

# Fallen Angels

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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:** anguish, communism, contingent, demonstrate, direct (2), dominate, estimate, hallowed, harass, interpret, pacify, perimeter, personnel, protrude, ration, reconnaissance, redeem, salve, theology



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# ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	B
2	B
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7	C
8	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.*

- Her guilt led to **anguish** until she committed her life to good.
  - extreme solitude
  - extreme distress
  - extreme depression
- Marx's writings on **communism** inspired revolutions across many countries in the 1900s.
  - free market trade
  - collective ownership
  - religious reform
- The peacekeeping force includes a British **contingent**.
  - leader
  - translator
  - group
- The medal is given only to a few who have **demonstrated** extraordinary courage while defending their country.
  - protested
  - shown
  - encouraged
- I would like to speak **directly** to the manager.
  - formally
  - personally
  - when convenient
- She is easy to work with. She is **direct** in her communications and expectations.
  - straightforward
  - considerate
  - humble
- She completely **dominates** her boyfriend.
  - worships
  - obeys
  - controls
- Can you **estimate** the cost of the renovation?
  - officially approve
  - roughly calculate
  - publicly announce
- Visitors spoke softly as they entered the **hallowed** memorial.
  - deeply respected
  - newly repaired
  - open to everyone
- She was **harassed** by the police.
  - imprisoned rapidly
  - interviewed formally
  - bothered repeatedly
- She will stand to his left and **interpret** his speech into sign language.
  - refute (prove false)
  - elaborate upon
  - translate

12. My apology did not pacify her.
- A. calm
  - B. make sense to
  - C. interest
13. Build a fence along the perimeter of the yard.
- A. dangerous part
  - B. longest edge
  - C. outer edges
14. Hospital personnel practiced the emergency drill before the storm arrived.
- A. staff members
  - B. medical supplies
  - C. building repairs
15. She is operating to repair the muscle wall through which the hernia protrudes.
- A. heals over
  - B. shrinks back
  - C. sticks out
16. During the Second World War, products such as food and gasoline were rationed in the United States, so more resources could be devoted to the war effort.
- A. restricted in the amount each person could have
  - B. set at a high price only the military could afford
  - C. imported in small amounts from many countries
17. Satellite reconnaissance indicates they are building a nuclear facility.
- A. delivery of supplies
  - B. construction project
  - C. scouting for information
18. Points earned with the credit card can be redeemed for free airline tickets and other products.
- A. saved
  - B. exchanged
  - C. multiplied
19. The salve also acts as a moisturizer.
- A. humidity
  - B. cream
  - C. nutrient
20. She studied theology for years before becoming a hospital chaplain.
- A. ancient warfare
  - B. modern poetry
  - C. religious studies

## 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 *The people at the cafeteria were civilians, and they didn't want any part of our meal tickets, even though a sergeant tried to explain to the head of the cafeteria that the U.S. Army would **redeem** them.*
  - A. select (on a computer screen)
  - B. exchange (for money)
  - C. consume or destroy completely
- 2 *Peewee looked out over the trucks, which were mostly packed with crates of **rations** and supplies.*
  - A. fixed portions of food given as a share
  - B. atones (demonstrates sorrow for a wrong either by doing something good in return for the wrong, or by accepting punishment)
  - C. removes or suppress anything considered obscene, immoral, or politically unacceptable OR people who does such suppression
- 3 *There was a shard of metal **protruding** from Jenkins' chest.*
  - A. hiring again
  - B. getting near
  - C. sticking out
- 4 *They said I can probably get into the **theology** school there*
  - A. microorganisms (living creatures so small it takes a microscope to see them)
  - B. the smallest part of any material that cannot be broken up by chemical means
  - C. the study of religion
- 5 *She looked like a little doll with dark black eyes that **dominated** a round, brown face.*
  - A. tried to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuaded
  - B. did not vote OR did not drink alcohol OR (more rarely) did not do something else
  - C. were most conspicuous (on)
- 6 *The **perimeter** of the camp was marked by intricate patterns of barbed wire barriers.*
  - A. a fat compound
  - B. a hoofed mamma
  - C. the outer edge
- 7 *Brunner said he was fighting because he hated **Communism**.*
  - A. a will (written instructions expressing how somebody wants their property distributed after they die)
  - B. an economic system that abolishes private ownership of property
  - C. infectious disease characterized by inflammation of the tissues that surround the brain or spinal cord
- 8 *Brew was putting **salve** on his feet.*
  - A. to expression feelings or thoughts enthusiastically OR to squirt or give off (typically under pressure such as blood or leaking gas)
  - B. a cream or liquid that is put onto skin to make it feel better or heal
  - C. the act of hiding something by making it blend in with its surroundings; or hiding the truth; or something that hides or deceives
- 9 *Someone had spotted where the firing was coming from and **estimated** it to be four hundred and fifty meters in front of us.*
  - A. put into a trance-like state of focused concentration and heightened suggestibility (a state of hypnosis)
  - B. roughly calculated or guessed (based on incomplete information) a value, quantity, or extent of something
  - C. disappointed from losing false belief that something is better than it is; or the removal of such a belief
- 10 *These were the people we had come to save, to **pacify**.*
  - A. calm someone who is angry; or establish peace
  - B. indicating criticism or disagreement, or "no"
  - C. move to a worse or less prestigious situation
- 11 *"Now he say they make him fight with the Second Division," the **interpreter** said.*
  - A. people who criticize or condemn
  - B. someone who extensively damages
  - C. someone who translates language

