

Catch-22

by Joseph Heller

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: antagonism, approach (2), caustic, censor, elated, malice, martial, monotonous, negative (2), odious, peremptory, positive (2), reprove, resignation (2), retort, scorn



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	A
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10	C
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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. I don't understand her **antagonism** toward me.
 - A. kindness
 - B. hostility
 - C. positive attitude
2. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
3. We need to **approach** this problem in a new way.
 - A. avoid
 - B. think about
 - C. assign
4. I always enjoy her remarks, though they can be a bit **caustic**.
 - A. sarcastic or harsh
 - B. hard to understand
 - C. depressing or sad
5. The performer chose *Bombay* as a good word to rhyme with *today*, but India's Central Board of Film Certification **censored** the word and replaced it with a beep.
 - A. improved
 - B. reinforced
 - C. removed
6. The **elated** winner couldn't stop smiling.
 - A. extremely happy
 - B. newly created
 - C. exhausted or tired
7. Words can be like baseball bats when used **maliciously** against someone who is sensitive.
 - A. carelessly
 - B. mockingly
 - C. evilly
8. The army practiced **martial** drills before the inspection.
 - A. related to war
 - B. related to music
 - C. related to farming
9. The study indicates that traffic accidents from falling asleep increase on long, straight, **monotonous** roads.
 - A. dark
 - B. narrow
 - C. boring
10. Higher gasoline prices **negatively** affected fast food sales.
 - A. in a helpful manner
 - B. surprisingly
 - C. in a harmful manner
11. I need a break from her **negative** attitude.
 - A. too serious
 - B. pessimistic
 - C. silly

12. The poll tax was designed as a particularly **odious** violation of civil rights.
- A. extremely devious
 - B. harmful and hidden
 - C. extremely dislikable
13. Her tone was **peremptory**, preventing argument or disagreement.
- A. not allowing contradiction or refusal
 - B. not in line with her usual manner
 - C. more rushed than usual
14. I'm **positive** our team will win on Friday.
- A. happy
 - B. pretty sure
 - C. certain
15. I appreciate your **positive** attitude.
- A. patient
 - B. open-minded
 - C. optimistic
16. I don't want to spoil her, but I don't have the heart to **reprove** her.
- A. criticize
 - B. compliment
 - C. instruct
17. She said that if I don't **resign**, I will be fired.
- A. do better
 - B. quit
 - C. renew an agreement
18. She was **resigned** to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
 - B. resistant
 - C. with acceptance
19. She **retorted**, "Takes one to know one."
- A. quickly replied
 - B. insulted back
 - C. joyfully laughed
20. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains

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 *Catch-22 required that each censored letter bear the **censoring** officer's name.*
 - A. persuading someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - B. treating in a manner that demonstrates a sense of superiority, but is supposed to seem kind
 - C. removing or suppressing something considered obscene, immoral, or politically unacceptable
- 2 *Doc Daneeka snorted **scornfully**.*
 - A. in a disrespectful or rejecting manner
 - B. in a manner that is not easily noticed
 - C. with grace of movement and flexibility
- 3 *His eyes gleamed **maliciously**.*
 - A. in a manner that makes someone excited about getting something
 - B. in a brave manner -- especially when adventurous or determined
 - C. with a desire to see others suffer; or in a threatening manner
- 4 *Doc Daneeka **retorted** with annoyance.*
 - A. quickly replied
 - B. said indirectly
 - C. greatly annoyed
- 5 *The crawlway was Yossarian's lifeline to outside from a plane about to fall, but Yossarian swore at it with seething **antagonism**, reviled it as an obstacle put there by providence as part of the plot that would destroy him.*
 - A. kindness
 - B. hostility or opposition
 - C. positive attitude
- 6 *...joining discussion groups and **resigning** from discussion groups,*
 - A. fighting
 - B. quitting
 - C. changing
- 7 *Yossarian stepped out of the way with **resignation** finally when he saw it was hopeless to try to reason with him.*
 - A. the act of finding fault and telling others; or a description of faults
 - B. the process of thinking carefully and making a judgment about something
 - C. acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 8 *Parades were so **martial**.*
 - A. relating to war, the military, or fighting
 - B. mental activity of which one is self-aware
 - C. without involvement of anything in between
- 9 *The engines droned on **monotonously** like a fat, lazy fly.*
 - A. in a manner that does not change
 - B. in a manner that deserves praise
 - C. lacking in variety and/or boring
- 10 *'I still can't hear you,' Aarfy called back innocently with an expression of mild and **reproving** perplexity.*
 - A. criticizing or critical
 - B. attractive or desirable
 - C. predicting or revealing
- 11 *I don't want anything heavy or sad. I'd like you to keep it light and snappy, something that will send the boys out feeling pretty good. Do you know what I mean? I don't want any of this Kingdom of God or Valley of Death stuff. That's all too **negative**.*
 - A. develop or change gradually
 - B. unhappy (focusing on unhappy things instead of happy things)
 - C. cover up (a wrong or error)

