

Forged by Fire

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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: acknowledge, appropriate, deft, desolate, despair, devour, genuine, hysteria, inquire, muse, negative, plaintive, probation, recital, resignation, seethe, stifle, sullen, tradition, wary



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	B
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20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She **acknowledged** her mistake and apologized.
 - A. admitted
 - B. minimized
 - C. exaggerated
2. The movie is not **appropriate** for young children.
 - A. bad
 - B. good
 - C. funny
3. She chopped the vegetables with **deft**, sure movements.
 - A. quick & skillful
 - B. small and firm
 - C. rotating
4. She felt **desolate** when her boyfriend died in a car accident.
 - A. confused
 - B. miserable
 - C. emotional
5. She rescued me from **despair**.
 - A. fear
 - B. poverty
 - C. hopelessness
6. Over a thousand acres of the forest was **devoured** by the flames.
 - A. spared
 - B. destroyed
 - C. endangered
7. She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
 - A. sincere (real)
 - B. fake
 - C. generous (giving)
8. The worst legislation is passed when voters are whipped into a state of **hysteria**.
 - A. uncontrollable emotion
 - B. extreme anger
 - C. complete confusion
9. I am here to **inquire** about the job.
 - A. answer questions
 - B. ask about
 - C. perform a task
10. Let me **muse** on it on a while and I'll get back to you.
 - A. research
 - B. think
 - C. ask
11. Higher gasoline prices **negatively** affected fast food sales.
 - A. in a helpful manner
 - B. surprisingly
 - C. in a harmful manner
12. It is a **plaintive** poem
 - A. sad
 - B. dramatic
 - C. joyful

13. She didn't adjust to college freedoms and now must pass academic probation or be expelled in the Fall.
- A. period of supervision
 - B. honors recognition
 - C. scholarship offer
14. At the poetry **recital**, she recited an original work.
- A. solo performance
 - B. writing workshop
 - C. open discussion
15. She was **resigned** to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
 - B. resistant
 - C. with acceptance
16. She tried to stay calm but **seethed** inside over the unfair insult.
- A. shrugged it off
 - B. laughed it off
 - C. boiled inwardly
17. The heat and humidity are **stifling**.
- A. summertime events
 - B. not bad
 - C. uncomfortable
18. A **sullen** crowd watched the execution.
- A. excited
 - B. unhappy
 - C. celebrating
19. I want to have a **traditional** wedding ceremony compete with bridesmaids and a white dress.
- A. in the modern style
 - B. in the grand style
 - C. in the long-established style
20. She looked **wary** as she reached out to pet her friend's new dog.
- A. determined
 - B. distrustful
 - C. excited

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 Aunt Queen's shoulders drooped a bit then, and she said with **resignation**, "But unfortunately, this ain't one of them."
A. the act of finding fault and telling others; or a description of faults
B. the process of thinking carefully and making a judgment about something
C. acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable or the lesser of evils
- 2 The flames, the fear, the feeling of utter **desolation** were too much for him to handle.
A. the state or degree of being able to be taken on as one's own
B. a feeling of extreme sadness or misery--often with loneliness
C. not trustworthy with secrets, and/or conspicuous or obtrusive
- 3 Queen positioned her chair close to his bed, **deftly** lifted him up, and cuddled him in her ample lap.
A. quick and skillful
B. with strong desire
C. in a sloped manner
- 4 The tree went up, with a great deal of **traditional** fanfare (like making popcorn to string for garlands and making ornaments of soap and old Christmas cards) during the first week in December and stayed up until New Year's Day.
A. related to an economic system based on government ownership or control of all important companies -- with the ideal of equal benefits to all people
B. the degree to which a performance of or to someone else's work lends itself to the expression of personal artistic ideas or feelings by the performer
C. relating to practice or belief that is long-established or was previously long-established OR relating to stories passed down through generations
- 5 "Jordan, what should I do?" Monique asked **plaintively**.
A. in a sad manner
B. done on purpose
C. with steadiness
- 6 He did not **acknowledge** Aunt Queen, nor did he thank her for the meal.
A. recognize publically
B. translate
C. collision
- 7 Gerald was showing her all of the secrets of his backyard, while she obliged him by being **genuinely** impressed with his rock collection, his "fighting sticks," and even his treasure box.
A. really
B. mainly
C. wisely
- 8 Monique knew about it, but was so afraid of Jordan that she'd accepted it as **appropriate** discipline.
A. easy
B. suitable (fitting) for the situation
C. angry
- 9 Angel was almost **hysterical**.
A. exceedingly funny (resulting in uncontrollable laughter); or exhibiting excessive, uncontrollable emotion
B. when what happens is very different than what might be expected; or when things seem incongruous together
C. marked by a colonnade (series of regularly spaced columns) surrounding a building or enclosing a courtyard
- 10 "What about your job?" Monique **inquired** hesitantly.
A. limited or with boundaries
B. asked
C. gradually added or removed

