

Change of Heart

by Jodi Picoult

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: baptism, cardiac, congregation, defendant, factor (2), gospel, heresy, infirmary, manslaughter, mediate, naive, orthodox, patron, positive (2), scrutiny, secular, seminary, testimony



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
3	B
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5	B
6	C
7	A
8	A
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10	C
11	C
12	C
13	B
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17	C
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20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The baby's **baptism** took place at the local church on Sunday.
 - A. religious ceremony
 - B. first birthday party
 - C. doctor's appointment
2. She suffers from **cardiac** disease.
 - A. kidney
 - B. liver
 - C. heart
3. The **congregation** voted to approve appointment of the new minister.
 - A. people who agree
 - B. people who worship together
 - C. people who meet periodically
4. The jury did not know the **defendant** had a long criminal history.
 - A. person who is on trial
 - B. person who is a witness
 - C. person filing a complaint
5. 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
6. Be sure to **factor** the cost of insurance into your decision when you think about buying a car.
 - A. do away with completely
 - B. make very angry or annoy
 - C. include for consideration
7. The pastor read aloud from the **gospel** during Sunday morning service.
 - A. Bible book about Jesus
 - B. ancient family record
 - C. list of church donors
8. Before the separation of Church and State, an accusation of **heresy** could be treated as treason.
 - A. immorality
 - B. lying
 - C. witchcraft
9. I walked her to the campus **infirmary**.
 - A. security office
 - B. health service
 - C. library
10. She was found guilty of **manslaughter** through gross negligence.
 - A. intentional killing
 - B. causing bodily harm
 - C. unintentional killing
11. She asked the Prime Minister of India to help **mediate** an agreement.
 - A. document
 - B. publicize
 - C. settle

12. Being naive, she is too quick to believe what people say.
A. honest
B. a pleaser
C. too trusting
13. My parents are accustomed to my challenging their more orthodox views.
A. crazy
B. normal
C. creative
14. A wealthy patron donated millions to fund young artists in the city.
A. critic
B. supporter
C. neighbor
15. I'm positive our team will win on Friday.
A. happy
B. pretty sure
C. certain
16. The test for bacterial infection came back positive.
A. showing it to be present
B. showing it was avoided
C. showing it is improving
17. The new policy faced scrutiny from independent reviewers.
A. strong support
B. quick approval
C. careful examination
18. Sweden's population is more secular than populations of most countries.
A. non-religious
B. similar
C. blonde
19. She plans to attend Fuller Theological Seminary.
A. a school for training musicians, painters, and other artists
B. a school for training ministers, priests, or rabbis
C. a school for training teachers and school administrators
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 This **defendant** was small and delicately proportioned—the kind of guy who grew up being the punch line to high school jokes.
 - A. a person or institution legally accused or sued in court
 - B. soft leather shoe traditionally worn by Native Americans
 - C. belief or opinion formed by viewing things a certain way
- 2 At the start of the **testimony**, the judge had given us nearly an hour's worth of verbal instructions.
 - A. an atom that has acquired an electrical charge by the loss or gain of an electron
 - B. something that serves as evidence -- especially a statement at a trial or hearing
 - C. an organ attached to the wall of the uterus to nourish the fetus during pregnancy
- 3 Because A + B—the **factors** that had led to the deaths of Kurt and Eliza beth Nealon—would always be greater than C. You couldn't bring them back, and there was no sob story in the world big enough to erase that truth.
 - A. People who are of lower rank or status
 - B. things that affect a result or outcome
 - C. theories on the origin of the universe
- 4 It's said to be cheaper to execute a man than to keep him in prison for life—but in fact, when you **factor** in the cost of eleven years of appeals, paid for with public funds, it costs about a third more to execute a prisoner than to sentence him to life in prison.
 - A. struggle or disagreement
 - B. make nervous or confused
 - C. include consideration of (for the affect on a result or outcome)
- 5 Hannah Smythe was the first baby I **baptized** at St. Catherine's.
 - A. "spiritually renewed" in a Christian ceremony OR initiated or purified by a challenging experience
 - B. expressed personal artistic ideas or feelings while performing (or performing to) someone else's work
 - C. directed energy from a negative (unacceptable) impulse or urge into a positive or acceptable action
- 6 Lucius When Shay Bourne returned to I-tier after three days in the hospital **infirmary**, he was a man with a mission.
 - A. people who do not believe in the existence of god
 - B. a small facility where patients receive treatment
 - C. a state in which there is little ability to think
- 7 I **scrutinized** the mental chessboard I'd been tracking—Shay's queen had come out of nowhere, screened by his knight.
 - A. mirrored back (an image)
 - B. quoted (to make a point)
 - C. looked at very carefully
- 8 Claire began to pull the **cardiac** monitors off her chest.
 - A. not attractive or desirable
 - B. orbiting Earth once per day
 - C. of or relating to the heart
- 9 One night, when I was on duty, the inmates got intoxicated, and sure enough the pipes tested **positive** for alcohol residue one day, although the water source tested perfectly normal.
 - A. indicating that a condition was found
 - B. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - C. agreement to temporarily stop fighting a war
- 10 "Here," he said, and I absolutely, **positively** stopped breathing.
 - A. without regret
 - B. with hard work
 - C. with certainty

