

Go Set a Watchman

by Harper Lee

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: abide (2), abstract (2), bigotry, communism, congregation, cordial, deliberate (2), incidental, inhibited, junction, legislature, reconcile (2), render (2), twilight (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
3	B
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6	B
7	B
8	B
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11	A
12	B
13	B
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17	C
18	A
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. He couldn't abide their religious intolerance.
A. put up with
B. criticize
C. understand
2. Our love is deep and abiding.
A. growing
B. tolerant
C. long-lasting
3. She struggles with abstract reasoning.
A. pressured
B. theoretical
C. concrete
4. A statistical abstract is published each year.
A. study
B. summary
C. another way of looking at something
5. She accused the paper of religious bigotry.
A. confusion
B. ignorance
C. prejudice
6. Marx's writings on communism inspired revolutions across many countries in the 1900s.
A. free market trade
B. collective ownership
C. religious reform
7. The congregation voted to approve appointment of the new minister.
A. people who agree
B. people who worship together
C. people who meet periodically
8. The professor greeted each student cordially as they entered.
A. in a hurried manner
B. in a friendly manner
C. in a clumsy manner
9. She deliberately added false information to the Wikipedia page.
A. intentionally
B. carelessly
C. accidentally
10. She wasn't accustomed to cold weather, but she managed to cross the icy street with deliberate care.
A. quick and energetic
B. very little
C. slow and careful
11. Travel costs were the main expense; meals were just incidental.
A. minor and secondary
B. central and primary
C. carefully planned
12. He was too inhibited to dance at parties, even when everyone else joined in.
A. wild and uncontrolled
B. shy and self-conscious
C. loud and confident

13. The accident happened at a busy junction downtown.
- A. an empty field
 - B. an intersection
 - C. a deep tunnel
14. She is running for the state legislature.
- A. highest court
 - B. police department
 - C. lawmaking body
15. The treaty helped reconcile the two countries after years of conflict.
- A. delayed progress or slowed down
 - B. celebrated a shared history
 - C. made peace or restored friendship
16. Though she didn't like the class, she reconciled herself to making the best of it so it would not keep her from college.
- A. got by special effort
 - B. criticized severely
 - C. came to terms with
17. I received an invoice for \$100 for services rendered.
- A. to be performed
 - B. described in writing
 - C. provided or supplied
18. The disorder will eventually render her paralyzed.
- A. make
 - B. unmake
 - C. compare
19. I awakened to a twilight sky but did not know if the sun was setting or rising.
- A. the light from the sky just before sunrise
 - B. the light from the sky just after sunset
 - C. the light from the sky between daylight and darkness
20. She was more considerate in the twilight of her career.
- A. the light from the sky just before sunrise
 - B. the light from the sky just before darkness
 - C. a condition of decline following successes

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 *Jean Louise Finch always made this journey by air, but she decided to go by train from New York to Maycomb Junction on her fifth annual trip home.*
 - A. particles emitted by nuclear decay
 - B. a place where things come together
 - C. a central open space in a building
- 2 *Then go back to New York and be uninhibited.*
 - A. the process of excessive encouragement or excitement
 - B. acting naturally without being overly self-conscious
 - C. the ability to take or adopt power or responsibility
- 3 *"Aunty," she said, cordially, "why don't you go pee in your hat?"*
 - A. in a pleasing way
 - B. in a friendly way
 - C. in a skillful way
- 4 *Uncle Jack was one of the abiding pleasures of Maycomb.*
 - A. taking on or adopting
 - B. suggesting indirectly
 - C. enduring
- 5 *She wished she had paid more attention to them, but only one glance down a column of print was enough to tell her a familiar story: same people who were the Invisible Empire, who hated Catholics; ignorant, fear-ridden, red-faced, boorish, law-abiding, one hundred per cent red-blooded Anglo-Saxons, her fellow Americans—trash.*
 - A. law-obeying
 - B. well suited
 - C. a last name
- 6 *Maycomb's regular pastors ate free for a week also, and it was hinted in disrespectful quarters that the local clergy deliberately led their churches into holding separate services, thereby gaining two more weeks' honoraria.*
 - A. intentionally
 - B. unemotionally
 - C. with distaste
- 7 *Slowly and deliberately Calpurnia told her the simple story.*
 - A. in a manner that is likely to change
 - B. in a manner that does not find fault
 - C. with great care -- often slowly
- 8 *Her father, after making his initial campaign, served in the state legislature for as long as he wished, without opposition.*
 - A. something that serves as evidence -- especially a statement at a trial or hearing
 - B. an atom that has acquired an electrical charge by the loss or gain of an electron
 - C. a group, made up of government representatives, that has the power to create laws
- 9 *That Sunday, Jean Louise and the congregation were in all innocence clearing their throats to drag it accordingly when out of a cloudless sky Mrs. Clyde Haskins crashed down on the organ*
 - A. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 - B. people who worship together in the same building
 - C. a general feeling of not being as good as others
- 10 *In the sundry church wars that were a living part of Maycomb Methodism, Herbert could be counted on as the one person to keep his head, talk sense, and reconcile the more primitive elements of the congregation with the Young Turk faction.*
 - A. notable difference
 - B. gradually increase
 - C. make compatible
- 11 *Atticus, trying to reconcile them, asked Helen would she take her husband back.*
 - A. an appropriate size, amount, or degree in relation to something else
 - B. surprise -- often so much so that one doesn't know what to say or do
 - C. restore a relationship after a period of estrangement or conflict

