

Bridge to Terabithia

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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: anxiety, cease, chord, complacent, comprehend, congregation, conspicuous, despise, earnest, garish, genuine, liable, principal, principle, quiver, solemn, sporadic, suburban, vanquish, vigor



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	A
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6	B
7	A
8	C
9	B
10	A
11	A
12	C
13	B
14	A
15	A
16	A
17	C
18	C
19	A
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

- It is a vicious cycle in which worry leads to decreased spending and decreased spending leads to increased **anxiety**.
 - happiness
 - worry
 - saving
- The injunction requires that they **cease** all activity on the site.
 - stop
 - record
 - permit
- The guitarist strummed a complex **chord**, its rich harmony filling the room.
 - three or more notes that blend harmoniously
 - a single, sustained musical tone
 - a repeated rhythmic pattern
- This team could win State if they stay hungry instead of getting too **complacent**.
 - worried
 - distracted
 - satisfied
- Washington fails to **comprehend** the change in China's strategy.
 - fully understand
 - regard respectfully
 - respond adequately to
- The **congregation** voted to approve appointment of the new minister.
 - people who agree
 - people who worship together
 - people who meet periodically
- She is the most **conspicuous** person on the President's cabinet, often appearing on television.
 - easy to notice
 - hard to trust
 - quick to argue
- She **despises** his lifestyle.
 - admires
 - wants
 - hates
- She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - frivolous attitude
 - seriousness
 - falseness
- The **garish** neon lights of the casino were visible from miles away.
 - tastelessly showy
 - hard to see
 - cheerfully tasteful
- She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
 - sincere (real)
 - fake
 - generous (giving)

12. She's not **liable** to forget something that important.
- A. the state or degree of being less than zero
 - B. the state or degree of being bad or harmful
 - C. likely
13. The **principal** reason for the delay was bad weather.
- A. final
 - B. main
 - C. stated
14. One guiding **principle** is that everyone should be treated fairly.
- A. rule or belief
 - B. complaint
 - C. answer or result
15. Her hands began to **quiver** as she opened the envelope.
- A. slightly shake
 - B. tightly grip
 - C. quickly move
16. Everyone was **solemn** at the funeral.
- A. serious and dignified
 - B. teary eyed
 - C. dressed in dark colors
17. The **sporadic** rainfall made it difficult for the farmers to predict when to plant their crops.
- A. very heavy
 - B. reliable
 - C. recurring irregularly
18. They open restaurants in nice **suburban** areas.
- A. located in the center of the city
 - B. located far from any city
 - C. located outside the edge of a city
19. You need to **vanquish** those negative thoughts and think about good things.
- A. completely defeat
 - B. gently ease
 - C. gently persuade
20. The scientist pursued her research with **vigor**, determined to make a breakthrough discovery.
- A. outside help
 - B. energy and strength
 - C. persistent patience

