

Heaven Is for Real

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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: anesthesia, approach (2), burnish, congregation, context, diagnose, earnest, gospel, guile, illustrate (2), literally (2), narrator, passage, pavilion, pediatric, prologue, render



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	A
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5	B
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11	A
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17	A
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.

- The doctor used **anesthesia** so she would not feel pain during the procedure.
 - a sharp instrument
 - pain-numbing medicine
 - a written diagnosis
- I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - gets nearer
 - is remembered
 - continues
- We need to **approach** this problem in a new way.
 - avoid
 - think about
 - assign
- He spent hours trying to **burnish** the old brass lamp until it gleamed.
 - wear out
 - shine up
 - throw out
- The **congregation** voted to approve appointment of the new minister.
 - people who agree
 - people who worship together
 - people who meet periodically
- What was her **diagnosis**?
 - identification of an illness
 - treatment for the illness
 - major symptom
- She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - frivolous attitude
 - seriousness
 - falseness
- The pastor read aloud from the **gospel** during Sunday morning service.
 - Bible book about Jesus
 - ancient family record
 - list of church donors
- She had the **guile** to lie directly to his face.
 - necessity
 - cunning and deceit
 - ambition
- The example **illustrates** the belief.
 - disproves
 - proves
 - makes clear
- The assembly directions include **illustrations** to identify each part.
 - drawings
 - coded stickers
 - descriptions
- It's dirty money--**literally** and figuratively.
 - openly
 - actually
 - completely

13. I literally laughed my head off.
- A. secretly
 - B. joyfully
 - C. really
14. One of the more popular narrators in movie history is Morgan Freeman. I especially liked him in *The Shawshank Redemption* where in addition to playing a major role, he narrated the film.
- A. producer who works closest with the actors
 - B. actor who talks directly to the audience
 - C. script writer
15. She quoted him out of context.
- A. in a misleading manner
 - B. in a convincing manner
 - C. in a respectful manner
16. After reading each passage, choose the best answer to each question.
- A. article
 - B. short part of a longer work
 - C. route to get somewhere
17. We ate lunch under the open-sided pavilion near the lake.
- A. freestanding shelter
 - B. tall stone monument
 - C. narrow garden path
18. The clinic has a separate pediatric wing designed just for infants and toddlers.
- A. for child patients
 - B. for elderly patients
 - C. for emergency cases
19. The prologue of the novel sets the stage for the epic adventure that follows.
- A. the conclusion of a fictional work
 - B. the main idea of a fictional work
 - C. an introduction to a fictional work
20. The face of the child is rendered with much tenderness in this painting.
- A. depicted or created with more detail than normal
 - B. created in a manner that will always be remembered
 - C. portrayed or created in a particular way

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 **Prologue** – *Angels at Arby's*.
 - A. a long and determined effort for a cause that is passionately believed to be important
 - B. to think of something as true or likely, even though it is not known with certainty
 - C. an introduction to a fictional work; or anything that precedes a more important event
- 2 *Sonja had heard of a neat place for kids to visit just outside Denver called the Butterfly Pavilion.*
 - A. a large structure separate from a main structure or temporary
 - B. make something more attractive or interesting by adding to it
 - C. a small group of people who plot in secret and exercise power
- 3 *Instead, each time I walked into Colton's room, I saw my little boy slipping deeper into the grip of whatever mysterious monster held him. Not only was he not getting better; he was getting worse faster. ... I had seen this look many times, but in a **context** where you might expect it, in a patient suffering from terminal cancer or in the final phases of old age.*
 - A. situation
 - B. the act of interacting or getting interested again
 - C. an image (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
- 4 *Sonja called ahead to the office of **pediatrician** Dr. Dell Shepherd to let his staff know we were coming.*
 - A. a doctor who specializes in the treatment of infants and children
 - B. someone or something that protects something or keeps it as it is
 - C. someone who explains or understands something in a particular way
- 5 *Without a **diagnosis**, they couldn't treat our son.*
 - A. determination of the nature of a problem or an illness
 - B. a period of time when someone exhibits unusual behavior
 - C. the act or process of stopping something from happening
- 6 *"Daddy?" Colton looked at me **earnestly**.
"What?"
He gazed at me and didn't move his eyes from mine. "Daddy, you know I almost died."*
 - A. in a self-aware manner
 - B. seriously
 - C. finally; or in the end
- 7 *I don't think he could feel it yet, since he was still under the effects of the local **anesthesia** the surgical team had applied to the incision site.*
 - A. the state or degree of having the ability to change for different situations
 - B. loss of bodily sensation -- especially created intentionally to control pain
 - C. a common name for tetanus, a serious infection that makes the jaw clamp shut
- 8 *Some were in our **congregation** and some from other churches, but they had all come together to pray for our son.*
 - 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
- 9 *Inside, we found the **burnished** oak casket standing off to one side of the foyer.*
 - A. held together (connected or united) or wrapped
 - B. polished and made shiny; or improved something
 - C. considered (for affect on a result or outcome)
- 10 *What is **childlike humility**? It's not the lack of intelligence, but the lack of **guile**. The lack of an agenda.*
 - A. prepare food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
 - B. cunning (shrewdness and cleverness), and deceit
 - C. treat as a particular type that is considered bad

