

Cujo

by Stephen King

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: apathy, cloying, coherent, disoriented, epiphany, factor, implacable, indulge, interstate, irrational, mortgage, phenomenon, preserves, prudent, rational, redundant, resignation, resume, résumé, sullen



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	A
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7	B
8	A
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10	C
11	B
12	A
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18	C
19	B
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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. Until she learned to motivate herself, **apathy** led to bad grades.
 - A. lack of interest
 - B. lack of ability
 - C. distraction
2. Her **cloying** compliments felt fake after a while.
 - A. overly sweet or sentimental
 - B. overly harsh and critical
 - C. too vague and confusing
3. Her argument is **coherent**.
 - A. unreasonable
 - B. fragmented
 - C. sensible and clear
4. After the maze, she felt **disoriented** and could not tell which way was north.
 - A. confused about direction
 - B. certain of her choice
 - C. angry about the delay
5. She described it as a religious **epiphany**.
 - A. trial of faith
 - B. spirit
 - C. sudden realization
6. 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
7. The storm raged with **implacable** force, showing no signs of stopping.
 - A. diminishing
 - B. unyielding
 - C. increasing
8. I **indulge** my taste for sweets more than is good for me.
 - A. give in to
 - B. hold back from
 - C. complain about
9. We'll make good time once we're on the interstate.
 - A. train
 - B. plane
 - C. freeway
10. I have an **irrational** fear of heights.
 - A. reasonable
 - B. varying
 - C. unreasonable
11. The site has a **mortgage** payment calculator that calculates the loan payment based on the interest rate and length of the loan.
 - A. unsecured loan
 - B. real estate loan
 - C. credit card loan

12. The **phenomenon** was first noticed by Marie Curie.
- A. thing of interest
 - B. thing that is growing
 - C. thing that is hidden
13. Preserves have more fruit than jam.
- A. chunks of fruit cooked with sugar so they will not spoil
 - B. fruit canned in its own juice
 - C. fruit that is dried, flattened, and rolled
14. Courage is dangerous without **prudence**.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
15. Let's try to ignore how upset we are for a moment and think about this **rationally**.
- A. in a hurried manner
 - B. in a creative manner
 - C. in a reasonable manner
16. After the merger, they concluded the office was **redundant**.
- A. more than is needed or desired
 - B. less than what is required
 - C. exactly fitting requirements
17. She was **resigned** to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
 - B. resistant
 - C. with acceptance
18. She decided to **resume** her studies after taking a year off to travel.
- A. finish
 - B. begin
 - C. begin again
19. Her impressive **résumé** showcased good grades and work experience.
- A. long speech
 - B. summary of qualifications
 - C. complicated story
20. A **sullen** crowd watched the execution.
- A. excited
 - B. unhappy
 - C. celebrating

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 *There were nightmares to be sure, and children who lay wakeful to be sure, and the empty Dodd house (for his mother had a stroke shortly afterwards and died) quickly gained a reputation as a haunted house and was avoided; but these were passing **phenomena** – the perhaps unavoidable side effects of a chain of senseless murders.*
 - A. things that exists or happened -- often of special interest
 - B. computer code modules each of which perform a specific task
 - C. stock markets during times of generally rising stock values
- 2 *Me, I've got seventeen years left on a twenty-year **mortgage** and twin girls who have their hearts set on Bridgton Academy.*
 - A. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
 - B. a real estate loan; or pledging something for a loan
 - C. enter another's property without right or permission
- 3 *Eventually Vic and Roger had worn him down, but not with **rational** arguments.*
 - A. very large
 - B. related to
 - C. based on reason
- 4 *She had put her foot down and it had stayed down, in spite of Joe's **sullen** mutterings and Brett's wounded eyes.*
 - A. exactness or accuracy
 - B. gloomy (demonstrating a bad mood)
 - C. not easily identified
- 5 *it seemed **prudent** to do everything legally.*
 - A. sensible and cautious
 - B. not demonstrative of
 - C. sincerity (realness)
- 6 *Then a kind of fatalistic **apathy** had settled in as certain emotional circuits quietly shut themselves down.*
 - A. lack of interest and enthusiasm
 - B. poor ability to make a decision
 - C. non-traditional or non-standard
- 7 *A kind of **epiphany** filled her.*
 - A. untied or released
 - B. easily set on fire
 - C. sudden realization
- 8 *Lightning bugs flickered across the dark, and the masses of honeysuckle clinging to Gary's fence filled the hot night with its **clinging**, heavy scent.*
 - A. overly sweet or sentimental in a way that becomes unpleasant or excessive -- on the tongue or in sentiment
 - B. roughly calculating or guessing (based on incomplete information) a value, quantity, or extent of something
 - C. treating something in an educated, intellectual way -- often excluding emotional or practical considerations
- 9 *The **preserves** were Smucker's.*
 - A. fruit cooked with sugar (like jam)
 - B. documents granting permission to do something
 - C. instances or results of detailed examinations
- 10 *She was suddenly, **irrationally** afraid that she would not recognize Holly.*
 - A. in a manner that involves betrayal
 - B. following as a result of something
 - C. in a manner that is not reasonable

