

Goodbye Stranger

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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: aesthetic, apocalypse, clarity, condescending, demented, dubious, forfeit, genuine, humiliate, irrelevant, laboratory, lucrative, nucleus, obnoxious, principal, scorn, solemn, therefore, tranquil, vulnerable



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	C
3	C
4	A
5	C
6	A
7	B
8	A
9	B
10	B
11	C
12	C
13	C
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16	A
17	A
18	C
19	C
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 expressed concern about the **aesthetic** impact of wind turbines in such beautiful countryside.
 - A. related to money
 - B. related to beauty
 - C. related to morality
2. The novel imagined an **apocalypse** brought on by climate collapse and global famine.
 - A. regional conflict
 - B. temporary setback
 - C. world-ending disaster
3. The judge praised the witnesses for the **clarity** of their testimony.
 - A. briefness
 - B. courage
 - C. clearness
4. She tried to sound supportive, but her advice came across as **condescending**.
 - A. acting superior
 - B. harmful or unhelpful
 - C. sounding uninformed
5. Stay away from her. She's dangerous and **demented**.
 - A. devious (clever)
 - B. overly confident
 - C. insane (crazy)
6. She gave a **dubious** look when he claimed to have met the president.
 - A. doubtful
 - B. polite
 - C. joyful
7. The team was half an hour late and had to **forfeit** the game.
 - A. rush through
 - B. give up as lost
 - C. re-schedule
8. She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
 - A. sincere (real)
 - B. fake
 - C. generous (giving)
9. She's convinced PE class was invented to **humiliate** innocent kids.
 - A. strengthen
 - B. extremely embarrass
 - C. teach hard lessons
10. The writer should delete the sentence because it provides background information that is **irrelevant** to the paragraph.
 - A. confusing
 - B. unimportant
 - C. too wordy
11. She is working in the **laboratory**.
 - A. manufacturing workplace
 - B. repair workplace
 - C. science workplace

12. Her endorsements are more **lucrative** than the prize money she earns winning tournaments.
- A. interesting
 - B. fame-causing
 - C. profitable
13. The small reading group became the **nucleus** of a schoolwide book club.
- A. ending
 - B. critics
 - C. center
14. Don't be **obnoxious**.
- A. nervous or worried
 - B. rude or unpleasant
 - C. ridiculous or foolish
15. The **principal** reason for the delay was bad weather.
- A. final
 - B. main
 - C. stated
16. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
17. Everyone was **solemn** at the funeral.
- A. serious and dignified
 - B. teary eyed
 - C. dressed in dark colors
18. We reduced locations where mosquito eggs can mature and therefore reduced the number of mosquitoes.
- A. in addition
 - B. in spite of that
 - C. for that reason
19. After the storm passed, the village returned to its **tranquil** evening routine.
- A. loudly chaotic
 - B. brightly colored
 - C. peacefully calm
20. The team's preferred style of defense is **vulnerable** to good outside shooters.
- A. designed to stop
 - B. easily hurt by
 - C. dependent upon

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 Her interest in Volkswagen Bugs was less **aesthetic**.
 - A. related to money
 - B. beautiful, tasteful, or related to beauty or taste
 - C. related to morality
- 2 So far he'd **forfeited** a brand-new Call of Duty game, a vintage Rolling Stones T-shirt he'd bought at the flea market, and a baseball signed by Mariano Rivera.
 - A. made suitable (changed to fit a different situation)
 - B. lost
 - C. fought in a bitter manner over a long period of time
- 3 Are you **demented**?
 - A. having the characteristics of a *monk* (often inclined toward self-denial)
 - B. the quality of holding something back or holding others down through oppression
 - C. acting crazy

or:

suffering from cognitive dementia (mental deterioration)
- 4 "Boring but **lucrative**," their mom said.
 - A. changeable
 - B. related to
 - C. profitable
- 5 The waitress at the diner seemed **genuinely** happy to see Bridge.
 - A. really
 - B. mainly
 - C. wisely
- 6 Gina invented the **apocalypse** game.
 - A. something that causes ongoing suffering
 - B. worry or concern about what will happen
 - C. an event involving terrible destruction
- 7 "Nuclear **bomb**, nice thought," you said.
 - A. the quality of inappropriateness in size, amount, or degree
 - B. the condition of being exclusive to (someone or some group)
 - C. relating to the central or most important part of something
- 8 She looks at you, **dubious**.
 - A. doubtful; or suspicious; or full of uncertainty -- sometimes to indicate that *something described as good* is actually bad
 - B. related to a mental illness most commonly associated with undeveloped social abilities, language, and other communication skills
 - C. relating to realities beyond scientific understanding OR inspiring a sense of wonder or mystery; or beyond human comprehension
- 9 Alex smiled his **condescending** smile.
 - A. treating others as inferior; or doing something considered beneath one's position or dignity
 - B. persuading someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - C. interesting or exciting; or encouraging interest or excitement; or causing something to happen
- 10 Bridge couldn't see it, but she sensed it from the kitchen with perfect **clarity**.
 - A. a collection of things on public display OR a detailed explanation or background of a specific topic
 - B. the process of assigning a value on or judging the worth of something; or the result of such a process
 - C. seen, expressed, or understood clearly; or a degree of transparency such as the quality of clear water

- 11 "And **therefore**"—she adjusted the ears so that they fit exactly right—"I'm wearing them."
A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
B. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
C. for that reason
- 12 He pointed his pencil at her and said, "I told you, it's **irrelevant**."
A. a person who works from within to destroy an established order; or relating to such destructive efforts
B. not relevant (not related to the subject being considered, or not important enough to want to consider)
C. the character or degree of bouncing back light (or more rarely: heat, sound, electromagnetic waves...)
- 13 When the *Talentine* show audition notices were passed out, Em had been **scornful**.
A. full of strong disrespect or rejection
B. able to accept as true (without proof)
C. able to be protected or kept unchanged
- 14 The three audition judges were stationed just below the stage: the vice **principal**, Mr. Ramos; the head of the language department, Madame Lawrence; and Mr. Partridge, who stood at the light board, which he'd rolled out on its metal cart.
A. serving to help explain or demonstrate something
B. most important; or person that is most important
C. the state or degree of criticism or disagreement
- 15 But she didn't want to meet him behind the science **lab**.
A. soccer: a foul kick taken from 12 yards in front of the goal and defended only by the goalkeeper who cannot advance beyond the goal line until the shot is taken
B. an index of all main words in a book or body of work along with the immediate contexts where each word is found and/or an indication of where to find the context
C. a workplace where people do scientific or medical research, or produce drugs or chemicals (also used figuratively) OR (as an adjective) related to such a place
- 16 "Adrienne," he repeated, doing that **obnoxious** thing with his hands that meant a girl had a good body.
A. impossible to find
B. rude or unpleasant
C. good or beneficial
- 17 Tab had opened a bag of chips and was eating them one at a time, looking weirdly **solemn**, as if she felt sorry for them.
A. very serious--possibly dignified
B. indicating approval or agreement
C. able to be taken on as one's own
- 18 It's about being **vulnerable**.
A. having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
B. easily hurt or in need of help; or easily influenced or subject to temptation
C. suffering from too few red blood cells

or (less commonly): lacking vitality
- 19 That's the Sea of **Tranquility**.
A. activity or natural activity
B. not in an agreement to marry
C. peace and quiet; or calmness
- 20 Letting her **humiliate** me in front of someone I love deeply and pretty much want to spend my life with?
A. deeply involve; or intermix with complications or difficulties
B. extremely embarrass (decrease dignity, self-respect, or pride)
C. stimulates; or reflects brilliant light in a flickering manner

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	aesthetic	High-utility academic word
2	B	forfeit	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
3	C	demented (<i>as in:</i> <i>demented lyrics</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
4	C	lucrative	High-utility academic word
5	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
6	C	apocalypse	Used 4 times in this book.
7	C	nucleus	Used 2 times in this book.
8	A	dubious	High-utility academic word
9	A	condescending	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	C	clarity	Used about 8 times per 10 books in our high school library.
11	C	therefore	High-utility academic word
12	B	irrelevant	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	A	scorn	High-utility academic word
14	B	principal	Used 2 times in this book.
15	C	laboratory	Used 2 times in this book.
16	B	obnoxious	Used 3 times in this book.
17	A	solemn	Used about 17 times per 10 books in our high school library.
18	B	vulnerable	Used 6 times in this book.
19	C	tranquil	Used 2 times in this book.
20	B	humiliate	Used 4 times in this book.