

Ellen Foster

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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: accumulate, agitate, appropriate, conform, dispose, genuine, highlight, hoard, hygiene, hypocrite, infernal, influenza, laboratory, mishap, prelude, principal, serene, specimen, torment, vengeance



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
3	B
4	A
5	A
6	A
7	B
8	A
9	A
10	C
11	A
12	A
13	C
14	C
15	B
16	B
17	B
18	B
19	A
20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. DNA damage **accumulates** with age.
 - A. rapidly disappears
 - B. stays unchanged
 - C. gradually increases
2. She gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
 - A. calm and thoughtful
 - B. gloomy (sad)
 - C. emotionally disturbed
3. The movie is not **appropriate** for young children.
 - A. bad
 - B. good
 - C. funny
4. The Asche experiment showed the influence of the desire to **conform**.
 - A. fit in
 - B. have independence
 - C. be honorable
5. What is the best way to responsibly **dispose** of old electronic equipment.
 - A. throw away
 - B. use efficiently
 - C. upgrade
6. She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
 - A. sincere (real)
 - B. fake
 - C. generous (giving)
7. It was the **highlight** of our vacation.
 - A. brightest day
 - B. best part
 - C. scariest moment
8. She has **hoarded** so many things, you can barely step into her apartment.
 - A. gathered & stored
 - B. stacked in piles
 - C. made a mess of
9. The company inspects **hygiene** at food-processing plants.
 - A. practices promoting sanitary conditions
 - B. the act of keeping people or things separate -- especially people due to discrimination based on race, gender, ethnicity, or religion
 - C. microorganisms (living creatures so small it takes a microscope to see them) that can both cause disease and be beneficial.
10. She may be a **hypocrite**, but at least she knows the difference between right and wrong.
 - A. ethical hero
 - B. harsh critic
 - C. moral pretender
11. That **infernal** alarm clock kept going off every five minutes.
 - A. annoying
 - B. expensive
 - C. antique

12. Three influenza pandemics occurred in the 20th century killing tens of millions of people.
- A. flu
 - B. measles
 - C. polio
13. She is working in the laboratory.
- A. manufacturing workplace
 - B. repair workplace
 - C. science workplace
14. Barbless hooks are much easier to remove from the fish (and the person fishing, in the event of a mishap).
- A. reversal of fortunes
 - B. violent argument
 - C. minor accident
15. The quiet argument was a prelude to a much larger conflict at the meeting.
- A. decision made afterward
 - B. event that came before
 - C. problem solved quickly
16. The principal reason for the delay was bad weather.
- A. final
 - B. main
 - C. stated
17. She remained serene even when he was yelling at her.
- A. unmoved
 - B. calm
 - C. aggressive
18. The collection includes specimens from all over the world.
- A. insects
 - B. examples
 - C. shells
19. Bullies made his school days a constant torment he could not escape.
- A. severe suffering
 - B. great enjoyment
 - C. simple confusion
20. Her evolutionary benefit theory of vengeance is supported by studies showing that a person's desire for revenge increases when others see their mistreatment.
- A. fairness
 - B. status
 - C. revenge

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 When I **accumulate** enough money I plan to get some colored glass things that you dangle from the window glass.
 - A. select (on a computer screen)
 - B. consume or destroy completely
 - C. collect or gradually increase
- 2 And oh how I have my rage and desire for the lightning to come and strike a **vengeance** on him.
 - A. something that stands out
 - B. something made from parts
 - C. revenge
- 3 But this is a public place and it **agitates** people when she starts in on him.
 - A. makes different; or shows difference
 - B. changes to fit a different situation
 - C. stirs up (emotionally or physically)
- 4 Then there is personal **hygiene**.
 - A. practices promoting the prevention of illness and maintenance of health -- such as cleanliness or promoting sanitary conditions
 - B. the ability to put someone into a state of hypnosis (a trance-like state of focused concentration and heightened suggestibility)
 - C. adherents to the theological system of John Calvin and his followers emphasizing omnipotence of God and salvation by grace alone
- 5 She got the teacher and the **principal** by the sleeve and said to have a word or two in the hall.
 - A. serving to help explain or demonstrate something
 - B. most important; or person that is most important
 - C. the state or degree of criticism or disagreement
- 6 Our minds were so polluted by city life that we needed all this space and **serenity** to find ourselves.
 - A. relative amount
 - B. untroubled calm
 - C. in disagreement
- 7 My job was to pick the piles up and **dispose** of them.
 - A. throw away
 - B. connection
 - C. get rid of
- 8 **Conformity** she said.
 - A. compliance, fitting in, or being similar to what is normal
 - B. someone who fled their homeland; or related to such people
 - C. involvement in or the suggestion that someone was involved
- 9 You go in that church and act **genuine**.
 - A. real
 - B. city
 - C. lazy
- 10 The preacher says that today yes even on this very day his word will free us from the **torments** and distractions of the mind.
 - A. causes great mental or physical suffering
 - B. emphasizes (calls attention to something)
 - C. controls, prevents, or makes less intense
- 11 It is hard to be a **hypocrite**.
 - A. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - B. found a condition or substance to be present
 - C. someone who violates claimed moral standards