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 When you were the only boy smashed between four sisters, and the older two had **despised** you ever since you stopped letting them dress you up and wheel you around in their rusty old doll carriage, and the littlest one cried if you looked at her cross-eyed, it was nice to have somebody who worshiped you.
 - A. not good at concentrating on one thing
 - B. adjusted a lens to make an image clear
 - C. disliked strongly and looked down upon
- 2 It was not the kind of best that counted either at school or at home, but it was a **genuine** kind of best.
 - A. real
 - B. city
 - C. lazy
- 3 "Blowing in the Wind," and because Mr. Turner, the **principal**, insisted, "God Bless America."
 - A. serving to help explain or demonstrate something
 - B. most important; or person that is most important
 - C. the state or degree of criticism or disagreement
- 4 In Washington and its fancy **suburbs**, even in Millsburg, that was OK, but Lark Creek was the backwash of fashion.
 - A. soccer: unopposed kicks awarded to a team due an infraction by the opposing team
 - B. compounds best known for causing an allergic reaction after exposure to allergens
 - C. residential areas located near the outer edge of a city where it isn't as crowded
- 5 The syllables rolled through his head like a ripple of guitar **chords**.
 - A. a combination of three or more notes that blend harmoniously when sounded together; or figuratively to express harmonious blending or clashing
 - B. (verb) intentionally angers, challenges, or upsets someone OR (noun) insults or other actions intended to anger, challenge, or upset someone
 - C. items characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open -- such as a door or musical instrument with that characteristic
- 6 The fifth-grade boys, bursting with new importance, ordered the fourth graders this way and that, while the smaller boys tried to include themselves without being **conspicuous**.
 - A. easily noticed -- typically attracting attention such as by being large, flashy, or unusual
 - B. the quality or degree of being in a crosswise direction (at a right angle to the long axis)
 - C. relating to an acute intestinal infection caused by ingestion of contaminated water or food
- 7 He wasn't sure, he thought her voice was **quivering**, but he wasn't going to start feeling sorry for her again.
 - A. to shake or tremble slightly
 - B. not working or not operating
 - C. calculates or judges too low
- 8 Lord, Mrs. Myers was **liable** to crack her face if she kept up smiling like that.
 - A. devices that convert light into electricity
 - B. temperature scale used in most of the world
 - C. likely to; or maybe going to; or subject to
- 9 "Sure," he repeated himself, nodding **vigorously**.
 - A. the ability to take on or adopt
 - B. in a strong or energetic manner
 - C. where attention is concentrated
- 10 It's the **principle** of the thing, Jess.
 - A. basic moral belief (about what is right and wrong)
 - B. the act of forgiving
 - C. narrow water passage
- 11 Leslie **solemnly** crossed her heart.
 - A. with seriousness and dignity
 - B. in a manner that finds fault
 - C. in a manner that is not good

- 12 Next they got the old wallpaper off the living-room wall—all five **garish** layers of it.
- A. tastelessly showy
 - B. able to challenge
 - C. complete or total
- 13 She must have seen his **anxiety** because she winked at him across Bill and Judy just as he sometimes winked at May Belle over Joyce Ann's head.
- A. basic rule or belief
 - B. nervousness or worry
 - C. narrow water passage
- 14 The guardian of the realm raced about in happy puppy circles, too young as yet to **comprehend** the danger that surrounded them all.
- A. understand -- especially to understand it completely
 - B. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
 - C. rug-like artwork -- often hung on a wall for display
- 15 Jess was glad to escape to the shed and the **complacent** company of Miss Bessie.
- A. unable to get closer to
 - B. not sensible or careful
 - C. unworried and satisfied
- 16 Would wonders never **cease**?
- A. stop or discontinue
 - B. influence or effect
 - C. gain advantage from
- 17 Jess could tune it out the same way he tuned out school, with his body standing up and sitting down in unison with the rest of the **congregation** but his mind numb and floating, not really thinking or dreaming but at least free.
- A. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 - B. people who worship together in the same building
 - C. a general feeling of not being as good as others
- 18 On Easter Monday the rain began again **in earnest**.
- A. seven wise men of ancient Greece
 - B. serious; or in a serious manner
 - C. real (genuine, true, or sincere)
- 19 The rain continued **sporadically**, so that by Wednesday the creek had swollen to the trunk of the crab apple and they were running through ankle-deep water to make their flight into Terabithia.
- A. completely or totally
 - B. exactly or accurately
 - C. recurring irregularly
- 20 In the dim light he could see Leslie's face freeze into its most queenly pose—the kind of expression she usually reserved for **vanquished** enemies.
- A. completely defeated
 - B. excessively excited
 - C. nervous or confused

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	despise	Used 2 times in this book.
2	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
3	B	principal	Used 2 times in this book.
4	C	suburban	Used 3 times in this book.
5	A	chord (<i>as in: piano chord</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
6	A	conspicuous	High-utility academic word
7	A	quiver	Used 3 times in this book.
8	C	liable (<i>as in: she is liable to</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
9	B	vigor	Used 2 times in this book.
10	A	principle	High-utility academic word
11	A	solemn	Used 8 times in this book.
12	A	garish	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
13	B	anxiety	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
14	A	comprehend	High-utility academic word
15	C	complacent	High-utility academic word
16	A	cease	High-utility academic word
17	B	congregation (<i>as in: the congregation voted</i>)	High-utility academic word
18	B	earnest	High-utility academic word
19	C	sporadic	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
20	A	vanquish	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.