- 11 *There might be tears, even mild hysteria, but that sort of reaction would be provoked by simple disorientation.*
 A. confused or unsure about location, circumstances, or how to respond
 B. a serious intestinal infection caused by contaminated food or water
 C. people of the second most populous denomination of Islam (over 10%)
- 12 *She had been frightened because she could see no logic in her mother's tantrum ... and because of the expression she had seen in her father's eyes. It had been a kind of **resigned** disgust.*
 A. to be or to become used to (adapted to and with an expectation of)
 B. showed something -- such as demonstrated, expressed, or represented
 C. having accepted something undesirable as unacceptable
- 13 *And the next PR firm will be chosen by his son, who will make his Pick based on which one he believes will give him the freest rein to **indulge** his crackpot ideas.*
 A. enjoy to excess
 B. work or operate
 C. think carefully
- 14 *The glazed way his eyes rolled toward her when she spoke to him, like the eyes of a fighter who has been struck and struck and struck, a fighter who has lost his **coherence** along with his mouthguard*
 A. "spiritually renews" in a Christian ceremony OR initiates or purifies by a challenging experience
 B. growth hormone -- a hormone produced by the anterior pituitary gland that promotes growth in humans
 C. ability to think logically
- 15 *Start shopping my **résumé** around?*
 A. characterized by having multiple purposes
 B. a person's qualifications to do something
 C. ability to accept as true (without proof)
- 16 *Time had **resumed** its former slow crawl.*
 A. hired again
 B. briefly saw
 C. begun again
- 17 *A failing out doesn't preclude a later rapprochement, his mind retorted with a kind of grave and **implacable** calm.*
 A. diminishing
 B. unyielding
 C. increasing
- 18 *To Vic it was so much **redundancy**; he knew in his guts that it had been Kemp.*
 A. more than is needed
 B. a person with or something related to an eating disorder in which overeating is followed by guilt and unhealthy attempts at correction -- especially self-induced vomiting
 C. a musical play with orchestra in which most of the dialogue is sung (or the art form that consists of such musicals; or describing something as related to that art form)
- 19 *Their positions were very similar: the awkward sleeping positions of those forced to spend long hours on **interstate** buses.*
 A. non-governmental organization (private, non-profit organization working for member goals at the international level)
 B. the result of numerical division (if 8 divided by 4 = 2, then 8 can be described as the dividend, 4 as the divisor, and 2 as the quotient)
 C. freeway, or highway that runs between states
- or:
- relating to the mutual relations between states -- especially of the United States
- 20 *Free will was not a **factor**.*
 A. job, reservation, booking, or activity
 B. thing that affects a result or outcome
 C. something that is made or manufactured

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	phenomenon	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
2	B	mortgage	Used 5 times in this book.
3	C	rational (<i>as in: rational behavior</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
4	B	sullen (<i>as in: a sullen mood</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
5	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
6	A	apathy	Used 3 times in this book.
7	C	epiphany	Used 2 times in this book.
8	A	cloying	Used 4 times in this book.
9	A	preserves (<i>as in: mom made preserves</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
10	C	irrational	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
11	A	disoriented	Used 5 times in this book.
12	C	resignation (<i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
13	A	indulge	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
14	C	coherent	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
15	B	résumé (<i>as in: submitted her résumé</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
16	C	resume (<i>as in: resume the meeting</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
17	B	implacable	Used 3 times in this book.
18	A	redundant	High-utility academic word
19	C	interstate (<i>as in: interstate commerce</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
20	B	factor (<i>as in: It was the deciding factor.</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.