

# Go Tell It on the Mountain

by James Baldwin

## 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:** anguish, baptism, bewilder, brazen, congregation, corroborate, evangelist, exasperated, impersonal, implacable, indifferent, infernal, malice, nevertheless, peril, perpetual, scorn, testify, testimony, wrath



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	A
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15	B
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19	B
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# Vocabulary Preview

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Her guilt led to **anguish** until she committed her life to good.
  - extreme solitude
  - extreme distress
  - extreme depression
- The baby's **baptism** took place at the local church on Sunday.
  - religious ceremony
  - first birthday party
  - doctor's appointment
- I am trying to understand her, but I am **bewildered**.
  - confused
  - bored
  - distracted
- The **brazen** thief walked right into the store and stole a diamond necklace in broad daylight.
  - silent and smart
  - disguised
  - bold and improper
- The **congregation** voted to approve appointment of the new minister.
  - people who agree
  - people who worship together
  - people who meet periodically
- A blood test **corroborated** the doctor's suspicion of diabetes.
  - disproved
  - supported
  - checked
- The **evangelist** spoke to the crowd about her faith and urged them to believe.
  - school principal
  - medical researcher
  - religious preacher
- My little brother can be **exasperating**. He's always testing his boundaries.
  - very active
  - endearing (lovable)
  - greatly annoying
- Hospitals can be **impersonal** places, despite the caring staff.
  - difficult to truly understand
  - lacking warmth or personal connection
  - highly efficient and organized
- The storm raged with **implacable** force, showing no signs of stopping.
  - diminishing
  - unyielding
  - increasing
- She was **indifferent** to his anger.
  - without interest
  - with fear
  - with anger
- That **infernal** alarm clock kept going off every five minutes.
  - annoying
  - expensive
  - antique

13. Words can be like baseball bats when used maliciously against someone who is sensitive.
- A. carelessly
  - B. mockingly
  - C. evilly
14. She loves him. Nevertheless, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
  - B. despite that
  - C. in addition
15. The journalist's investigation put her in great peril.
- A. fame
  - B. danger
  - C. weariness
16. He has a perpetual fear of forgetting important deadlines.
- A. joyful
  - B. constant
  - C. secret
17. That coach scorns students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
  - B. encourages
  - C. trains
18. She testified that he struck her.
- A. said
  - B. hid
  - C. lied
19. Before your testimony, they will have you solemnly swear to tell *the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth*.
- A. job interview
  - B. statements at a trial
  - C. confession
20. She fears the wrath of God.
- A. angry punishment
  - B. power
  - C. unpredictable moods

## 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 Their church was called the Temple of the Fire **Baptized**.

  - A. "spiritually renewed" in a Christian ceremony OR initiated or purified by a challenging experience
  - B. expressed personal artistic ideas or feelings while performing (or performing to) someone else's work
  - C. directed energy from a negative (unacceptable) impulse or urge into a positive or acceptable action
- 2 When he was young, John had paid no attention in Sunday school, and always forgot the golden text, which earned him the **wrath** of his father.

  - A. extreme anger
  - B. determination
  - C. use of reason
- 3 One Sunday, when regular service was over, Father James had uncovered sin in the **congregation** of the righteous.

  - 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
- 4 And Ella Mae was not so beautiful now as she was when she was singing and **testifying**, but looked like a sullen, ordinary girl.

  - A. providing evidence of something -- especially oral evidence in court
  - B. calling -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
  - C. convincing (someone) that an idea previously believed is not correct
- 5 She was one of the pillars of the church, a powerful **evangelist** and very widely known.

  - A. relating to the 20th century movement of artists and writers who used impossible or unlikely images to represent unconscious thoughts and dreams
  - B. of the ancient collection of city states at eastern end of the Mediterranean known for their maritime trading culture between 1550 BC to 300 BC
  - C. someone who actively tries to persuade others to accept a belief or cause, especially a Christian preacher who urges people to become Christians
- 6 His first thought, **nevertheless**, was: "Will anyone remember?"

  - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
  - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
  - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 7 And among those many voices, and stammering with his own, John would care no longer for her **testimony**.

  - A. an atom that has acquired an electrical charge by the loss or gain of an electron
  - B. something that serves as evidence -- especially a statement at a trial or hearing
  - C. an organ attached to the wall of the uterus to nourish the fetus during pregnancy
- 8 He watched her face, his heart swollen with love for her and with an **anguish**, not yet his own, that he did not understand and that frightened him.

  - A. extreme introversion
  - B. extreme pain, suffering, or distress
  - C. extreme depression
- 9 Go on, girl, he whispered, as the student, facing her **implacable** ill will, sighed and wept.

  - A. diminishing
  - B. unyielding
  - C. increasing
- 10 He kicked, pounded, twisted, pushed, using his lack of size to confound and **exasperate** Elisha, whose damp fists, joined at the small of John's back, soon slipped.

  - A. stop fighting
  - B. make possible
  - C. greatly annoy

- 11 John smiled back at her, a smile that, despite the shy gratitude it was meant to convey, did not escape being ironic, or even **malicious**.
- A. exceedingly important, serious, or dangerous
  - B. designed to be useful; or capable of working
  - C. the intention or desire to see others suffer
- 12 The weak, unsteady light placed shadows under her mouth and in the sockets of her eyes, making the face **impersonal** with majesty, like the face of a prophetess, or like a mask.
- A. highly efficient and organized
  - B. lacking warmth or personal connection
  - C. difficult to truly understand
- 13 In their eyes lived **perpetually** a lewd, uneasy wonder concerning the night she had been taken in the fields.
- A. done in a manner that is of low quality or of lower quality than something else
  - B. continuing forever without change; or occurring so frequently it seems constant
  - C. in a manner that relates to electricity generated by light or affected by light
- 14 She knew that she was mouthing words; and she realized suddenly that her mother **scorned** to dignify these words with her attention.
- A. disrespected or rejected
  - B. mirrored back (an image)
  - C. quoted (to make a point)
- 15 He stood, stupid with **bewilderment** and grief, a few inches from the bed.
- A. a feeling of extreme confusion
  - B. a type of small portable radio
  - C. a change; or a changed version
- 16 For there were really two dreams, the first like a dim, blurred, **infernal** foreshadowing of the second.
- A. very bad; or very annoying; or characteristic of hell or the underworld
  - B. relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
  - C. strict, firm, or hard (not giving in, not giving way, or not giving up)
- 17 that she stood, so **brazen**, in the congregation of the righteous and refused to bow her head.
- A. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
  - B. make one's home in; or live in; or stay (in a place)
  - C. bold and unrestrained by what others consider proper
- 18 Then she shrugged, the mildest, most **indifferent** gesture he had ever seen, and smiled.
- A. without interest
  - B. likely to change
  - C. able to be found
- 19 He regretted making his offer almost as soon as it was made; he had been certain that she was about to rush off to some trysting-place or other, and he had merely wished to be **corroborated**.
- A. disagreed
  - B. supported
  - C. separated
- 20 In journeyings often, in **perils** of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren.
- A. allowed
  - B. dangers
  - C. attacks

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	baptism	Used 12 times in this book.
2	A	wrath	Used 11 times in this book.
3	B	congregation ( <i>as in: the congregation voted</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 17 times in this book.
4	A	testify	Used 12 times in this book.
5	C	evangelist	Used 5 times in this book.
6	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
7	B	testimony	Used 15 times in this book.
8	B	anguish	Used 13 times in this book.
9	B	implacable	Used 3 times in this book.
10	C	exasperated	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
11	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
12	B	impersonal	Used 4 times in this book.
13	B	perpetual	High-utility academic word; used 14 times in this book.
14	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 15 times in this book.
15	A	bewilder	Used 8 times in this book.
16	A	infernal	Used 3 times in this book.
17	C	brazen	Used 4 times in this book.
18	A	indifferent	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
19	B	corroborate	Used 2 times in this book.
20	B	peril	Used 8 times in this book.

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