

For Whom the Bell Tolls

by Ernest Hemingway

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: accord (2), anarchist, communism, culvert, cynical, disillusion, insolent, jut, liquidate, massacre, oblong, peasant, phenomenon, republic, repugnant, rouse, sentry, stallion, utmost



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
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19	C
20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
 - A. opposition
 - B. keeping
 - C. ignorance
2. We support the Geneva **Accord**.
 - A. saying
 - B. agreement
 - C. people
3. She didn't call herself an **anarchist**, but she refused to follow rules she saw as unfair.
 - A. someone with anxiety
 - B. someone against authority
 - C. someone who gives advice
4. Marx's writings on **communism** inspired revolutions across many countries in the 1900s.
 - A. free market trade
 - B. collective ownership
 - C. religious reform
5. The road crew repaired the rusted **culvert** before winter.
 - A. a high lookout
 - B. a roadside drain
 - C. a wooden bench
6. Over the years, she has grown **cynical** and unhappy.
 - A. distrustful of others
 - B. trusting of strangers
 - C. envious of friends
7. She loves making music, but she became **disillusioned** with the music industry.
 - A. disappointed
 - B. overworked
 - C. bored
8. The **insolent** waiter rolled his eyes when the customer asked for more water.
 - A. boldly disrespectful
 - B. kindly helpful
 - C. shyly quiet
9. She tripped on a thick tree root that **jutted out** across the muddy path.
 - A. washed away
 - B. curled up
 - C. stuck out
10. After the company declared bankruptcy, it was forced to **liquidate** all its assets to pay back creditors.
 - A. protect from damage
 - B. sell for cash
 - C. combine into one group
11. The village suffered a brutal **massacre** during the long civil war.
 - A. mass slaughter
 - B. tense standoff
 - C. quiet retreat
12. The table is an **oblong** shape, with curved edges.
 - A. elongated
 - B. circular
 - C. square

13. In 1932 a **peasant** revolt in Su County, China stopped collection of the poppy tax.
- A. city dweller
 - B. young person
 - C. poor farmer
14. The **phenomenon** was first noticed by Marie Curie.
- A. thing of interest
 - B. thing that is growing
 - C. thing that is hidden
15. A **republic** is a particular type of democracy.
- A. weak monarchy
 - B. representative government
 - C. oligarchy
16. His **repugnant** behavior at the party made everyone want to go home early.
- A. warmly welcomed
 - B. highly amusing
 - C. deeply offensive
17. The smell of freshly brewed coffee roused her from her sleep.
- A. interrupted
 - B. deepened
 - C. awakened
18. The **sentry** challenged anyone who tried to enter the camp after dark.
- A. kitchen helper
 - B. watchful guard
 - C. village healer
19. The powerful **stallion** galloped across the open field.
- A. wild deer
 - B. young calf
 - C. male horse
20. She handled the fragile artifact with the utmost care.
- A. least
 - B. usual
 - C. greatest

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 I would like to have it hidden in **utmost** security at a distance no greater than half an hour from the bridge, if that is possible.
 - A. not real
 - B. allowing
 - C. greatest
- 2 I have heard that you are an excellent guerilla leader, that you are loyal to the **republic**...
 - A. a hollow muscular organ in the pelvic cavity of females which can hold a developing fetus
 - B. a system of government in which a majority of citizens elect representatives to make laws
 - C. one who believes that knowledge is acquired primarily by reason rather than by experience
- 3 The best horse that you have, the white-faced bay **stallion**, has a swelling on the upper part of the cannon bone that I do not like.
 - 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
- 4 Here is a stagnation that is **repugnant**.
 - A. related to
 - B. very large
 - C. disgusting
- 5 I am in **accord**.
 - A. main road
 - B. agreement
 - C. complaint
- 6 Each one speaks **according** to his manner.
 - A. idiom meaning "won the day"
 - B. in keeping with (based upon)
 - C. U.S. history: pre-Civil War period
- 7 The **sentry** was standing, his back toward them, at the far end of the bridge.
 - A. social event or ceremony
 - B. guard
 - C. a positively charged ion
- 8 "He is a **Communist**," Maria said.
 - A. a member of the 1960's counterculture associated with long hair, illegal drugs, casual sex, and opposition to violence.
 - B. someone who supports an economic system that abolishes private ownership of property with the goal of a classless society
 - C. someone or something that changes to fit a different situation, or that changes something to fit a different situation
- 9 Who knows but what we might be better employed putting the town into a state of defense than **massacring** people with this slowness and brutality.
 - A. crushing defeat or brutal, overwhelming attack — used figuratively in competition and literally for violent killings
 - B. hiding something by making it blend in with its surroundings; or materials used to hide something; or hiding the truth
 - C. (of an injury) getting inflammation and creating pus OR (generally) getting worse -- especially through inattention
- 10 I am **disillusioned**.
 - A. disappointed from losing false belief that something is better than it is; or the removal of such a belief
 - B. roughly calculated or guessed (based on incomplete information) a value, quantity, or extent of something
 - C. treated something in an educated, intellectual way -- often excluding emotional or practical considerations

