

Franny and Zooey

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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: affectation, assortment, censure, conform, controversial, detest, incessant, incidental, invariably, monk, narrator, peasant, pedantic, rancor, sequel, sublime (2), tact, trifle, undermine



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	B
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10	B
11	B
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16	A
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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. His British accent turned out to be an **affectation** he picked up in college.
 - A. honest trait
 - B. fake mannerism
 - C. old hobby
2. An **assortment** of students gathered after school—some studying, others just chatting.
 - A. small group
 - B. variety
 - C. large group
3. In spite of the **censure** of her colleagues, she believed she had done the right thing.
 - A. criticism
 - B. anger
 - C. disinterest
4. The Asche experiment showed the influence of the desire to **conform**.
 - A. fit in
 - B. have independence
 - C. be honorable
5. The school reached a **controversial** decision on affirmative action.
 - A. final after a long period of indecision
 - B. difficult due to complexity
 - C. tending to arouse strong disagreement
6. I **detest** broccoli.
 - A. love
 - B. avoid
 - C. hate
7. Night and day we live with the **incessant** noise of the city.
 - A. loud
 - B. continuous
 - C. pleasant
8. Travel costs were the main expense; meals were just **incidental**.
 - A. minor and secondary
 - B. central and primary
 - C. carefully planned
9. **Invariably**, she arrives at the office ten minutes before her shift starts.
 - A. only rarely
 - B. without fail
 - C. with hesitation
10. Each **monk** in the order leads a simple life without luxury.
 - A. a female member of a religious order
 - B. a male member of a religious order
 - C. a member of a religious order
11. One of the more popular **narrators** in movie history is Morgan Freeman. I especially liked him in *The Shawshank Redemption* where in addition to playing a major role, he narrated the film.
 - A. producer who works closest with the actors
 - B. actor who talks directly to the audience
 - C. script writer

12. In 1932 a **peasant** revolt in Su County, China stopped collection of the poppy tax.
- A. city dweller
 - B. young person
 - C. poor farmer
13. Her essay was filled with creative ideas, but it was vulnerable to **pedantic** nitpicking.
- A. of someone too concerned with regional style
 - B. of someone too concerned with statistical studies
 - C. of someone too concerned with book learning
14. Even after years apart, the **rancor** between the brothers had not faded at all.
- A. warm affection
 - B. mild curiosity
 - C. deep bitterness
15. They were so confident *Lord of the Rings* would be successful, they filmed some of the **sequels** with the first film.
- A. movies that continued the story
 - B. interviews of actors expected to become famous
 - C. expensive promotional scenes
16. We found a **sublime** seaside bed and breakfast.
- A. wonderful
 - B. shabby
 - C. old
17. With **sublime** stubbornness, she refused to see that the project could not succeed.
- A. newly developed
 - B. pure or extreme
 - C. optimistic
18. She means well, but she lacks **tact**.
- A. a plan
 - B. sensitivity
 - C. ability
19. Don't waste my time with **trifling** matters.
- A. other's
 - B. future
 - C. unimportant
20. The purpose of the UN Human Rights Commission is undermined by dictators who have maneuvered to control it.
- A. strengthened
 - B. weakened
 - C. celebrated

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'm just so sick of **pedants** and conceited little tearer-downers I could scream.
 - A. constrains in some way -- such as ties up, requires, or obligates
 - B. people, organizations, lifeforms, or things that exist separately
 - C. people too concerned with formal rules, details, or book learning
- 2 And the worst part is, if you go bohemian or something crazy like that, you're **conforming** just as much as everybody else, only in a different way.
 - A. complying, fitting in, or being similar to what is normal
 - B. understanding or explaining something in a particular way
 - C. making something lighter -- such as an area of a painting
- 3 Some Russian **peasant**, apparently.
 - A. relating to an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
 - B. someone who walks slowly without definite direction OR someone who writes or talks without definite direction (changing subjects or rambling rather than in a purposeful direct way)
 - C. used historically or possibly in relation to a very poor country: a person of low income, education, and social standing -- especially one who raises crops or livestock
- 4 Which apparently was written by a group of terribly advanced **monks** who sort of advocated this really incredible method of praying.
 - A. inhabitants of Assyria -- an ancient kingdom centered in northern Mesopotamia which is in present-day Iraq
 - B. male members of a religious order living together typically under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
 - C. amounts of the value of homes that some states and local jurisdictions deduct from the value that is taxed
- 5 The style of the letter, I'm told, bears a considerably more than passing resemblance to the style, or written mannerisms, of this **narrator**, and the general reader will no doubt jump to the heady conclusion that the writer of the letter and I are one and the same person.
 - A. translation
 - B. storyteller
 - C. quiet voice
- 6 Or will you dream of something a little more cosmic--zum Beispiel, playing Pierre or Andrey in a Technicolor production of War and Peace, with stunning battlefield scenes, and all the nuances of characterization left out (on the ground that they're novel-istic and unphotogenic), and Anna Magnani daringly cast as Natasha (just to keep the production classy and Honest), and gorgeous **incidental** music by Dmitri Popkin, and all the male leads intermittently rippling their jaw muscles to show they're under great emotional stress, and a World Premiere at the Winter Garden, under floodlights, with Molotov and Milton Berle and Governor Dewey introducing the celebrities as they come into the theatre.
 - A. something that comes with something else, but is less important than it
 - B. relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
 - C. rude or unfriendly because of using too few words or moving too quickly
- 7 She reflected, with apparent **rancor**.
 - A. measure of general intelligence
 - B. a firm decision to do something
 - C. deep and bitter anger or hatred
- 8 Zooey gave a genuine roar of laughter, as if he clearly relished seeing any **affectation** brought to light, his own included.
 - A. a particular way of seeing or thinking about things
 - B. artificial behavior to make an impression
 - C. collection of star systems held together by gravity