- 12 'But you can't just turn your back on all your responsibilities and run away from them,' Major Danby insisted. 'It's such a **negative** move.'
- A. tell (a story)
 - B. begin fighting
 - C. bad or harmful
- 13 Why can't we take a more **positive** approach? Why can't we all pray for something good, like a tighter bomb pattern, for example?
- A. unable to get closer to
 - B. not sensible or careful
 - C. optimistic
- 14 So many monstrous events were occurring that he was no longer **positive** which events were monstrous and which were really taking place.
- A. outside
 - B. various
 - C. certain
- 15 Why can't we take a more **positive approach**?
- A. change the direction of something or the purpose for which it is used
 - B. technique (way of doing something)
 - C. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
- 16 When his inspiring dissertation was finished, he gave the men the colors of the day still one more time, stressed the angle of **approach** and reviewed the weather conditions again.
- A. getting near
 - B. create dramatic change
 - C. mirror back (an image)
- 17 He was disappointed as he heard the **peremptory** crunch of Corporal Whitcomb's footsteps recede into silence.
- A. not allowing contradiction or refusal
 - B. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - C. able to be restored to good condition
- 18 It was an **odious**, alien, distasteful name, that just did not inspire confidence.
- A. the degree to which something is able to change or is different
 - B. not trustworthy, or improper, or attracting unwelcome attention
 - C. extremely unpleasant, disgusting, dislikable, or worthy of hate
- 19 Yossarian thumbed his nose at Major Danby and laughed with smug **elation**.
- A. high-spirited delight
 - B. the act of taking something on as one's own
 - C. relating to where attention is concentrated
- 20 "What a sweet way you have of putting things!" Yossarian snapped with **caustic** resentment.
- A. sarcastic
 - B. not mirroring back (an image)
 - C. in the way mentioned or shown

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	censor (<i>as related to censorship</i>)	Used 16 times in this book.
2	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 14 times in this book.
3	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
4	A	retort (<i>as in: quick retort</i>)	Used 22 times in this book.
5	B	antagonism	Used 6 times in this book.
6	B	resignation (<i>as in: submitted her resignation</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
7	C	resignation (<i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i>)	Used 12 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	martial	Used 20 times in this book.
9	C	monotonous	Used 16 times in this book.
10	A	reprove	Used 8 times in this book.
11	B	negative (<i>as in: a negative attitude</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
12	C	negative (<i>as in: had a negative effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	positive (<i>as in: a positive attitude</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	C	positive (<i>as in: I'm absolutely positive!</i>)	Used 15 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	approach (<i>as in: use the best approach</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 12 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	peremptory	Used 5 times in this book.
18	C	odious	Used 10 times in this book.
19	A	elated	Used 14 times in this book.
20	A	caustic (<i>as in: a caustic person</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.