

Dark Witch

by Nora Roberts

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: abbey, acquisition, banish, conflict, contrast, imbue, indulge, legacy, mane, mote, poignant, positive, quiver, regal, résumé, revere, stallion, vanquish, waver, yearn



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	A
3	C
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6	A
7	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. After years of dedicated service to the church, she retired to a quiet **abbey** in the countryside.
 - A. a small, rural parish church
 - B. a large cathedral open to the public
 - C. a building where monks or nuns live
2. Her primary focus is on the **acquisition** of money and the things it can buy.
 - A. getting
 - B. spending
 - C. fearing
3. I tried to **banish** the thought from my mind.
 - A. understand
 - B. collect
 - C. send away
4. The Israeli-Palestinian **conflict** flared up again in Jerusalem.
 - A. agreement
 - B. border
 - C. struggle
5. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
6. She was **imbued** from infancy with a sense that life should be fair.
 - A. filled
 - B. discouraged
 - C. misled
7. I **indulge** my taste for sweets more than is good for me.
 - A. give in to
 - B. hold back from
 - C. complain about
8. Her parents left her a small **legacy**.
 - A. inheritance
 - B. meal
 - C. "todo" list
9. She brushed the horse's tangled **mane** until it flowed smoothly down its neck.
 - A. long curved tail
 - B. thick neck hair
 - C. sharp pointed hoof
10. She couldn't see a **mote** of doubt in his confident expression.
 - A. tiny bit
 - B. significant amount
 - C. overwhelming amount
11. Have you read MLK's **poignant** "Letter from Birmingham Jail"?
 - A. arousing deep emotion
 - B. logically compelling
 - C. long
12. Volunteering had a **positive** impact on the whole neighborhood.
 - A. good or beneficial
 - B. harmful or damaging
 - C. minor and unnoticed

13. Her hands began to quiver as she opened the envelope.
- A. slightly shake
 - B. tightly grip
 - C. quickly move
14. The actress made a regal entrance, holding her head high as she descended the staircase.
- A. clumsy
 - B. majestic
 - C. hurried
15. Her impressive résumé showcased good grades and work experience.
- A. long speech
 - B. summary of qualifications
 - C. complicated story
16. She reveres nature and all that is natural.
- A. dislikes and avoids
 - B. deeply respects
 - C. thoroughly enjoys
17. The powerful stallion galloped across the open field.
- A. wild deer
 - B. young calf
 - C. male horse
18. You need to vanquish those negative thoughts and think about good things.
- A. completely defeat
 - B. gently ease
 - C. gently persuade
19. We will never waver in our commitment to provide the best education possible.
- A. speak forcefully
 - B. grow rapidly
 - C. be unsteady
20. I yearn for more independence.
- A. fear
 - B. desire
 - C. work

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 As I will, so **mote** it be.
 - A. a tiny piece of anything
 - B. social event or ceremony
 - C. a positively charged ion
- 2 She showed him the knife, and his eyes never **wavered**.
 - A. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
 - B. made appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - C. was unsure or weak; or moved back and forth
- 3 A bit of hair from your pretty **mane**, and for these gifts, I praise your name.
 - A. select (on a computer screen)
 - B. long coarse hair on an animal
 - C. exchange, convert, or pay off
- 4 Deryla from the castle told me Cabhan was **banished**.
 - A. thought -- possibly aloud
 - B. was abundant or plentiful
 - C. expelled or gotten rid of
- 5 She prayed it was true, that the magick she'd **imbued** into the copper sign would hold even against this form.
 - A. filled
 - B. traded
 - C. copied
- 6 How difficult had it been to find herself saddled with a daughter who rode emotions like a wild **stallion**?
 - A. a large, elongated gland located behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin
 - B. of the philosophical & religious system based on the teachings of Laozi (also spelled Taoist)
 - C. a male horse that has not been castrated (gelded) -- especially one used for breeding purposes
- 7 He stared down at her, golden eyes steady, unblinking, his wings **regally** folded.
 - A. in a manner that is terrible (vile; disgusting) -- worthy of being strongly disliked and looked down upon
 - B. so fine, magnificent, or dignified as to be suitable for a king or queen; or belonging to a king or queen
 - C. in a manner that is almost transparent -- allowing light to pass through without providing a clear image
- 8 What she did have was the **résumé** she'd put together, the recommendation by her previous employers, all the references from her students or their parents.
 - A. characterized by having multiple purposes
 - B. a person's qualifications to do something
 - C. ability to accept as true (without proof)
- 9 She's **conflicted**, you could say, which she is on little else.
 - A. examined in detail to better understand
 - B. moved into position to work; or started
 - C. tension from opposing ideas or feelings
- 10 The pretty shops and pubs and restaurants, the little hotel, the flowers in pots and window boxes tipped down the road in the shadow of the ruined **abbey**.
 - A. a small, rural parish church
 - B. a large cathedral open to the public
 - C. a building where monks or nuns live or lived; or a church associated with such a building
- 11 As your newest **acquisition** battered both of them.
 - A. obtaining; or possession
 - B. social event or ceremony
 - C. a positively charged ion

- 12 *Then she came to the roan mare with the big, **poignant** eyes, the long white blaze down her nose, and knew without being told.*
A. sharp or intense
B. able to be found
C. likely to change
- 13 *Even before Boyle stepped up beside her, the mare turned her head, big eyes warming, body **quivering**.*
A. to shake or tremble slightly
B. not working or not operating
C. calculates or judges too low
- 14 *They knew, she and Darling, what it was to **yearn** for love, or at least genuine understanding and acceptance.*
A. work or operate
B. strongly desire
C. help make clear
- 15 *We've only to **vanquish** ancient evil and earn great wealth, and the rest is but details.*
A. completely defeat
B. differ; or change
C. influence opinion
- 16 *People too often knock down the old for the new instead of understanding that **legacy**.*
A. something coming from the past
B. the act of taking something on as one's own
C. something that helps clarify or demonstrate
- 17 *To sit, perhaps, in that quiet **reverence**.*
A. interfere (in another's affairs or business); or handle (something that shouldn't be handled)
B. feelings of deep respect and admiration -- sometimes with a mixture of wonder and awe or fear
C. separate two things to prevent passage of something such as heat, cold, noise, or electricity
- 18 *She wanted it for hers, this place of age and **contrast** and endurance.*
A. come to terms with
B. block or interfere
C. notable difference
- 19 *And it seems their way of compensating is to **indulge** her and her brother.*
A. enjoy to excess
B. work or operate
C. think carefully
- 20 *"It's faith, and faith's a strong, **positive** thing."*
A. good or beneficial
B. not representative
C. impossible to find

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	mote	Used 11 times in this book.
2	C	waver	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
3	B	mane	Used 13 times in this book.
4	C	banish	Used 4 times in this book.
5	A	imbue	Used 2 times in this book.
6	C	stallion	Used 10 times in this book.
7	B	regal	Used 5 times in this book.
8	B	résumé (<i>as in: submitted her résumé</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
9	C	conflict	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	C	abbey	Used 10 times in this book.
11	A	acquisition	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	A	poignant	Used 2 times in this book.
13	A	quiver	Used 10 times in this book.
14	B	yearn	Used 7 times in this book.
15	A	vanquish	Used 4 times in this book.
16	A	legacy	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
17	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
18	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	A	indulge	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	A	positive (<i>as in: had a positive effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.