- 11 Especially if Jordan doesn't do anything to get a **negative** report from probation.
- A. tell (a story)
 - B. begin fighting
 - C. bad
- 12 I heard him tell Monique that he got a job, and reports to his **probation officer** right on time.
- A. a person who monitors a criminal who does not have to be in prison as long as they demonstrate good behavior and obey special restrictions
 - B. the result of numerical division (if 8 divided by 4 = 2, then 8 can be described as the dividend, 4 as the divisor, and 2 as the quotient)
 - C. non-governmental organization (private, non-profit organization working for member goals at the international level)
- 13 Even across the gym, it seemed she could smell his **stifling** cologne.
- A. developing or evolving from a latent or potential state OR (more rarely) determining by reasoning
 - B. directing energy from a negative (unacceptable) impulse or urge into a positive or acceptable action
 - C. making breathing more difficult
- 14 The night of Angel's dance **recital** was stormy and overcast, but her excitement made the evening seem almost sunny.
- A. performance
 - B. storyteller
 - C. translation
- 15 Angel was **sullen** and quiet;
- A. exactness or accuracy
 - B. showing a gloomy or bad mood
 - C. not easily identified
- 16 He was angry—hot, **seething** angry—but he knew that, because of Angel, he had to control himself.
- A. roughly calculating or guessing (based on incomplete information) a value, quantity, or extent of something
 - B. treating something in an educated, intellectual way -- often excluding emotional or practical considerations
 - C. in a state where held-in anger is exceedingly upsetting
- 17 Gerald hung up in **despair**.
- A. adjusts a lens to make an image clear
 - B. not creating disagreement or struggle
 - C. hopelessness
- 18 "Maybe Monique has already left us," Gerald **mused**.
- A. was abundant or plentiful
 - B. thought
 - C. expelled or gotten rid of
- 19 She wished she had run out when he'd first walked in, but she had stopped being **wary**, stopped being afraid.
- A. able to be taken on as one's own
 - B. nervous or distrustful
 - C. indicating approval or agreement
- 20 Soon the whole stove was covered with hot flames that licked and **devoured** everything they touched.
- A. played cheerful and lively music
 - B. destroyed
 - C. caused something to move forward

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	resignation (<i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
2	B	desolate (<i>as in: felt desolate</i>)	High-utility academic word
3	A	deft	Used 2 times in this book.
4	C	tradition	High-utility academic word
5	A	plaintive	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
6	A	acknowledge (<i>as in: acknowledge her or the truth</i>)	High-utility academic word
7	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
8	B	appropriate (<i>as in: it is appropriate</i>)	High-utility academic word
9	A	hysteria	Used 3 times in this book.
10	B	inquire	Used 2 times in this book.
11	C	negative (<i>as in: had a negative effect</i>)	High-utility academic word
12	A	probation	Used 2 times in this book.
13	C	stifle (<i>as in: the heat is stifling</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
14	A	recital	Used 4 times in this book.
15	B	sullen (<i>as in: a sullen mood</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
16	C	seethe (<i>as in: seething with anger</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
17	C	despair (<i>as in: she felt despair</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
18	B	muse (<i>as in: her musings</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
19	B	wary	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	B	devour (<i>as in: devoured by flames</i>)	High-utility academic word