - A. changed the direction of a light wave (or other wave) by passing an opaque edge or narrow opening
 - B. directed energy from a negative (unacceptable) impulse or urge into a positive or acceptable action
 - C. extracted from
- 8 A touch no heavier than a feather but loaded, **nevertheless**, with desire.
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 9 The break, followed by the **redundant** announcement of labor, arched her back.
 - 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)

- 10 *Instead of sighs and accidents there was pointed and **deliberate** abuse.*
 A. intentional
 B. serving to help explain or demonstrate something
 C. most important; or person that is most important
- 11 *Braced and heartened by that easy encounter, she picked up speed and began to look **deliberately** at the neighborhood surrounding her.*
 A. in a manner that is likely to change
 B. in a manner that does not find fault
 C. with great care
- 12 *No height was beyond her **yearning** neck, stretched like a finger toward his, risking everything outside the bowl just to touch his face.*
 A. changing to fit a different situation
 B. strongly desiring; or a strong desire
 C. charging (with having broken the law)
- 13 *Thwarted yet wondering, she chopped away with the hoe.*
 A. portrayed or created something in a particular way OR interpreted, translated, or extracted from
 B. to prevent someone from doing what they want to do; or (less commonly) to oppose someone's efforts
 C. changed the direction of a light wave (or other wave) by passing an opaque edge or narrow opening
- 14 *his rifle ready, his eyes trained away from the house to the left and to the right, because likely as not the **fugitive** would make a dash for it.*
 A. the state or degree of agreeing or approving
 B. the state of doing something unintentionally
 C. someone who is running away or hiding from police
- 15 *tentative greetings*
 A. cautious (done in a careful way indicating a lack of confidence)
 B. not demonstrating
 C. able to challenge
- 16 *It was April and everything alive was **tentative**.*
 A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
 C. subject to change (likely or possibly going to change)
- 17 *He tried to **dissuade** her.*
 A. persuade someone not to do something
 B. move into position to work; or start
 C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 18 *made her believe she could **discriminate** among them.*
 A. make someone want to do something
 B. recognize the differences
 C. walk in an awkward, shuffling way
- 19 *she dispensed with **rancor**, was indiscriminately polite, saving her real affection for the unpicked children of Cincinnati,*
 A. measure of general intelligence
 B. a firm decision to do something
 C. deep and bitter anger or hatred
- 20 *It took them days to get the story properly blown up and themselves **agitated** and then to calm down and assess the situation.*
 A. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
 B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 C. stirred up (excited)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	oblige (<i>as in: I obliged her every request.</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
2	A	oblige (<i>as in: I am obliged by law.</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
4	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
5	A	meddle	Used 2 times in this book.
6	A	render (<i>as in: rendered her unconscious</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	render (<i>as in: rendered interpretation</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
9	A	redundant	High-utility academic word
10	A	deliberate (<i>as in: deliberate insult</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	deliberate (<i>as in: a deliberate thinker</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
12	B	yearn	Used 6 times in this book.
13	B	thwart (<i>as in: thwarted her plans</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	fugitive (<i>as in: she is a fugitive</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
15	A	tentative (<i>as in: said it tentatively</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	C	tentative (<i>as in: a tentative plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	dissuade	Used 2 times in this book.
18	B	discriminate (<i>as in: discriminating taste</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
19	C	rancor	High-utility academic word
20	C	agitate	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.