- 12 He told us that Captain Stewart had volunteered us to replace a **reconnaissance** team that had been wiped out.
- A. a powerful stimulant drug that increases activity in the brain and nervous system -- often addictive
  - B. aka natural right -- a right that is naturally due because of human nature and the natural condition
  - C. the act of exploring or information produced by such exploration -- especially for military purposes
- 13 The **harassment** of the hamlets and villages is part of the whole movement.
- A. doubt (that something is true)
  - B. concern with practical matters
  - C. to repeatedly bother or attack
- 14 It would still be daylight, and if they showed up in the daylight, they would be **demonstrating** that they weren't afraid of us, that we couldn't protect the village.
- A. drawing
  - B. showing
  - C. trading
- 15 Our Father who art in heaven, **Hallowed** be thy name ... I thought the words.
- A. widely respected and revered
  - B. able to be protected or kept unchanged
  - C. able to accept as true (without proof)
- 16 There were tears in his eyes, but his mouth was twisted in hate and **anguish** and confusion.
- A. extreme introversion
  - B. extreme pain, suffering, or distress
  - C. extreme depression
- 17 Any **direct** hit would bring death to the entire crew, and they all had to know it, and still they came.
- A. able to be learned, discovered, or decided
  - B. exact
  - C. the state of doing something intentionally
- 18 The little Viet colonel gave Stewart a **direct** order to take some damn hill.
- A. clear, straightforward, or to the point
  - B. the state or degree of being very large
  - C. meticulousness (care for small details)
- 19 Everybody was shined and sharp. I hadn't realized that I wasn't until I saw the **personnel** around the hospital.
- A. the people expected to obey orders in an organization
  - B. the state or degree of being able to be taken on as one's own
  - C. not trustworthy with secrets, and/or conspicuous or obtrusive
- 20 They left a small headquarters **contingent** behind as they moved out.
- A. a particular understanding or explanation
  - B. the time during which something continues
  - C. group of soldiers

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	redeem ( <i>as in: redeem the coupon</i> )	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
2	A	ration	Used 5 times in this book.
3	C	protrude	Used 2 times in this book.
4	C	theology	Used 2 times in this book.
5	C	dominate	High-utility academic word
6	C	perimeter	Used 9 times in this book.
7	B	communism	Used 8 times in this book.
8	B	salve	Used 9 times in this book.
9	B	estimate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
10	A	pacify	Used 13 times in this book.
11	C	interpret ( <i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i> )	Used 5 times in this book.
12	C	reconnaissance	Used 2 times in this book.
13	C	harass	Used 2 times in this book.
14	B	demonstrate ( <i>as in: It demonstrates my point.</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	A	hallowed	Used 2 times in this book.
16	B	anguish	Used 2 times in this book.
17	B	direct ( <i>as in: directly above; or buy direct</i> )	Used 5 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
18	A	direct ( <i>as in: gave a direct answer</i> )	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
19	A	personnel	Used 3 times in this book.
20	C	contingent ( <i>as in: the Canadian contingent</i> )	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library