

Education of Little Tree

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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: abhor, arbor, bushel, commotion, continuous, contract, cumbersome, exult, inquiry, mollify, monotonous, mortal, naive, nettle, nostalgia, obligation, recollect, repent, tedious, testify



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	A
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10	C
11	C
12	C
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16	B
17	C
18	B
19	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. However much we **abhor** it, we must be prepared for war.
 - A. avoid
 - B. don't expect
 - C. hate
2. We are building an **arbor** in the back yard.
 - A. framework for plants
 - B. stone fire pit
 - C. raised flower bed
3. We had **bushels** of fun.
 - A. measured in hours
 - B. shared by everyone
 - C. a large amount
4. Her entrance created quite a **commotion**.
 - A. disturbance
 - B. outburst of laughter
 - C. accident
5. Alternating walk and rest was more beneficial than continuous walking for people with Type 2 diabetes.
 - A. occasional
 - B. scheduled
 - C. uninterrupted
6. The cold made the aluminum rod **contract** more than the steel rod.
 - A. shorten
 - B. stick
 - C. stretch
7. She struggled to lift the **cumbersome** box up the stairs.
 - A. easily broken
 - B. well-wrapped
 - C. difficult to handle
8. They **exulted** in the victory.
 - A. finally rested
 - B. felt extreme happiness
 - C. sang
9. The official **inquiry** has ended, but the press continues to ask questions.
 - A. story
 - B. statement
 - C. investigation
10. She apologized, but he would not be **mollified**, and he continued to insist on speaking with her manager.
 - A. angered
 - B. ignored
 - C. calmed
11. The study indicates that traffic accidents from falling asleep increase on long, straight, **monotonous** roads.
 - A. dark
 - B. narrow
 - C. boring
12. In the story, she was neither a mortal nor a god. She was a demi-god.
 - A. type of bird
 - B. lucky survivor
 - C. human

13. Being naive, she is too quick to believe what people say.
A. honest
B. a pleaser
C. too trusting
14. He brushed against a nettle and his arm burned for hours.
A. a stinging plant
B. a small bird
C. a sharp rock
15. My parents are sometimes nostalgic about their college days.
A. secretive
B. longing
C. bitter
16. I have a family obligation Saturday afternoon.
A. emergency
B. duty
C. meeting
17. I don't recollect her name, but I'd recognize her.
A. pronounce properly
B. spell properly
C. remember
18. She said the U.S. should repent for the sins of fossil fuels.
A. reimburse
B. apologize
C. suffer
19. I find it relaxing to wash the holiday dishes, but she finds it tedious.
A. stressful
B. punishing
C. boring
20. She testified that he struck her.
A. said
B. hid
C. lied

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 ...shadows that jumped and **contracted**, only to leap up again, making the walls come alive with fantastic etchings appearing and disappearing, growing and receding.
A. shrank
B. not roughly calculated
C. influenced or effected
- 2 Granpa said that when things had got **monotonous** for ol' Slick he had gone so far as to come and set in the edge of the cabin clearing, trying to get Granpa and the hounds to trail him.
A. increasingly more frightening and/or dangerous
B. interesting and/or stimulating
C. boring (due to a lack of variety)
- 3 Granma said the understanding run deeper as the years went by, and she reckined it would get beyond anything **mortal** folks could think upon or explain.
A. someone who provides start-up money to new companies
B. someone who combines components into a complex whole
C. merely human
- 4 ...when folks would stand up, as they felt the Lord called on them, and **testify** as to their sins and...
A. make a statement as evidence
B. to encourage growth or excitement, or to cause something to happen
C. to show something -- such as to demonstrate, express, or represent
- 5 Coon Jack set down, total **mollified** and contented, as was everybody else.
A. traded
B. copied
C. calmed
- 6 It was big and **cumbersome** where the minnie ball had chewed it in passing.
A. a sensible view of a situation
B. made by taking on as one's own
C. difficult to handle and not graceful
- 7 There was no fear, only **exultation**, as the horse moved fast and light over the ground, as the wind whipped a storm in his face.
A. small quantity or indication
B. extreme happiness or delight
C. reason (for doing something)
- 8 We never worked so long or hard that it got **tedious**.
A. sensible and careful
B. not demonstrative of
C. boring
- 9 She said she reckined most everybody had a secret place, but she couldn't be certain, as she had never made **inquiries** of it.
A. social events or ceremonies
B. reasons for doing something
C. investigations
- 10 Some folks called it **nostalgia** and sadness.
A. the best or most important
B. longing for something past
C. a secret agreement or plot
- 11 It was a **continuous** squalling, cussing and yelling all the way; like a big ball of sound that rolled down the trail until I couldn't hear it anymore.
A. the state of being capable of thought, self-reflection, and will
B. pertaining to the working together of different religious groups
C. continuing in time or space without interruption or irregularity

- 12 I **abhor** briers, yellor jackets and such.
- A. tell (a story)
 - B. lie or mislead
 - C. hate or detest
- 13 She said she got the Holy Ghost once at a bush **arbor** meetin' and got saved.
- A. a shady rest area in a garden
 - B. an artists performance of another artist's work that expresses the performer's feelings or ideas about the work
 - C. soccer player who typically play in the middle third of the field and who assists with both defense and offense
- 14 *Nettles* make the best greens, but have little tiny hairs on them that sting you all over when you're picking.
- A. a type of plant that often has fine irritating hairs
 - B. acts of taking something on as one's own
 - C. logical conclusions reached by reasoning
- 15 We pulled the wild onions from the ground and just a handful would carry more flavor than a **bushel** of tame onions.
- A. one who believes that knowledge is acquired primarily by reason rather than by experience
 - B. a hollow muscular organ in the pelvic cavity of females which can hold a developing fetus
 - C. a large amount (filling an 8 gallon container)
- 16 Later people would tell me that this is **naive**—but I knew—and I remembered what Granpa said about "words."
- 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
- 17 I told him I didn't **recollect** my Pa; that I lived here with Granpa and Granma.
- A. disagree
 - B. subtract
 - C. remember
- 18 There was a **commotion** while Mr. Smith disassociated hisself from the bench he was on and come walking down the aisle.
- A. noisy disturbance
 - B. circular movement
 - C. size or dimension
- 19 Paid his **obligations**, didn't he?
- A. copies
 - B. bills (that he had a duty to pay)
 - C. snakes
- 20 You can't **repent**... but you shall cry out!
- A. mark important text; or the text that is marked
 - B. feel regret for having done something wrong and resolve to be a better person in the future
 - C. give an opinion of what is wrong with something

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	contract (<i>as in: the metal contracted in the cold</i>)	High-utility academic word
2	C	monotonous	Used about 4 times per 10 books in our high school library.
3	C	mortal (<i>as in: mortal body</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
4	A	testify	Used 5 times in this book.
5	C	mollify	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
6	C	cumbersome	High-utility academic word
7	B	exult	Used 4 times in this book.
8	C	tedious	Used 2 times in this book.
9	C	inquiry	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	B	nostalgia	High-utility academic word
11	C	continuous	Used about 7 times per 10 books in our high school library.
12	C	abhor	Used 3 times in this book.
13	A	arbor (<i>as in: shaded arbor</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
14	A	nettle (<i>as in: beware of nettles near the river</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
15	C	bushel	Used 4 times in this book.
16	C	naive	Used 2 times in this book.
17	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
18	A	commotion	Used 2 times in this book.
19	B	obligation	Used 2 times in this book.
20	B	repent	Used 2 times in this book.