

I Heard the Owl Call My Name

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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: amble, anguish, appalling, arrogant, clergy, climax, collide, congregation, cower, dissent, dominate, enmity, materialistic, parish, poignant, precede, static, taunt, torrent, vary



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	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.

1. I often see them **amble** along the beach at sunset.
 - A. jog
 - B. power walk
 - C. walk leisurely
2. Her guilt led to **anguish** until she committed her life to good.
 - A. extreme solitude
 - B. extreme distress
 - C. extreme depression
3. She has scheduled a news conference to respond to the **appalling** accusations.
 - A. false
 - B. horrible
 - C. foolish
4. I'm not worried that she might appear insecure. I'm worried that she might appear **arrogant**.
 - A. warm and welcoming
 - B. shy and uncertain
 - C. overly self-important
5. The **clergy** met with community leaders after the storm.
 - A. elected officials
 - B. wealthy donors
 - C. religious leaders
6. *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* reaches its climax when Harry enters the chamber of secrets.
 - A. most surprising part
 - B. most intense part
 - C. most thoughtful part
7. If the two cars **collide** at high speed, the damage will be severe.
 - A. crash
 - B. wait
 - C. split
8. The **congregation** voted to approve appointment of the new minister.
 - A. people who agree
 - B. people who worship together
 - C. people who meet periodically
9. She **cowered** behind her big sister.
 - A. walked slowly
 - B. walked proudly
 - C. fearfully hid
10. The Supreme Court was unanimous except for one **dissenting** opinion.
 - A. disagreeing
 - B. supporting
 - C. withheld
11. She completely **dominates** her boyfriend.
 - A. worships
 - B. obeys
 - C. controls
12. She harbors no **enmity** towards her ex-husband.
 - A. love
 - B. disrespect
 - C. hatred

13. I wouldn't describe myself as **materialistic**, but I would like some financial security.
- A. too concerned with wealth and possessions
 - B. too afraid of risk and uncertainty
 - C. unwilling to spend any money
14. Our **parish** raised funds to repair the old chapel's leaking roof and bell tower.
- A. large city government
 - B. private school district
 - C. local church community
15. Have you read MLK's **poignant** "Letter from Birmingham Jail"?
- A. arousing deep emotion
 - B. logically compelling
 - C. long
16. In English, most adjectives **precede** the noun they modify.
- A. follow
 - B. describe
 - C. go before
17. Despite the constant stream of breaking news alerts, the political landscape remained **static**, with the same issues dominating the headlines for weeks on end.
- A. uninteresting
 - B. unchanging
 - C. repetitive
18. They **taunted** her until she responded physically, and then they beat her up.
- A. followed
 - B. insulted
 - C. surrounded
19. Since she posted that tweet, she's received a **torrent** of abuse.
- A. overwhelming amount
 - B. increasing amount
 - C. warning
20. McDonald's menu options **vary** by location.
- A. are consistent
 - B. are different
 - C. are known

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 *There was pride in his eyes without **arrogance**.*
 - A. the branch of geology that studies rocks
 - B. "fight or flight" stimulating hormone
 - C. an excessive sense of superiority
- 2 *The village is the talking bird, the owl, who calls the name of the man who is going to die, and the silver-tipped grizzly who **ambles** into the village, and the little white speck that is the mountain goat on Whoop-Szo.*
 - A. tells (a story)
 - B. starts fighting
 - C. walks leisurely
- 3 *On the patrol to the other villages, which somehow he must bind together into a **parish**, hour passed hour and neither he nor Jim spoke a word.*
 - A. someone who abandoned their religion or separated from others with whom they used to share firmly held beliefs
 - B. an artists performance of another artist's work that expresses the performer's feelings or ideas about the work
 - C. a local church community
- 4 *Then he ... went to the church where the **congregation** was waiting.*
 - 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
- 5 *When Mark stopped to ask how things were, the reply never **varied**, "Calamitous," and when Calamity Bill asked if he might come aboard, Mark's reply never varied either, "Yes, if you take off your cork boots."*
 - A. took on as one's own
 - B. differed; or changed
 - C. began fighting again
- 6 *In the night the village suddenly exploded into sound, and Mark put on his slippers, threw a robe over his pajamas and dashed out to **collide** with a huge dark shape.*
 - A. crash together with violent impact; or come into conflict
 - B. think carefully and make a judgment about something again
 - C. to promise, guarantee, or indicate certainty of something
- 7 *Mark felt a strange little wind of **dissent** which seemed to whisper in the firs, to precede him, to follow him wherever he went.*
 - A. disagreement
 - B. tell someone about something
 - C. something repeated regularly
- 8 *Now the tide **dominated** all life.*
 - A. tried to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuaded
 - B. did not vote OR did not drink alcohol OR (more rarely) did not do something else
 - C. was most influential (or controlled)
- 9 *They **taunted** each other, fingers to noses, and this time the audience shrieked with laughter, **taunting** each in turn, and applauding the favourite.*
 - A. giving an opinion of what is wrong with something
 - B. intentionally angering, challenging, or upsetting
 - C. keeping people and goods from reaching a location
- 10 *Mark and Jim met the **clergy** at Gilford village.*
 - A. the position of being in charge of a group of monks
 - B. with disapproval or distrust; or directed to one side
 - C. formal religious leadership (in Christianity)

