

Inkheart

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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: beckon, conjure, conscience, contempt, diabolical, however (2), inconspicuous, incredulous, indifferent, indignant, inquire, invulnerable, malignant, monastery, nocturnal, scorn, scrutiny, sinister, wretched



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	A
3	A
4	B
5	B
6	A
7	C
8	C
9	C
10	A
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17	A
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20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The police officer **beckoned** me to come over.
 - A. considered asking
 - B. called
 - C. prohibited
2. The song **conjures** memories of good times.
 - A. brings to mind
 - B. is about
 - C. drives away
3. I will vote as my **conscience** demands.
 - A. sense of right and wrong
 - B. memory of past events
 - C. fear of public ridicule
4. He was impolite. She pretended not to notice except that she treated him with **contempt**.
 - A. great annoyance
 - B. lack of respect
 - C. impatience
5. She was frightened by the **diabolical** expression on his face.
 - A. angry
 - B. evil
 - C. crazy
6. I hope to take the ACT just once. However, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
 - A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and
7. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
8. The microphone was small and **inconspicuous**, tucked neatly into the speaker's lapel.
 - A. not fully functional
 - B. not clearly labeled
 - C. not attracting attention
9. At first, she was **incredulous**--thinking the report was in error.
 - A. worried
 - B. confused
 - C. without belief
10. She was **indifferent** to his anger.
 - A. without interest
 - B. with fear
 - C. with anger
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. I am here to **inquire** about the job.
- A. answer questions
 - B. ask about
 - C. perform a task
13. The hilltop fortress looked **invulnerable** behind its cliffs and thick walls.
- A. easy to attack
 - B. likely to surrender
 - C. unable to be harmed
14. **Malignant** rumors spread through social media damaged her reputation.
- A. insignificant or unimportant
 - B. harmful or evil
 - C. beneficial or helpful
15. During her travels, she found peace and tranquility in the serene surroundings of the ancient **monastery** nestled high in the mountains.
- A. religious residence
 - B. secure castle
 - C. remote cabin
16. Owls are **nocturnal** hunters that rely on excellent vision in low light.
- A. ocean-dwelling
 - B. long-tailed
 - C. nighttime-active
17. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
18. The new policy faced **scrutiny** from independent reviewers.
- A. strong support
 - B. quick approval
 - C. careful examination
19. In the movie, there was a **sinister** plot to kill people and harvest their organs.
- A. complicated
 - B. evil
 - C. clever
20. The photograph showed poor people in a **wretched** village in East Africa.
- A. irresponsible
 - B. in terrible condition
 - C. foolish or thoughtless

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 A dog barked somewhere in the darkness, and **however** often she tossed and turned Meggie couldn't get to sleep.
 - A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
 - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
 - C. regardless of how
- 2 Farid, **however**, looked much the same as the boys who lounged around on the beach nudging one another when girls passed by.
 - A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though, in spite of that, in contrast, nevertheless*, etc.
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 3 Meggie **scrutinized** her father's face.
 - A. mirrored back (an image)
 - B. quoted (to make a point)
 - C. looked at very carefully
- 4 And hard as Meggie tried to see something **sinister** about him, she couldn't, not in the pale morning light.
 - A. not able to be disagreed with
 - B. evil, harmful, or frightening
 - C. not thoughtful about the past
- 5 Elinor inspected her again, this time with unconcealed **contempt**.
 - A. frustration at being treated unfairly
 - B. lack of respect (as though she was not good enough)
 - C. prejudice or unfair treatment
- 6 As far as she knew, the monks had worked at desks with sloping tops in the scriptoria of their **monasteries**, but she kept this information to herself.
 - A. the residences of religious communities
 - B. things that help clarify or demonstrate
 - C. things designed to stop something else
- 7 She cast Mo an **inquiring** glance.
 - A. gradually adding or removing
 - B. questioning
 - C. thinking about or discussing
- 8 Dustfinger's voice was full of **scorn**.
 - A. disrespect
 - B. not answer questions; or block progress
 - C. move from more general to more specific
- 9 Mo was staring **incredulously** at the book in Capricorn's hand as if he expected it to dissolve into thin air at any moment.
 - A. in a manner that influences reason or general desire to do something
 - B. in a manner that intentionally angers, challenges, or upsets someone
 - C. with disbelief; or with difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 10 Diabolical celebrations.
 - A. related to the spreading of a disease to another part of the body
 - B. evil; very bad; or cruel and clever (like something of the devil)
 - C. relating to a surface rather than to anything deep or penetrating
- 11 She **beckoned** to a waitress and asked for more coffee.
 - A. showed something -- such as demonstrated, expressed, or represented
 - B. called (to come by using a hand gesture or a nod)
 - C. provided evidence of something -- especially oral evidence in court

- 12 *I could just follow you, **inconspicuously**.*
A. in a disrespectful or rejecting manner
B. with grace of movement and flexibility
C. in a manner that is not easily noticed
- 13 *"I had to put them up here," said Fenoglio defensively, signs of a guilty conscience lurking among his wrinkles.*
A. feeling or appraisal of having personally behaved in a morally right or wrong manner
B. a complex carbohydrate that is the chief constituent of all plant tissues and fibers
C. not planning to kill a person, but then intentionally killing in the heat of passion
- 14 *Farid saw other ghosts and spirits, too, whole armies of them: **malignant**, all-powerful beings who tore the hearts out of poor mortal boys and ate them.*
A. relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
B. harmful or evil

in medicine: harmful growth as with a cancerous tumor
C. strict, firm, or hard (not giving in, not giving way, or not giving up)
- 15 *...even if he was taking great pains to hide his concern under a mask of **indifference**.*
A. lacking concern
B. risky investment
C. chaotic disorder
- 16 *They slipped beneath his feet as he clambered over them, and when he listened to the **nocturnal** sounds again, afraid the noise might have attracted someone's attention, he saw a guard appear among the ruined houses.*
A. the quality of not being sensible and careful
B. the quality of being unchanging or continuous
C. active during the night; or relating to night
- 17 *But everyone knew one thing: The Shadow was immortal and **invulnerable** and as pitiless as his master.*
A. good or beneficial
B. not representative
C. impossible to harm
- 18 *Let us use our magic and enchantments to **conjure** up a woman out of flowers.*
A. summon into existence by magic
B. read, listen, or watch with eager interest
C. provide better understanding or make clear
- 19 *He's planning to feed you to his friend like a fly to a frog, so how about a little **indignation**?*
A. anger at something unjust or wrong
B. surprise as something unexpected
C. acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 20 *Does this mean we have to go the whole **wretched** way on foot again?*
A. not easily identified
B. miserable
C. exactness or accuracy

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	Used 11 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
2	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	C	scrutiny	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
4	B	sinister	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
5	B	contempt (<i>as in: feels contempt towards her</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
6	A	monastery	Used 4 times in this book.
7	B	inquire	Used 23 times in this book.
8	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 17 times in this book.
9	C	incredulous	Used 10 times in this book.
10	B	diabolical	Used 2 times in this book.
11	B	beckon	Used 13 times in this book.
12	C	inconspicuous	Used 2 times in this book.
13	A	conscience	Used 10 times in this book.
14	B	malignant	Used 2 times in this book.
15	A	indifferent	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
16	C	nocturnal	Used 2 times in this book.
17	C	invulnerable	Used 2 times in this book.
18	A	conjure	Used 8 times in this book.
19	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
20	B	wretched	Used 14 times in this book.