- 11 *The Bible says that with the Lord, "a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." Some interpret that as a **literal** exchange, as in, two days equals two thousand years.*
- A. not sensible or careful
 - B. actual (not figurative)
 - C. optimistic or agreeable
- 12 *Still, of the **literally** dozens of portraits of Jesus we'd seen since 2003, Colton had still never seen one he thought was right.*
- A. in a manner that is not aware of something
 - B. in a manner that is not successful or good
 - C. an intensifier (to intensify what is said)
- 13 *For one thing, a pastor's wife has to put up with being used as a sermon **illustration** a lot.*
- A. relating to where attention is concentrated
 - B. the act of taking something on as one's own
 - C. example (to help clarify or demonstrate)
- 14 *As we knelt on the floor to pray, I laid the book aside on the carpet, and it fell open to an **illustration** that pictured King Solomon sitting on his throne.*
- A. picture
 - B. interaction or interest
 - C. a subtle characteristic
- 15 *For example, the author of the book of Hebrews urges believers to "**approach** the throne of grace with confidence," and says that after Jesus had completed his work on earth, he "sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*
- A. get near
 - B. create dramatic change
 - C. mirror back (an image)
- 16 *One year, this gentleman decided he could sell more of his delicious beverage using what you might call the Hooters **approach** to marketing.*
- A. change the direction of something or the purpose for which it is used
 - B. technique (way of doing something)
 - C. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
- 17 *And I remembered a **passage** from Daniel in which an angel visits Daniel in answer to prayer, but says he was delayed for twenty-one days because he was engaged in a battle with the King of Persia.*
- A. the act of stopping a battle or fight
 - B. a short part of a longer written work
 - C. dense, rainy forest with many species
- 18 *The story is told in the **gospel** of John:*
- A. one of the four books in the New Testament that Christians believe tell the story of Jesus Christ's life and teachings
 - B. a book that Scientologists believe explains the nature of humankind and its place in the universe
 - C. a type of vocal music that originated in African-American churches in the United States
- 19 *The **narrator** went on to say that Akiane's mother was an atheist and that the concept of God was never discussed in their home.*
- A. translation
 - B. storyteller
 - C. quiet voice
- 20 *But after three years of examining Jesus pictures, we did know that Akiane's **rendering** was not only a departure from typical paintings of Jesus; it was also the only one that had ever stopped Colton in his tracks.*
- A. gradually destroying or changing the purpose of something -- such as a government, institution, or rule
 - B. expressing personal artistic ideas or feelings while performing (or performing to) someone else's work
 - C. portrayal

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	prologue	Used 2 times in this book.
2	A	pavilion	Used 8 times in this book.
3	A	context	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
4	A	pediatric	Used 2 times in this book.
5	A	diagnose	Used 9 times in this book.
6	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
7	B	anesthesia	Used 4 times in this book.
8	B	congregation (<i>as in: the congregation voted</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
9	B	burnish	Used 2 times in this book.
10	B	guile	Used 2 times in this book.
11	B	literally (<i>as in: literally-- not figuratively</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
12	C	literally (<i>as in: literally at death's door</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	illustrate (<i>as in: as illustrated by this example</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	illustrate (<i>as in: an illustrated children's book</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
15	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
16	B	approach (<i>as in: use the best approach</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	B	passage (<i>as in: In lines 1-9 of the passage...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	gospel (<i>as in: gospel of the Bible</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	B	narrator	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	C	render (<i>as in: rendered interpretation</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
