

Good Country People

by Flannery O'Connor

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: assert, direct, earnest, emerge, enable, forlorn, gaunt, genuine, implication, inclined, indignant, linger, obliterate, perceive, presume, profound, remorse, revere, seduce, stifle



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	B
3	B
4	B
5	B
6	B
7	B
8	A
9	B
10	C
11	A
12	B
13	B
14	A
15	B
16	B
17	C
18	B
19	B
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 **asserts** that her opponent lacks managerial experience.
 - A. says
 - B. proves
 - C. demonstrates
2. The judge **directed** the jury to ignore the question.
 - A. asked
 - B. ordered
 - C. understood
3. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - A. frivolous attitude
 - B. seriousness
 - C. falseness
4. The idea **emerged** at a Student Council meeting.
 - A. was forgotten
 - B. came out
 - C. was abandoned
5. Modern smartphones **enable** people to work from almost anywhere.
 - A. require
 - B. allow
 - C. remind
6. She stood behind the counter with a **forlorn** look in her eyes.
 - A. confused
 - B. hopeless
 - C. distracted
7. Don Quixote looked **gaunt** and tired.
 - A. very worried
 - B. very thin
 - C. very bored
8. She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
 - A. sincere (real)
 - B. fake
 - C. generous (giving)
9. The new policy has widespread legal and political **implications**.
 - A. disadvantages
 - B. effects
 - C. advantages
10. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
 - A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending
11. She was **indignant**, but she agreed to be searched when they accused her of shoplifting.
 - A. annoyed at something unjust
 - B. surprised at the unexpected
 - C. defensive about being suspected
12. The sweet smell of cookies **lingered** in the kitchen for hours.
 - A. spread quickly
 - B. remained a long time
 - C. smelled good

13. The tornado **obliterated** three homes.
- A. temporarily damaged
 - B. completely destroyed
 - C. completely missed
14. It's one thing to **perceive** something with the senses and another to understand its importance.
- A. become aware of
 - B. physically touch
 - C. clearly see
15. The police's **presumption** of guilt against the suspect caused them to overlook important evidence.
- A. accusation
 - B. assumption
 - C. rumors
16. She is a **profound** thinker.
- A. shallow
 - B. deep
 - C. quick
17. I expressed my **remorse** at having let them down.
- A. frustration
 - B. worry
 - C. regret
18. She **reveres** nature and all that is natural.
- A. dislikes and avoids
 - B. deeply respects
 - C. thoroughly enjoys
19. **Seducing** her was easy.
- A. stealing money from
 - B. persuading to have sex
 - C. increasing confidence of
20. She had to **stifle** a laugh during the somber funeral service.
- A. let out freely
 - B. hold back
 - C. loudly announce

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 *...the large hulking Joy, whose constant outrage had **obliterated** every expression from her face,*
 - A. expelled or gotten rid of
 - B. completely done away with (removed)
 - C. thought -- possibly aloud
- 2 *Even Glynese and Carra-mae were useful when they occupied attention that might otherwise have been **directed** at her.*
 - A. helped make clear
 - B. aimed, or intended for
 - C. thought carefully
- 3 *She had a vision of the name working like the ugly sweating Vulcan who stayed in the furnace and to whom, **presumably**, the goddess had to come when called.*
 - A. shocking
 - B. probably
 - C. secretly
- 4 *Of diseases, she preferred the **lingering** or incurable.*
 - A. a serious intestinal infection caused by contaminated food or water
 - B. to remain in a place or situation longer than necessary or expected
 - C. people of the second most populous denomination of Islam (over 10%)
- 5 *Science, on the other hand, has to **assert** its soberness and seriousness afresh and declare that it is concerned solely with what-is.*
 - A. say (that something is true)
 - B. a large structure separate from a main structure or temporary
 - C. make something more attractive or interesting by adding to it
- 6 *He was a tall **gaunt** hatless youth who had called yesterday to sell them a Bible.*
 - A. not having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - B. very thin and bony
 - C. able to qualify for regular payments that permit having an income without working
- 7 *He paused and gave her a straight **earnest** look and said, "Lady, I've come to speak of serious things."*
 - A. impossible to find
 - B. sincere or serious
 - C. good or beneficial
- 8 *"I know," she said, "real **genuine** folks!"*
 - A. real
 - B. city
 - C. lazy
- 9 *Every five minutes or so she would **stifle** a yawn.*
 - A. aka analyze -- analyze based upon a theory of psychiatry
 - B. suppress (prevent)
 - C. search for and discover through persistent investigation
- 10 *...showed an **inclination** to leave.*
 - A. wrong understanding
 - B. act of hiring again
 - C. desire (an attitude of mind favoring)
- 11 *She could **perceive** her mother's eye on her.*
 - A. see
 - B. think carefully
 - C. strongly desire
- 12 *...she had begun to see **profound** implications in it.*
 - A. foolish or showing ignorance of important circumstances
 - B. deep or far reaching
 - C. quick or efficient

