

Carrie

by Stephen King

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: approximate, compassion, contempt (2), discord, distort, elaborate (2), eminent, hypothesis (2), latent, phenomenon, protrude, redolent, repent, scapegoat, sinister, stolid, testimony



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. The circumference of the earth is **approximately** 24,900 miles at the equator.
 - A. exactly
 - B. commonly mistaken as
 - C. about
2. It is not enough to be **compassionate**. We must act. It is not enough to act. We must act with intelligence.
 - A. lucky
 - B. sympathetic
 - C. talented
3. He was impolite. She pretended not to notice except that she treated him with **contempt**.
 - A. great annoyance
 - B. lack of respect
 - C. impatience
4. The reporter refused to identify her source and the judge had her imprisoned for **contempt** of court.
 - A. lying
 - B. disrespect
 - C. an unpaid fine
5. She heard the **discordant** clanging of pots in the kitchen.
 - A. unpleasant sound
 - B. attractive sound
 - C. loud sound
6. The funhouse mirror **distorted** her reflection, making her head look huge.
 - A. reflected
 - B. improved
 - C. altered
7. As we talked, she **elaborated** on her idea
 - A. responded to criticism
 - B. changed thinking
 - C. added details
8. Their culture has **elaborate** wedding ceremonies.
 - A. generous
 - B. exciting
 - C. detailed
9. Despite her **eminent** status in the art world, she remained humble and approachable.
 - A. respected and well-known
 - B. newly acquired
 - C. barely noticed
10. He **hypothesized** the existence of Pluto before its discovery.
 - A. fantasized
 - B. theorized
 - C. disbelieved
11. Her **hypothesis** was that the plants grew faster with classical music playing.
 - A. confirmed scientific fact
 - B. well-known principle
 - C. unproven proposed idea
12. A **latent** HPV infection reactivated when her immune system weakened with age.
 - A. severe
 - B. inactive
 - C. common

13. The **phenomenon** was first noticed by Marie Curie.
- A. thing of interest
 - B. thing that is growing
 - C. thing that is hidden
14. She is operating to repair the muscle wall through which the hernia **protrudes**.
- A. heals over
 - B. shrinks back
 - C. sticks out
15. Her writing style is **redolent** of the great Victorian novelists.
- A. reminiscent of
 - B. critical of
 - C. ignored by
16. She said the U.S. should **repent** for the sins of fossil fuels.
- A. reimburse
 - B. apologize
 - C. suffer
17. The press will continue to investigate unless we produce a **scapegoat**.
- A. good excuse
 - B. good solution
 - C. someone to blame
18. In the movie, there was a **sinister** plot to kill people and harvest their organs.
- A. complicated
 - B. evil
 - C. clever
19. Her face showed nothing but **stolid** indifference.
- A. emotionless
 - B. confused
 - C. bitter
20. Before your **testimony**, they will have you solemnly swear to tell *the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth*.
- A. job interview
 - B. statements at a trial
 - C. confession