- 11 *They went downriver in a torrential rain, the young wife and the Bishop cowering under a poly-ethylene sheet.*
- A. entering into a place of religious seclusion (such as a monastery)
 - B. degrading (decreasing) the purity, quality, or status of something
 - C. showing fear by positioning the body as though afraid of being hit
- 12 *The young bush pilot was properly appalled by the imminent prospect of birth.*
- A. with an unadjusted lens so the image isn't clear
 - B. terrified (dismayed)
 - C. gave an opinion of what was wrong with something
- 13 *Mark tried to say that no village, no culture, can remain static.*
- A. able to meet and talk with
 - B. not changing
 - C. the quality of disagreeing
- 14 *On the way back to the boat they passed three young Indians, loud spoken, ill-kempt and slovenly, and he felt the boys stiffen with enmity.*
- A. battle
 - B. memory
 - C. hatred
- 15 *And how did he handle the growing materialism in which so many people feel no need of faith and consider the church almost an anachronism?*
- A. overly concerned with wealth and possessions at the expense of other interests
 - B. the passage food and drink follow between the back of the mouth and the stomach
 - C. blood poisoning or poisoning of other tissues by microorganisms or their toxins
- 16 *He saw Gordon with a surge of pride and a twinge of anguish.*
- A. extreme introversion
 - B. extreme pain, suffering, or distress
 - C. extreme depression
- 17 *Already nothing looked the same because it was going to end, because he was going to leave it, and the thought filled him with a twinge of sudden anguish and the little, unexpected fear that precedes any big change, sad or joyous.*
- A. is abundant or plentiful
 - B. moves or slopes downward
 - C. goes, does, or is before
- 18 *He had seen the sadness, the richness, the tragic poignancy of a way of life that each year, bit by bit, slipped beyond memory and was gone.*
- A. intense sadness
 - B. support or favor given
 - C. belief in a single God
- 19 *In the night the heaviest of the spring rains fell in torrents as the young vicar struggled with the one fact of his life about which no man has doubt and yet is never ready to meet.*
- A. overwhelming amounts
 - B. wrong understandings
 - C. acts of hiring again
- 20 *Past the village flowed the river, like time, like life itself, waiting for the swimmer to come again on his way to the climax of his adventurous life, and to the end for which he had been made.*
- A. treat something in an educated, intellectual way -- often excluding emotional or practical considerations
 - B. the most exciting or important part of a story, musical piece, or other thing that has a series of events
 - C. "spiritually renew" (a person) in a Christian ceremony OR initiate or purify by a challenging experience

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	arrogant	Used 2 times in this book.
2	C	amble	Used 3 times in this book.
3	C	parish	Used 4 times in this book.
4	B	congregation (<i>as in: the congregation voted</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
5	B	vary	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
6	A	collide	Used 2 times in this book.
7	A	dissent	Used 2 times in this book.
8	C	dominate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
9	B	taunt	Used 2 times in this book.
10	C	clergy	Used 6 times in this book.
11	C	cower	Used 2 times in this book.
12	B	appalling	Used 3 times in this book.
13	B	static (<i>as in: in a static state</i>)	High-utility academic word
14	C	enmity	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
15	A	materialistic	High-utility academic word
16	B	anguish	Used 2 times in this book.
17	C	precede	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
18	A	poignant	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
19	A	torrent	Used 2 times in this book.
20	B	climax (<i>as in: climax of the story</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.