

Cry, the Beloved Country

by Alan Paton

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: apprehension (2), bewilder, boycott, compassion, compel, constraint, convention, earnest, forsake, inconsistent, indifferent, infer, magistrate, perplex, repent, reproach, squatter, sullen, vagabond



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
3	A
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7	B
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10	A
11	C
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18	A
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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. She looked forward to meeting his parents, but not without **apprehension**.
 - A. preparation
 - B. excitement
 - C. nervousness
2. So far, she has evaded **apprehension**, but it's just a matter of time.
 - A. capture
 - B. sleeping
 - C. eating
3. I am trying to understand her, but I am **bewildered**.
 - A. confused
 - B. bored
 - C. distracted
4. Advertisers **boycotted** the show because of accusations that the script was racist.
 - A. refused to buy advertising of
 - B. investigated
 - C. paid discount rates
5. 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
6. Can we **compel** the witness to testify?
 - A. prevent
 - B. force
 - C. delay
7. We want **constraints** on her power to spend taxpayer funds.
 - A. flexibility
 - B. limitations
 - C. increases
8. In most countries, the **convention** is to shake the head to indicate "no", but in Bulgaria that indicates "yes".
 - A. movement
 - B. agreement
 - C. normal behavior
9. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - A. frivolous attitude
 - B. seriousness
 - C. falseness
10. In the third year of their brutal civil war, moderates feel **forsaken** by the west.
 - A. abandoned
 - B. respected
 - C. defeated
11. His grades were **inconsistent**, ranging from A's to F's each term.
 - A. perfect
 - B. private
 - C. uneven
12. She was **indifferent** to his anger.
 - A. without interest
 - B. with fear
 - C. with anger

13. The meaning of the word can be inferred based on context clues.
- A. different
 - B. figured out
 - C. converted
14. The **magistrate** set bail at \$10,000.
- A. attorney
 - B. queen or king
 - C. judge
15. I am **perplexed** by her sudden change of mind on this important issue.
- A. amused
 - B. annoyed
 - C. confused
16. She said the U.S. should **repent** for the sins of fossil fuels.
- A. reimburse
 - B. apologize
 - C. suffer
17. Don't **reproach** yourself for things beyond your control.
- A. congratulate
 - B. criticize
 - C. accept honor for
18. In a few jurisdictions, **squatters** can gain legal title to property if they meet a series of requirements for a long enough period of time.
- A. illegal tenants
 - B. thieves
 - C. needy people
19. A **sullen** crowd watched the execution.
- A. excited
 - B. unhappy
 - C. celebrating
20. After losing everything, he lived as a **vagabond** for nearly five years.
- A. wealthy landowner
 - B. wandering drifter
 - C. settled farmer

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 *I had forgotten that there were no buses; at least I had forgotten the **boycott** of the buses.*
 - A. to refuse to buy things (from someone); or to refuse to participate in an activity (with someone) in order to express disapproval
 - B. the act of hiding something by making it blend in with its surroundings; or hiding the truth; or something that hides or deceives
 - C. present something to treat as true in order to advance a discussion or to further investigation even though it might not be true
- 2 *— I heard he was gone to Orlando, and lives there amongst the **squatters** in Shanty Town.*
 - A. people who live in an unoccupied place without the legal right
 - B. results or the processes of learning, discovering, or deciding
 - C. chemicals that trigger behaviors in others of the same species
- 3 *And what did **vagabonds** do?*
 - A. shows fear by positioning the body as though afraid of being hit
 - B. a person who wanders from town to town with no fixed home or job
 - C. degrades (decreases) the purity, quality, or status of something
- 4 *Msimangu's face lights up, but he talks humbly, there is no pride or false **constraint**.*
 - A. lacking experience or sophistication
 - B. something that limits something else
 - C. a Muslim religious teacher or leader
- 5 *His brother is filled with **compassion** for him.*
 - 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)
- 6 *But he is not **indifferent**, there is a mark of pain between his eyes.*
 - A. without concern
 - B. likely to change
 - C. able to be found
- 7 *Tixo, he says, Tixo, **forsake** me not.*
 - A. abandon or give up on
 - B. not easily identified
 - C. able to be translated
- 8 *If I say to him, do you **repent**, he will say, it is as my father says.*
 - A. mark important text; or the text that is marked
 - B. feel regret for having done wrong and resolve to be a better person in the future
 - C. give an opinion of what is wrong with something
- 9 *Our natives today produce criminals and prostitutes and drunkards, not because it is their nature to do so, but because their simple system of order and tradition and **convention** has been destroyed.*
 - A. reason (for doing something)
 - B. small quantity or indication
 - C. what is normal or typical
- 10 *So he **compelled** himself to read the last paragraph slowly—with his head, not his heart, so that he could understand it.*
 - A. fruit cooked with sugar (like jam)
 - B. forced
 - C. didn't trust or have confidence in