- 11 *Is the land there owned by the **peasants**?*
A. organisms in the early stages of growth prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting; in humans organisms during the first eight weeks of development (prior to the fetal stage)
B. members of an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
C. poor farmers
- 12 *I made a fool of myself with him once tonight and I am perfectly willing to **liquidate** him.*
A. to corrupt or seduce from virtue, duty, or allegiance OR excessive drinking, casual sex, and/or drug abuse while partying
B. To settle or dispose of something completely -- especially by selling assets or forcefully eliminating a person or thing
C. to put someone into a state of hypnosis (a trance-like state of focused concentration and heightened suggestibility)
- 13 *And the talk that he had thought of as **cynicism** when he had first heard it had turned out to be much too true.*
A. believing that things usually go poorly and that selfish and insincere
B. a psychological disorder characterized by excessive distrust of others
C. one-sided information that is purposefully spread to influence opinions
- 14 *But he had more brains and more inner dignity and outer **insolence** and humor than any man that he had ever known.*
A. rude disrespect
B. thing that affects a result or outcome
C. job, reservation, booking, or activity
- 15 *It only kept the **anarchists** from getting them.*
A. people who share professional opinions in a specific field
B. someone who favors eliminating all government or authority
C. unborn children (or other unborn or unhatched vertebrates)
- 16 *From the scabbard on the right of his saddle projected the stock and the long **oblong** clip of a short automatic rifle.*
A. an elongated shape (having more length than width) -- typically of a stretched circle that is longer than an oval, but occasionally used to describe a rectangle
B. 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
C. 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
- 17 *Thou art a veritable **phenomenon**.*
A. something that exists or happened -- often of special interest
B. something that was once small, but is getting very large
C. something important that is hard to see or sense
- 18 *He had then **roused** his adjutant, turned over the battalion to him, and sent his orderly to wake up and bring his motorcyclist.*
A. beyond the permitted boundary or limit
B. explains something in a particular way
C. to awaken, make more active, or excite
- 19 *Agustan, fully loaded since the cave, was leaning against a tree, the automatic rifle **jutting** over the top of his load.*
A. expressed strong hatred or loathing for
B. expresses strong hatred or loathing for
C. to stick out; or a part that sticks out
- 20 *The driver and the two men who had been with him were running toward a **culvert**.*
A. a period of time or a stage during the development of something
B. an enclosed channel that carries runoff water beneath something
C. a measure of north/south (relative to the equator) on the earth

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	utmost	Used 6 times in this book.
2	B	republic (<i>as in: the country is a republic</i>)	Used 77 times in this book.
3	C	stallion	Used 7 times in this book.
4	C	repugnant	Used 6 times in this book.
5	B	accord (<i>as in: reached an accord</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 9 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	B	sentry	Used 74 times in this book.
8	B	communism	Used 17 times in this book.
9	A	massacre	Used 7 times in this book.
10	A	disillusion	Used 5 times in this book.
11	C	peasant	Used 45 times in this book.
12	B	liquidate	Used 4 times in this book.
13	A	cynical	Used 8 times in this book.
14	A	insolent	Used 5 times in this book.
15	B	anarchist	Used 5 times in this book.
16	A	oblong	Used 5 times in this book.
17	A	phenomenon	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
18	C	rouse	Used 7 times in this book.
19	C	jut	Used 8 times in this book.
20	B	culvert	Used 6 times in this book.