- 9 *Everyone in the Glass family—Zoey certainly not least—was familiar with this sort of non-sequitur from Mrs. Glass. It bloomed best, most **sublimely**, in the middle of an emotional flareup of just this kind.*
- done on purpose
 - completely
 - with steadiness
- 10 *At first piecemeal, then point-blank, he let his attention be drawn to a little scene that was being acted out **sublimely**, unhampered by writers and directors and producers, five stories below the window and across the street.*
- wonderfully
 - in a manner that makes someone excited about getting something
 - with a desire to see others suffer; or in a threatening manner
- 11 *...the old monk explains to him what will happen if the prayer is said **incessantly**.*
- thoughtfully
 - continuously
 - with anxiety
- 12 *The **sequel**, 'The Pilgrim Continues His Way,' is mostly a dissertation in dialogue form on the whys and wherefores of the Jesus Prayer.*
- something that follows and continues something else -- especially a film or book
 - or more rarely: something that follows as a result of something else
 - a math value that tells how many times a number is multiplied by itself to reach another number -- often used to describe very big or very small quantities
 - a diplomat appointed by a government to live in a foreign country and help its citizens visiting that country; or the offices of that person and assistants
- 13 *I mean he was the only person that was there that I know really **detests** me.*
- takes on or adopts
 - influences opinion
 - dislikes intensely
- 14 *You talk about **undermining** people's morale!*
- influencing opinion
 - weakening gradually
 - lying or misleading
- 15 *When Zoey appeared to have difficulty in remembering something, his hesitation **invariably** interested all his brothers and sisters,*
- in a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything
 - always
 - without much energy; or moving slowly or in a relaxed manner
- 16 *You are without a doubt the most **tactless** person I've ever known in my life.*
- the state or degree of not finding a condition or substance to be present
 - the quality of saying or handling things in a needlessly offensive manner
 - finding fault and telling others; or tending to have unfavorable opinions
- 17 *Her tone couldn't have held more wonder and **censure** if...*
- harsh criticism
 - find, search, or research
 - being a boundary or limit
- 18 *True, there was a phone—the **controversial** private phone—on Buddy's desk.*
- not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - expressing or arousing sensual desire
 - tending to arouse strong disagreement
- 19 *She was chinking more audibly than usual, as if a box of **assorted** household nails had come apart in one of her kimono pockets.*
- not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - a collection containing a variety of a sort of a thing
 - the degree to which something can be solved or settled
- 20 *a trifle dizzy*
- leave a place, job or position previously occupied
 - someone (or something) taking the place of another
 - little bit

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	pedantic	Used 3 times in this book.
2	A	conform	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	C	peasant	Used 6 times in this book.
4	B	monk	Used 5 times in this book.
5	B	narrator	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
6	A	incidental (<i>as in: an incidental expense</i>)	Used 14 times in this book.
7	C	rancor	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
8	B	affectation	Used 3 times in this book.
9	B	sublime (<i>as in: sublime ignorance</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	A	sublime (<i>as in: she is sublime</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	B	incessant	Used 6 times in this book.
12	A	sequel	Used 2 times in this book.
13	C	detest	Used 4 times in this book.
14	B	undermine	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	B	invariably	Used 8 times in this book.
16	B	tact	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
17	A	censure	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
18	C	controversial	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	B	assortment	Used 4 times in this book.
20	C	trifle (<i>as in: a trifling matter</i>)	Used 18 times in this book.