- 11 *Alongside of these very arguments we use others totally **inconsistent**, so that the accusation of repression may be refuted.*
- A. the character or degree of bouncing back light (or more rarely: heat, sound, electromagnetic waves...)
 - B. igneous or sedimentary rock that changes due to pressure, heat, or chemical reactions (such as marble)
 - C. not the same in different parts or at different times
- or:
- not in agreement [with something else]
- 12 *Jarvis looked at him, at first **bewildered**, but then something came to him.*
- A. confused (or perplexed or baffled)
 - B. restored
 - C. collided
- 13 *Gertrude stood **sullenly**.*
- A. in a manner that involves betrayal
 - B. showing a gloomy or bad mood
 - C. in a manner that calls or attracts
- 14 *One must also bear in mind the strange coincidence that what is argued to be a wrong identification led to the **apprehension** of an associate who immediately confessed.*
- A. the capture (typically of a criminal)
 - B. something that stands out
 - C. something made from parts
- 15 *The small girls looked on, half with enjoyment, half with **apprehension**.*
- A. vaccination (to protect from a disease)
 - B. able to generate electricity from light
 - C. worry or concern about what will happen
- 16 *And the question is whether on the facts here proved an **inference** of that nature was rightly drawn.*
- A. someone who expresses disapproval
 - B. conclusion (reached by reasoning)
 - C. purpose, job, or natural activity
- 17 *I have not come here to **reproach** you.*
- A. move into position to work; or start
 - B. criticize
 - C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 18 *And while he was waiting he looked at the counsellors who stood behind the chief, and he saw too that they were frowning and **perplexed**, and that for this matter there was no counsel that they could give at all.*
- A. excessively excited
 - B. nervous or confused
 - C. baffled (confused--not knowing what to do)
- 19 *The chief saluted the **magistrate**, and...*
- A. someone who shows
 - B. people who attack
 - C. judge
- 20 *Over this he prayed long and **earnestly**.*
- A. in a self-aware manner
 - B. sincerely with seriousness
 - C. finally; or in the end

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	boycott	Used 5 times in this book.
2	A	squatter	Used 5 times in this book.
3	B	vagabond	Used 3 times in this book.
4	B	constraint	Used 5 times in this book.
5	B	compassion	Used 14 times in this book.
6	A	indifferent	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
7	A	forsake	Used 7 times in this book.
8	B	repent	Used 11 times in this book.
9	C	convention (<i>as in: conventional behavior</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
10	B	compel	Used 7 times in this book.
11	C	inconsistent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	A	bewilder	Used 7 times in this book.
13	B	sullen (<i>as in: a sullen mood</i>)	Used 13 times in this book.
14	A	apprehension (<i>as in: apprehension of the criminal</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	C	apprehension (<i>as in: apprehension about finals</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	infer	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
17	B	reproach	Used 6 times in this book.
18	C	perplex	Used 6 times in this book.
19	C	magistrate	Used 22 times in this book.
20	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.