- 11 *Back when I was at **seminary**, I imagined I heard my grandfather's voice: I thought God was supposed to love you unconditionally Those sure sound like a lot of conditions to me.*
- A. the reason for doing something; or the level of desire to do something
 - B. a school for training clerics -- usually ministers, priests, or rabbis
 - C. a drug that calms or puts to sleep; or describing something as calming
- 12 *Dear St. John of God, **patron saint** of those who are ill, I ask for your intercession that the Lord will have mercy on this child and return him to health.*
- A. because of a basic rule or belief
 - B. saint who supports or looks after
 - C. interacts, interests, or attracts
- 13 *In spite of the fact that he'd been incarcerated for eleven years, Shay was still the most **naive** inmate I'd ever met.*
- A. the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together
 - B. the degree of being influenced by personal belief, feelings, or preferences (rather than being based purely upon fact)
 - C. lacking experience or sophistication, and the understanding that comes from them -- often too trusting or optimistic
- 14 *To be honest, I had split religion along the seam of **secular** and nonsecular; choosing to concentrate on the beauty of a Caravaggio without noticing the Madonna and child; or finding the best lamb recipe for a lavish Easter dinner, without thinking about the Passion.*
- A. not religious
 - B. not important
 - C. inappropriate
- 15 *I want to know if there's some kind of court-ordered **mediation** we can ask for.*
- A. the act of protecting something or keeping it as it is
 - B. speaks with someone about something for the first time
 - C. process of helping to settle a disagreement
- 16 *I thought about what my father would say if a member of his **congregation** came to him to ease his soul.*
- 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
- 17 *And the author of the **Gospel** of John never mentions his own name...*
- A. one of the four books in the New Testament that Christians believe tell the story of Jesus Christ's life
 - B. a book that Scientologists believe explains the nature of humankind and its place in the universe
 - C. a type of vocal music that originated in African-American churches in the United States
- 18 *What didn't fit this equation became **heretical**—if you weren't worshipping the right way, you were out.*
- A. counter to popular belief of what is proper
 - B. the state or degree of being less than zero
 - C. the quality of not working or not operating
- 19 *"Orthodoxy takes the risk away," Fletcher agreed.*
- A. being non-loving
 - B. a commonly accepted belief or practice
 - C. valuing happiness above all else
- 20 *I hadn't realized that the charges might have included negligent homicide, or even **manslaughter**.*
- A. because of a basic rule or belief
 - B. interacts, interests, or attracts
 - C. unintentional killing of a person

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	defendant	Used 20 times in this book.
2	B	testimony	Used 12 times in this book.
3	B	factor (<i>as in: It was the deciding factor.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	C	factor (<i>as in: factor it into your thinking</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
5	A	baptism	Used 8 times in this book.
6	B	infirmary	Used 12 times in this book.
7	C	scrutiny	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
8	C	cardiac	Used 9 times in this book.
9	A	positive (<i>as in: The test came back positive.</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	C	positive (<i>as in: I'm absolutely positive!</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
11	B	seminary	Used 9 times in this book.
12	B	patron (<i>as in: a patron of the arts</i>)	Used 7 times in this book.
13	C	naive	Used 5 times in this book.
14	A	secular (<i>as in: a secular organization</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
15	C	mediate (<i>as in: asked her to mediate the talks</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
16	B	congregation (<i>as in: the congregation voted</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 14 times in this book.
17	A	gospel (<i>as in: gospel of the Bible</i>)	Used 45 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	heresy	Used 15 times in this book.
19	B	orthodox	Used 16 times in this book.
20	C	manslaughter	Used 4 times in this book.