- 12 *...a recurring story as old as time: the chapter which concerned her began two hundred years ago and was played out in a proud society the bloodiest war and harshest peace in modern history could not destroy, returning, to be played out again on private ground in the twilight of a civilization no wars and no peace could save.*
- A. relating to properties of sound or hearing
 - B. something accepted as true (without proof)
 - C. a condition of decline following successes
- 13 *After dinner she returned to the tree and sat there until twilight, when she heard Atticus call her.*
- A. light from the moon
 - B. light from the stars
 - C. the time of day between daylight and darkness
- 14 *Her companions were the lazier of the Old Sarum boys, the laziest of whom was one Albert Coningham, a slow thinker to whom Jean Louise had rendered invaluable service during six-weeks' tests.*
- A. restart (a fire)
 - B. started (a fire)
 - C. given
- 15 *Maycomb and Maycomb County had taught him things she had never known, could never learn, and Maycomb had rendered her useless to him as anything other than his oldest friend.*
- A. made (caused to become)
 - B. mirrored back (an image)
 - C. quoted (to make a point)
- 16 *Ah—I thought the Communists were all for violent overthrow and that sort of thing.*
- A. subatomic particles with negative charge that are found in all atoms and that act as the primary carrier of electricity
 - B. people who support an economic system that abolishes private ownership of property with the goal of a classless society
 - C. people who suffer from psychosis (any severe mental disorder in which contact with reality is lost or highly distorted)
- 17 *Promise me—incidental to the issue—Anglo-Saxon—dirty word—Childe Roland.*
- 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
- 18 *She wondered if those were the same abstracts, files, and professional impedimenta on his desk that were there when she would run in, out of breath, desperate for an ice cream cone, and request a nickel.*
- A. disagrees
 - B. summaries
 - C. subtracts
- 19 *Abstract justice written down item by item on a brief—nothing to do with that black boy, you just like a neat brief.*
- A. the characteristic of being excessively unhappy and unsociable
 - B. of a concept or idea not associated with any specific instance
 - C. having been granted the right to keep a job as long as desired
- 20 *Not a big one, just an ordinary turnip-sized bigot.*
- A. dreamlike state of altered consciousness
 - B. normal mood, personality, or inclination
 - C. someone who is intolerant and prejudiced

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	junction	Used 6 times in this book.
2	B	inhibited (<i>as in: she is shy and inhibited</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	B	cordial (<i>as in: a cordial reception</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
4	C	abide (<i>as in: an abiding desire to</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
5	A	abide (<i>as in: abide by her decision</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
6	A	deliberate (<i>as in: deliberate insult</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	deliberate (<i>as in: a deliberate thinker</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
8	C	legislature	Used 7 times in this book.
9	B	congregation (<i>as in: the congregation voted</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
10	C	reconcile (<i>as in: reconciled herself to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	reconcile (<i>as in: reconciled their differences</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	twilight (<i>as in: the twilight of her career</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
13	C	twilight (<i>as in: pink clouds in a twilight sky</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	C	render (<i>as in: rendered service or a verdict</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	render (<i>as in: rendered her unconscious</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	communism	Used 9 times in this book.
17	A	incidental (<i>as in: an incidental expense</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
18	B	abstract (<i>as in: read the abstract</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	B	abstract (<i>as in: abstract thought</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	C	bigotry	Used 6 times in this book.