

Girl Interrupted

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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: analytical, chronic, competent, compulsive, determine, determined, diagnose, indulge, interpret, negate, neurotic, pervasive, pessimistic, preemptive, provoke, psychotic, ratio, scorn, taint, topography



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	A
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6	B
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10	C
11	C
12	B
13	B
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15	C
16	B
17	B
18	A
19	A
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. We have a **numbers-tested**, analytical approach to advertising.
 - A. logical and systematic
 - B. creative and artistic
 - C. loud and aggressive
2. His **chronic** back pain made it hard to sit at a desk all day.
 - A. long-lasting
 - B. brand new
 - C. easily cured
3. She is **competent** on both violin and piano.
 - A. below average
 - B. sufficiently capable
 - C. outstanding
4. She has a **compulsive** eating disorder.
 - A. uncontrollable
 - B. hidden
 - C. unhealthy
5. She is **determined** to find a cure for the disease.
 - A. firmly planning
 - B. hoping
 - C. without hope
6. The number of days of vacation is **determined** by years at the company.
 - A. stubborn
 - B. controlled
 - C. firm in purpose
7. What was her **diagnosis**?
 - A. identification of an illness
 - B. treatment for the illness
 - C. major symptom
8. I **indulge** my taste for sweets more than is good for me.
 - A. give in to
 - B. hold back from
 - C. complain about
9. She will stand to his left and **interpret** his speech into sign language.
 - A. refute (prove false)
 - B. elaborate upon
 - C. translate
10. The increased government spending was **negated** by decreased private spending.
 - A. boosted
 - B. ignored
 - C. offset
11. Her **neurotic** fear of heights prevented her from enjoying the breathtaking view from the skyscraper's observation deck.
 - A. present since birth
 - B. learned from bad experience
 - C. excessive worry about

12. It is a country where corruption pervades their government at every level.
- A. is stopped by
 - B. is spread in
 - C. is remembered by
13. Her outlook on the future was quite pessimistic, as she worried about the economy and the environment.
- A. expecting that things will turn out well
 - B. expecting that things will turn out badly
 - C. having no expectation of how things will turn out
14. She preempted his expected betrayal by immediately telling everyone what happened in her own words.
- A. acted in a way that was not expected or typical of her
 - B. acted before something undesired happens to prevent it from happening
 - C. announced the truth in a clear and concise way
15. We should not permit deeply offensive words that provoke violence.
- A. stop
 - B. distract from
 - C. cause
16. During the episode, he became psychotic and could not tell what was real.
- A. angry without reason
 - B. detached from reality
 - C. unusually anxious
17. A relatively low ratio of the length of the index finger to the ring finger correlates with increased risk of prostate cancer in men.
- A. size in inches
 - B. relative measurement
 - C. metric measurement
18. That coach scorns students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
19. Authorities said the milk was tainted with rat poison.
- A. contaminated
 - B. stored
 - C. sabotaged
20. Los Angeles is prone to smog because of its topography.
- A. geographic surface features
 - B. population density
 - C. industrial mix

