

Black Like Me

by John Howard Griffin

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: advocate, bigotry, communism, condone, contempt, cordial, deprive, discriminate, imply, inferior, monastery, prejudice, prevail, prevailing, profound (2), reticent, squalor, subtle (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
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7	B
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10	A
11	A
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15	B
16	A
17	B
18	A
19	A
20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. She **advocates** giving all students the opportunity to attend school in the summer too.
A. is against
B. researches
C. supports
2. She accused the paper of religious **bigotry**.
A. confusion
B. ignorance
C. prejudice
3. Marx's writings on **communism** inspired revolutions across many countries in the 1900s.
A. free market trade
B. collective ownership
C. religious reform
4. We cannot **condone** such behavior.
A. insure
B. understand
C. approve of
5. He was **impolite**. She pretended not to notice except that she treated him with contempt.
A. great annoyance
B. lack of respect
C. impatience
6. The professor greeted each student **cordially** as they entered.
A. in a hurried manner
B. in a friendly manner
C. in a clumsy manner
7. The court ruling **deprived** him of custody of his children.
A. granted
B. stripped
C. delayed
8. It is wrong to **discriminate** against people because of their race.
A. treat unfairly
B. treat fairly
C. argue with
9. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
A. hinted
B. insisted
C. denied
10. The cheaper headphones sounded **inferior** to the ones she usually used.
A. lower in quality
B. higher in quality
C. equal in value
11. During her travels, she found peace and tranquility in the serene surroundings of the ancient monastery nestled high in the mountains.
A. religious residence
B. secure castle
C. remote cabin

12. Seeing the defendant wear prison clothes may prejudice the jury against the defendant.
- A. create a sympathetic belief in
 - B. create a serious attitude in
 - C. create an unfair belief in
13. At that time, the prevailing belief was that trans fats were healthier than butter.
- A. mistaken
 - B. most common
 - C. less common
14. Though rare, the ancient practice still prevails today.
- A. is misunderstood
 - B. is hidden
 - C. is in force
15. She is a profound thinker.
- A. shallow
 - B. deep
 - C. quick
16. It was a profound spiritual experience that changed her life.
- A. intense
 - B. common
 - C. traditional
17. Even among friends, Lena was reticent about her plans.
- A. eager to argue
 - B. not willing to talk
 - C. ready to celebrate
18. While my living conditions are not what I would like, they are far better than the kind of squalor I read of in Charles Dickens novels.
- A. slum
 - B. cruelty
 - C. confusion
19. It is a subtle poison. In small doses, it might never be detected, but eventually your heart will fail.
- A. hard to notice
 - B. powerful
 - C. painless
20. She has a good eye for subtle differences in color.
- A. contrasting
 - B. complementary
 - C. minor

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 I could have been a Jew in Germany, a Mexican in a number of states, or a member of any "**inferior**" group.
 - A. (adjective) of low quality, or of lower quality or rank than something else OR (more rarely as a noun) a person of lower rank or status
 - B. relating to existentialism -- a philosophical movement that assumes each person is free to determine what is essential in their existence
 - C. of an organism in the early stages of development prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting OR of anything in an early stage of development
- 2 I knew that he had no prejudices, but I nevertheless did not want to involve him in any way, since reprisals might be taken against him by **bigots** or by his associates, who might resent his role as my host once my story became known.
 - A. acts of taking something on as one's own
 - B. logical conclusions reached by reasoning
 - C. people who are intolerant and prejudiced
- 3 They provided us deep pleasure, an anodyne to the **squalor** and clutter of the street.
 - A. extremely dirty and unpleasant living conditions
 - B. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 - C. a general feeling of not being as good as others
- 4 Each time they refused me, they **implied** clearly that I had probably come by these checks dishonestly and they wanted nothing to do with them or me.
 - A. suggested (said indirectly)
 - B. not wanting to do something
 - C. was attractive or desirable
- 5 I have learned that men in uniform, particularly officers, rarely descend to show **discrimination**, perhaps because of the integration of the armed forces.
 - A. unfair treatment of different groups of people differently
 - B. intangible (non-touchable) property that is the result of creativity (such as patents or trademarks or copyrights)
 - C. an English Protestant who in the 16th and 17th centuries who wanted simpler worship and strict, hard-working lives
- 6 Some were shamelessly open, some shamelessly **subtle**.
 - A. working in an indirect or hidden way
 - B. lacking a reason for doing something
 - C. inconspicuousness or trustworthiness
- 7 The experience had **subtler** points that did not escape Rutledge.
 - A. someone who portrays or creates something in a particular way OR someone who interprets, translates, or extracts from
 - B. with less luxury, comfort, or decoration

or:

 - A. more stern; or practicing greater self-denial
 - C. harder to notice or understand
- 8 Deprive a man of any contact with the pleasures of the spirit and he'll fall completely into those of the flesh.
 - A. of the Netherlands or its people
 - B. to take away or keep from having
 - C. referring to any rocky mountains
- 9 I could only conclude that his attitude came from an overwhelming love for his child, so **profound** it spilled over to all humanity.
 - A. of greatest intensity or emotional depth
 - B. without a tendency to be full of thought
 - C. lacking a tendency to be full of thought

- 10 "Maritain has some **profound** things to say about the religion of racists," he said, leafing the book.
- foolish or showing ignorance of important circumstances
 - deep or far-reaching in intellect or insight
 - quick or efficient
- 11 By the very tone of his question he revealed his **contempt** for us.
- frustration at being treated unfairly
 - lack of respect
 - prejudice or unfair treatment
- 12 The same thing has happened in Trappist **monasteries** throughout the centuries.
- the residences of religious communities
 - things that help clarify or demonstrate
 - things designed to stop something else
- 13 Though segregation and discrimination still **prevail** and still work a hardship, great strides have been made—strides that must give hope to every observer of the South.
- leave a place, job or position previously occupied
 - someone (or something) taking the place of another
 - have an influence
- 14 They lean with the **prevailing** winds and employ every fallacy of logic in order to editorialize harmoniously with popular prejudices.
- changing to fit a different situation
 - most common or influential
 - strongly desiring; or a strong desire
- 15 And in the midst of it, the picture of the **prejudice** and bigotry from which I had just come flashed into my mind,
- fear, or anticipate with worry (commonly only seen in the forms "apprehensive" and "apprehension," but seen in this form in classic literature)
 - to express feelings or thoughts enthusiastically OR to squirt or give off (typically under pressure such as blood or leaking gas)
 - unreasonable and unfair belief or feeling
- 16 They took photos and treated me with great **cordiality**.
- psychiatrist
 - friendliness
 - satisfaction
- 17 Did their silence **condone** the lynching?
- not answer questions; or block progress
 - move from more general to more specific
 - allow (bad behavior) without taking a stand against it
- 18 The youth knew me and had no **reticence** in talking...
- the act of stopping a battle or fight
 - reluctance
 - a short part of a longer written work
- 19 We were **advocating** only that this country live up to its promises to all citizens.
- stopping (something from happening)
 - making someone want to do something
 - recommending
- 20 And had I discovered if there were any **communists** behind the disruptions?
- subatomic particles with negative charge that are found in all atoms and that act as the primary carrier of electricity
 - people who support an economic system that abolishes private ownership of property with the goal of a classless society
 - people who suffer from psychosis (any severe mental disorder in which contact with reality is lost or highly distorted)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	inferior	Used 9 times in this book.
2	C	bigotry	Used 5 times in this book.
3	A	squalor	Used 4 times in this book.
4	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
5	A	discriminate (<i>as in: suffered discrimination</i>)	Used 16 times in this book.
6	A	subtle (<i>as in: a subtle poison</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
7	C	subtle (<i>as in: a subtle difference or thinker</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
8	B	deprive	Used 12 times in this book.
9	A	profound (<i>as in: profound sadness</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	B	profound (<i>as in: profound idea</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	B	contempt (<i>as in: feels contempt towards her</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
12	A	monastery	Used 4 times in this book.
13	C	prevail (<i>as in: rare, but still prevails</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	B	prevailing (<i>as in: prevailing attitude</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
15	C	prejudice	Used 13 times in this book.
16	B	cordial (<i>as in: a cordial reception</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
17	C	condone	Used 4 times in this book.
18	B	reticent	Used 4 times in this book.
19	C	advocate (<i>as in: to advocate</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	B	communism	Used 13 times in this book.