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 Carrie stood among them **stolidly**, a frog among swans.
 - A. unemotionally
 - B. intentionally
 - C. with distaste
- 2 Then the laughter, disgusted, **contemptuous**, horrified, seemed to rise and bloom into something jagged and ugly,
 - A. not tending to find fault
 - B. showing a lack of respect
 - C. able to be disagreed with
- 3 Miss Snell, this body is empowered to cite you for **contempt** if you refuse to answer on any other grounds than Constitutional ones.
 - A. growth hormone -- a hormone produced by the anterior pituitary gland that promotes growth in humans
 - B. the crime of willful disobedience to or disrespect for the authority of a court
 - C. gland located near the base of the neck that, amongst other things, regulates growth and metabolism
- 4 At **approximately** 1:30 P.M. on September 21, the neighbors on Carlin Street began to hear screams from the White bungalow.
 - A. relating to the outside
 - B. cheerfully and friendly
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 5 It staggers both imagination and belief to advance the **hypothesis** that Mrs. Margaret White did not know she was pregnant, or even understand what the word entails,
 - A. the quality of appropriateness in size, amount, or degree
 - B. unproven idea
 - C. feels or expresses regret for having done something wrong
- 6 If overt TK ability occurs as a part of puberty, and if this **hypothetical** TK test is performed on children entering the first grade, we shall certainly be forewarned.
 - A. relating to the threadlike structures in the cell nucleus that carry genes in a linear order
 - B. nervousness or discomfort felt by someone due to concern about what others will think of them
 - C. of something temporarily treated as existing to advance a discussion
- 7 And she's always been a group **scapegoat**.
 - A. to begin communication with someone about something
 - B. did not find a condition or substance to be present
 - C. someone blamed or punished for the errors of others
- 8 Just lately these dreams had evolved into something less understandable but more **sinister**.
 - A. not able to be disagreed with
 - B. evil, harmful, or frightening
 - C. not thoughtful about the past
- 9 The **phenomenon** has most reliably been reported in times of crisis or in stress situations,
 - A. something seen that is considered extraordinary
 - B. something that was once small, but is getting very large
 - C. something important that is hard to see or sense
- 10 And following Cain, Eve gave birth to Abel, having not yet **repented** of the Sin of Intercourse.
 - A. gave an opinion of what was wrong with something
 - B. expressed regret for having done something wrong
 - C. moved out of an interacting position; or stopped
- 11 We have found her to be **eminently** satisfactory.
 - A. with high standing
 - B. with strong desire
 - C. in a sloped manner

- 12 *Those who oppose this story, most lately led by George Jerome of Harvard, claim that this is either a highly romantic **distortion** or an outright lie.*
- A. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 - B. a general feeling of not being as good as others
 - C. to alter something in an unnatural or untrue way
- 13 *Her face bore a half-mad expression of **compassion** mixed with hate.*
- A. the taking on or adoption of power or responsibility
 - B. sympathy for another's suffering and wanting to help
 - C. the process of controlling (how something turns out)
- 14 *"Yes," Sue said, and did not **elaborate**.*
- A. genetic change through evolution
 - B. interact again or interest again
 - C. add details
- 15 *Maybe it was all just an **elaborate** joke, the final crusher, the ultimate punch line.*
- A. without gender classification
 - B. overly unhappy and unsociable
 - C. having details and complexity
- 16 *One of the sows dropped dead with its tongue **protruding**, eyes still open, potato chip crumbs around its snout.*
- A. hiring again
 - B. getting near
 - C. sticking out
- 17 *We know that she possessed a **latent** telekinetic talent, commonly referred to as TK.*
- A. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
 - B. potentially existing but not presently active
 - C. the characteristic of tending to think back about things
- 18 *The air was **redolent** with the odor of flowers; the nose was constantly amazed by it.*
- A. having an odor that brings something to mind; or having a strong pleasant odor
 - B. a mental disorder characterized by alternating episodes of major depression and abnormally elevated mood
 - C. acts to tendency to engage in acts that resist government authority or attempt to overthrow a government
- 19 *For the remainder of your **testimony**, I wish you would stick to what you saw, Mr. Quillan.*
- A. an atom that has acquired an electrical charge by the loss or gain of an electron
 - B. statement (evidence)
 - C. an organ attached to the wall of the uterus to nourish the fetus during pregnancy
- 20 *The music came to a crashing, **discordant** halt,*
- A. unpleasant sounding (probably because the musicians did not all stop at the same time)
 - B. able to be found
 - C. likely to change

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	stolid	Used 2 times in this book.
2	B	contempt (<i>as in: feels contempt towards her</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
3	B	contempt (<i>as in: held in contempt of court</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
4	C	approximate	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
5	B	hypothesis (<i>as in: a study to test her hypothesis</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	hypothesis (<i>as in: assume as a working hypothesis</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
7	C	scapegoat	Used 3 times in this book.
8	B	sinister	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	A	phenomenon	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
10	B	repent	Used 4 times in this book.
11	A	eminent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	C	distort	Used 4 times in this book.
13	B	compassion	Used 4 times in this book.
14	C	elaborate (<i>as in: elaborate on your plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	C	elaborate (<i>as in: an elaborate design</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	C	protrude	Used 3 times in this book.
17	B	latent	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
18	A	redolent	Used 3 times in this book.
19	B	testimony	Used 9 times in this book.
20	A	discord (<i>as in: discordant music</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.