

Blood Brothers

by Nora Roberts

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: anomaly, antidote, censure, coincidence, entity, factor, gender, genealogy, however (2), hypothesis, indulge, muse, objective, pagan, phenomenon, primarily, qualms, undermine, wistful



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	B
3	A
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6	B
7	B
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9	A
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11	B
12	A
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15	C
16	A
17	B
18	B
19	B
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. We consider the accident an **anomaly**--not a reason to change standard procedures.
 - A. normal occurrence
 - B. unusual occurrence
 - C. proof of concept
2. Laughter can be a good **antidote** for stress.
 - A. poison
 - B. cure
 - C. toxin
3. In spite of the **censure** of her colleagues, she believed she had done the right thing.
 - A. criticism
 - B. anger
 - C. disinterest
4. It was a fortunate **coincidence** that we ran into each other at Starbucks.
 - A. unlikely event
 - B. plan
 - C. likely event
5. The corporation is treated as a separate legal **entity** from its owners.
 - A. type of legal document
 - B. form of financial debt
 - C. distinct thing or being
6. In the second paragraph, the narrator's focus shifts from **factors** making her unhappy to identification of possible solutions to her unhappiness.
 - A. things that are unfair
 - B. things (that influence an outcome)
 - C. examples of illnesses
7. The court found the company guilty of **gender** discrimination.
 - A. religious
 - B. male/female/trans
 - C. race or ethnic
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. 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
10. However safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
11. He **hypothesized** the existence of Pluto before its discovery.
 - A. fantasized
 - B. theorized
 - C. disbelieved

12. I **indulge** my taste for sweets more than is good for me.
A. give in to
B. hold back from
C. complain about
13. Let me **muse** on it on a while and I'll get back to you.
A. research
B. think
C. ask
14. There were lots of rumors, but no **objective** evidence.
A. done by an expert
B. important
C. fact-based
15. The museum displayed **pagan** statues from ancient Europe.
A. highly religious
B. ancient political
C. non-mainstream religious
16. The **phenomenon** was first noticed by Marie Curie.
A. thing of interest
B. thing that is growing
C. thing that is hidden
17. The second paragraph is **primarily** concerned with showing how the colleges are different.
A. barely
B. mainly
C. secretly
18. Despite **qualms** about discussing her friends, she agreed to cooperate with the investigation.
A. a desire for revenge
B. feelings of uneasiness
C. detailed plans
19. The purpose of the UN Human Rights Commission is **undermined** by dictators who have maneuvered to control it.
A. strengthened
B. weakened
C. celebrated
20. She had a **wistful**, dreamy look as she thought about how life would change if she could get a good job.
A. showing longing
B. showing determination
C. showing optimism

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 Without a **qualm**, he opened his father's wallet and helped himself to three singles and a five.
A. long eventful journey
B. feeling of uneasiness
C. a nerve or brain cell
- 2 Or that he was hiking his way through Hawkins Wood to camp out at the expressly forbidden **Pagan Stone**.
A. someone who performs a detailed examination to improve understanding
B. someone or something that joins two things -- especially fruit trees
C. an offensive term for a person who follows a non-mainstream religion
- 3 There's a writer coming into the Hollow to do research on the history, the legend, and what they're calling the **anomalies**.
A. successive pairs of lines of poetry; usually rhymed
B. things falling outside of what is normally expected
C. experts in the branch of geology that studies rocks
- 4 It's twenty-two degrees with a windchill **factor** of fifteen.
A. job, reservation, booking, or activity
B. thing that affects a result or outcome
C. something that is made or manufactured
- 5 But since that would be breaking her vow to eat fast food no more than once a month, she wasn't going to **indulge**.
A. enjoy to excess
B. work or operate
C. think carefully
- 6 Intrepid writer balks at first possible phenom, she thought, turns around, and drives her adorable red car to the nearest Mickey D's for a fat-filled **antidote** to nerves.
A. poison
B. cure
C. toxin
- 7 It's hard to believe that it's a **coincidence** this anomaly happens every seven years, with its start on your birthday.
A. a situation where things happened at the same time by chance even though it was unlikely
B. a person who studies DNA sequences or units of heredity that influence biological traits
C. baseball: a pitch thrown with little spin (so that it moves in an unpredictable manner)
- 8 You'll need to have the **objectivity**, and the sensitivity of a counselor to write the book that should be written on Hawkins Hollow...
A. growth hormone -- a hormone produced by the anterior pituitary gland that promotes growth in humans
B. "spiritually renews" in a Christian ceremony OR initiates or purifies by a challenging experience
C. understanding based on facts without the influence of personal feelings or preferences
- 9 Cal heard the **wistfulness**.
A. full of longing or unfulfilled desire
B. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
C. able to be restored to good condition
- 10 Have you ever had a **genealogy** done?
A. small quantity or indication
B. reason (for doing something)
C. family ancestry or its study
- 11 England **primarily**, some Irish tossed in.
A. really
B. mainly
C. wisely

- 12 I will, **however**, insist on a demo later.
- 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)
- 13 **However** much it tore inside her, Quinn knew it.
- 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
- 14 She **defied** convention for him, risked shunning and **censure**.
- A. harsh or formal criticism
 - B. find, search, or research
 - C. being a boundary or limit
- 15 Following any whiff of information about devils, demons, **unexplained** phenomenon.
- A. something that exists or happened -- often of special interest
 - B. something that was once small, but is getting very large
 - C. something important that is hard to see or sense
- 16 He was obviously morning irritable, and none of that, she **mused**, made him any less attractive.
- A. was abundant or plentiful
 - B. thought (reflected)
 - C. expelled or gotten rid of
- 17 Gage being drafted to make breakfast today is an example of the basics in non-**gender**-specific teamwork.
- A. an official charge (of having broken the law)
 - B. male, female, or any of many trans categories
 - C. quick, informal vote to see what people think
- 18 We're not going to suddenly jump sides and put on the uniform of some dark **entity** who tries to kill a dog to get his rocks off.
- A. the act of taking someone up or receiving someone in heaven
 - B. an agreement to marry; or relating to an agreement to marry
 - C. person, organization, or anything with a separate existence
- 19 So do their counterparts, so we can **hypothesize** that those are weapons or countermeasures against him.
- A. a rough calculation or guess of a value, quantity, or extent of something
 - B. propose a seemingly reasonable, but unproven, idea based upon known facts
 - C. add fuel or stir a fire to make it burn hotter; or make feelings stronger
- 20 It'll **undermine** its confidence.
- A. take on or adopt
 - B. weaken gradually
 - C. make more varied

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	qualms	Used 2 times in this book.
2	C	pagan	Used 45 times in this book.
3	B	anomaly	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
4	B	factor (<i>as in: It was the deciding factor.</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
5	A	indulge	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
6	B	antidote	Used 3 times in this book.
7	A	coincidence	Used 5 times in this book.
8	C	objective (<i>as in: an objective viewpoint</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	wistful	Used 4 times in this book.
10	C	genealogy	Used 3 times in this book.
11	B	primarily	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
12	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	A	censure	High-utility academic word
15	A	phenomenon	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
16	B	muse (<i>as in: her musings</i>)	Used 13 times in this book.
17	B	gender (<i>as in: gender discrimination</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
18	C	entity	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
19	B	hypothesis (<i>as in: a study to test her hypothesis</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	B	undermine	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.