- 12 *I look at the preacher and at my new mama and fix my face to look like hers. We all sit lined up with faces like hers. She says to be **appropriate**. It is hard too when...*
- A. friendly or affectionate
 - B. proper (behave in a fitting manner)
 - C. solemn or serious
- 13 *We always get in here and to our places before the organ **prelude**.*
- A. treat in a manner that demonstrates a sense of superiority, but is supposed to seem kind OR the actions of a patron (to support someone or something; or to be a customer)
 - B. something that comes before and prepares for what follows; in music, a short piece that introduces a larger work or stands alone as a brief, expressive piece (often for piano)
 - C. American football: a defensive maneuver to swiftly tackle the quarterback by pursuing him with one or more defenders who normally remain behind the line of scrimmage
- 14 *All varieties of accidents and unfortunate **mishaps**.*
- A. things that stand out
 - B. shows or demonstrates
 - C. unfortunate accidents
- 15 *She even fired the colored household help because she swore they were an **infern**al conspiracy and were stealing out from her nose.*
- A. very bad; or very annoying; or characteristic of hell or the underworld
 - B. relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
 - C. strict, firm, or hard (not giving in, not giving way, or not giving up)
- 16 *When she got sick with the **flu** all she wanted to do was talk.*
- A. influenza -- a highly contagious respiratory disease
 - B. overuse of a shared good by people not paying for it
 - C. existing in fact even though not officially declared
- 17 *I didn't see anything wrong with it just as long as I kept in mind that I was old Ellen not a **laboratory** doctor.*
- A. soccer: a foul kick taken from 12 yards in front of the goal and defended only by the goalkeeper who cannot advance beyond the goal line until the shot is taken
 - B. an index of all main words in a book or body of work along with the immediate contexts where each word is found and/or an indication of where to find the context
 - C. a workplace where people do scientific or medical research, or produce drugs or chemicals (also used figuratively) OR (as an adjective) related to such a place
- 18 *I could stay excited looking at live **specimens** day in and day out.*
- A. males, females, or various trans categories
 - B. examples regarded as typical of their class
 - C. jobs, reservations, bookings, or activities
- 19 *Then she comes on in my room, sits on my bed and tells me the **highlights** of all the Christmases she can remember and she looks up to the corner of the room and I know she was watching all her past presents of dolls and playhouses and mittens dancing on the wall.*
- A. shows or demonstrates
 - B. things that stand out
 - C. people standing guard
- 20 *Nadine wants to know like I might be **hoarding** wanted criminals in my closet.*
- A. gathering something valuable and storing it
 - B. protecting something or keeping it as it is
 - C. keeping away (choosing not to do something)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	accumulate	Used 3 times in this book.
2	C	vengeance (<i>as in: vengeance is mine</i>)	Used about 6 times per 10 books in our high school library.
3	C	agitate	High-utility academic word
4	A	hygiene	Used 3 times in this book.
5	B	principal	Used about 20 times per 10 books in our high school library.
6	B	serene	Used about 9 times per 10 books in our high school library.
7	A	dispose (<i>as in: dispose of the waste</i>)	Used about 4 times per 10 books in our high school library.
8	A	conform	High-utility academic word
9	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	A	torment	Used about 13 times per 10 books in our high school library.
11	C	hypocrite	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
12	B	appropriate (<i>as in: it is appropriate</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	B	prelude	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
14	C	mishap	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
15	A	infernal	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
16	A	influenza	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
17	C	laboratory	Used about 21 times per 10 books in our high school library.
18	B	specimen	Used about 7 times per 10 books in our high school library.
19	B	highlight (<i>as in: highlights of the year</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
20	A	hoard	Used about 4 times per 10 books in our high school library.