- 13 *She had started thinking of it as a great joke and then she had begun to see profound **implications** in it.*
A. supporters of dramatic change -- sometimes people fighting for overthrow of a government
B. consequences or results
C. workplaces where people do scientific or medical research, or produce drugs or chemicals
- 14 *She imagined that she took his **remorse** in hand and changed it into a deeper understanding of life.*
A. two successive lines of poetry; usually rhymed
B. the main building (or buildings) of government
C. regret for doing something that was wrong
- 15 *The kiss, which had more pressure than feeling behind it, produced that extra surge of adrenalin in the girl that **enables** one to carry a packed trunk out of a burning house, but in her, the power went at once to the brain.*
A. stops fighting
B. makes possible
C. leaps or jumps
- 16 *She had **seduced** him without even making up her mind to try.*
A. (verb) created, started, settled, or set in a place OR (adjective) existing, or familiar
B. enticed to fall in love
C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 17 *The boy's face and his voice were entirely **reverent** as he uncovered it and said, "Now show me how to take it off and on."*
A. without purpose, job, or natural activity
B. with feelings of deep respect and admiration
C. the quality of being sensible and careful
- 18 *"I hope you don't think," he said in a lofty **indignant** tone, "that I believe in that crap!"*
A. angered or annoyed at something unjust or wrong
B. surprised as something unexpected
C. accepted of something undesired as unavoidable
- 19 *She saw him grab the leg and then she saw it for an instant slanted **forlornly** across the inside of the suitcase with a Bible at either side of its opposite ends.*
A. in a pessimistic or disagreeable manner
B. sad, hopeless, pitiful and/or abandoned
C. enthusiastically or with great interest
- 20 *...saw him **emerge** a little later from the woods and head across the meadow toward the highway.*
A. the difference between tones of an image
B. come out of
C. hold together (connect or unite) or wrap

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	obliterate	Used about 5 times per 10 books in our high school library.
2	B	direct (<i>as in: direct a question; or direct a film</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this story.
3	B	presume (<i>as in: presumption of innocence</i>)	High-utility academic word
4	B	linger	Used about 26 times per 10 books in our high school library.
5	A	assert (<i>as in: asserted her opinion that...</i>)	High-utility academic word
6	B	gaunt	Used about 5 times per 10 books in our high school library.
7	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this story.
8	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this story.
9	B	stifle (<i>as in: stifling the urge</i>)	Used about 8 times per 10 books in our high school library.
10	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word
11	A	perceive (<i>as in: though blind, can perceive light</i>)	High-utility academic word
12	B	profound (<i>as in: profound idea</i>)	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
13	B	implication (<i>as in: the implication is that...</i>)	High-utility academic word
14	C	remorse	Used 2 times in this story.
15	B	enable	High-utility academic word
16	B	seduce	Used 3 times in this story.
17	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this story.
18	A	indignant	High-utility academic word
19	B	forlorn	Used about 5 times per 10 books in our high school library.
20	B	emerge	High-utility academic word