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 Toward a **Topography** of the Parallel Universe.
 - A. the features of the surface area of a region; or their study -- especially changes in elevation
 - B. a member of the Religious Society of Friends (the Friends have never called themselves Quakers)
 - C. a large, elongated gland located behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin
- 2 She'd had nothing but **scorn** for those who did.
 - A. disrespect or reject as not good enough
 - B. not answer questions; or block progress
 - C. move from more general to more specific
- 3 Lisa was **determined** to get in.
 - A. firm in purpose
 - B. careful thought
 - C. starts (a fire)
- 4 A complex system of "privileges" **determined** how many nurses accompanied each patient, and whether a patient could leave the grounds in the first place.
 - A. genetically changed through evolution
 - B. controlled (how something turned out)
 - C. said (or make a sound) with the voice
- 5 The world, whether dense or hollow, provoked only my **negations**.
 - A. settings or situations in which things occur
 - B. evidence -- especially statements in a trial
 - C. to contradict, offset, or render meaningless
- 6 Even with our high staff-to-patient **ratio**, two-toones often meant restricted to the ward.
 - A. wrong understanding
 - B. relative quantities
 - C. act of hiring again
- 7 Lisa Cody didn't have a **diagnosis** yet.
 - A. determination of the cause of her illness
 - B. a period of time when someone exhibits unusual behavior
 - C. the act or process of stopping something from happening
- 8 They had a special language: regression, acting out, hostility, withdrawal, **indulging** in behavior.
 - A. enjoying to excess
 - B. leaping or jumping
 - C. thinking carefully
- 9 It has been decided that you were **compulsively** promiscuous.
 - A. excessively due to an uncontrollable desire
 - B. in a manner that stops or hinders something
 - C. in a manner involving only one part or side
- 10 Their innocence and **incompetence** aroused our pity, unlike the incompetence of aides, which aroused our scorn.
 - A. creates, starts, or sets in a place
 - B. inability to do things sufficiently
 - C. not arousing interest or excitement
- 11 We fell silent, listening for agitation in the nursing station--the sort of agitation an escape **provokes**.
 - A. differs; or changes
 - B. predicts or reveals
 - C. causes to happen
- 12 I was his first **analytic** patient, I found that out after I quit analysis.
 - A. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
 - B. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
 - C. any of a large variety of proteins the body uses to fight infections

- 13 *In the world's terms, though, all of us were tainted.*
A. spoiled (so as to be undesirable)
B. did in a particular way
C. requested or challenged
- 14 *The interpreter is convinced it's unmappable and invisible.*
A. people who criticize or condemn
B. someone who extensively damages
C. someone who translates language
- 15 *An essential feature of this disorder is a pervasive pattern of instability of self-image, interpersonal relationships, and mood, beginning in early adulthood and present in a variety of contexts.*
A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
B. commonly seen throughout
C. not capable of surviving; or not capable of being done
- 16 *Quite often social contrariness and a generally pessimistic outlook are observed.*
A. of a guitar or other musical instrument: not using electricity to amplify sound
B. expecting that things will turn out badly; or focusing on the bad part of things
C. relating to the smallest amount of a chemical substance that can exist by itself
- 17 *It appears to be a way station between neurosis and psychosis: a fractured but not disassembled psyche.*
A. supporters of Oliver Cromwell and his side in the English Civil War
B. people of the second most populous denomination of Islam (over 10%)
C. a mild mental disorder -- usually worrying too much about something
- 18 *It appears to be a way station between neurosis and psychosis: a fractured but not disassembled psyche.*
A. feeling or appraisal of having personally behaved in a morally right or wrong manner
B. any severe mental disorder in which contact with reality is lost or highly distorted
C. related to the small gland at the base of the brain that controls many body hormones
- 19 *Maybe I was a victim of improper preemption?*
A. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
B. done before something undesired happens to prevent it from happening
C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 20 *The result was chronic emptiness and boredom.*
A. long-lasting (of something bad)
B. an architectural feature at the top of a roof, usually dome-shaped and opened by windows or columns
C. the degree to which a solution is simpler (and often more comprehensive) than most would anticipate

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	topography	Used 4 times in this book.
2	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	A	determined (<i>as in: is determined to succeed</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
4	B	determine (<i>as in: this game determines the champion</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	C	negate	Used 2 times in this book.
6	B	ratio	Used 4 times in this book.
7	A	diagnose	Used 21 times in this book.
8	A	indulge	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	A	compulsive	Used 3 times in this book.
10	B	competent	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	C	provoke	Used 4 times in this book.
12	A	analytical	High-utility academic word
13	A	taint	Used 4 times in this book.
14	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	Used 44 times in this book.
15	B	pervasive	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
16	B	pessimistic	Used 4 times in this book.
17	C	neurotic	Used 4 times in this book.
18	B	psychotic	Used 6 times in this book.
19	B	preemptive	Used 3 times in this book.
20	A	chronic	Used 5 times in this book.