

Interview with the Vampire

by Anne Rice

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: agitate, agony, auburn, beckon, blasphemy, confide, contort, immortal, infinite, loathe, malignant, monastery, mortal, poise, rancor, sublime (2), torment, veritable, yield



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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2	C
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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. She gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
 - A. calm and thoughtful
 - B. gloomy (sad)
 - C. emotionally disturbed
2. She cried out in **agony**.
 - A. sudden surprise
 - B. intense anger
 - C. intense suffering
3. He admired the horse's sleek **auburn** coat as it ran across the field.
 - A. reddish-brown
 - B. pure white
 - C. jet black
4. The police officer **beckoned** me to come over.
 - A. considered asking
 - B. called
 - C. prohibited
5. Even in the 21st century, high school teachers in the country are still occasionally imprisoned and/or lashed for **blasphemy**.
 - A. disrespect of something considered sacred
 - B. a dispute where there is strong disagreement
 - C. a serious logical error
6. She **confided** in her parents.
 - A. trusted
 - B. didn't trust
 - C. was proud
7. She lay **contorted** in pain.
 - A. twisted
 - B. faced downward
 - C. flushed
8. She believes we have an **immortal** soul.
 - A. conflicted
 - B. perfect in every way
 - C. lasting forever
9. The night sky seemed **infinite** as we gazed at countless stars.
 - A. blurry
 - B. silent
 - C. endless
10. I **loathe** that man. He ruined my life.
 - A. fear
 - B. avoid
 - C. hate
11. **Malignant** rumors spread through social media damaged her reputation.
 - A. insignificant or unimportant
 - B. harmful or evil
 - C. beneficial or helpful

12. 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
13. In the story, she was neither a mortal nor a god. She was a demi-god.
- A. type of bird
 - B. lucky survivor
 - C. human
14. The once self-conscious girl is now a woman with considerable poise.
- A. style
 - B. education
 - C. composure
15. Even after years apart, the rancor between the brothers had not faded at all.
- A. warm affection
 - B. mild curiosity
 - C. deep bitterness
16. We found a sublime seaside bed and breakfast.
- A. wonderful
 - B. shabby
 - C. old
17. With sublime stubbornness, she refused to see that the project could not succeed.
- A. newly developed
 - B. pure or extreme
 - C. optimistic
18. Bullies made his school days a constant torment he could not escape.
- A. severe suffering
 - B. great enjoyment
 - C. simple confusion
19. The back yard is a veritable jungle.
- A. decaying (figuratively)
 - B. walled (figuratively)
 - C. real (figuratively)
20. After the scandal, she yielded to public pressure and resigned her position.
- A. added
 - B. gave in
 - C. produced

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 *But then the vampire smiled almost wistfully, and the smooth white substance of his face moved with the **infinitely** flexible but minimal lines of a cartoon.*
 - A. in a manner that is open to arguments, ideas, or change
 - B. inadequately (in a manner that does not provide enough)
 - C. unlimited; without boundaries; or too numerous to count
- 2 *Lestat said something **blasphemous** and gave him the rosary.....*
 - A. disrespectful of something considered sacred
 - B. exceedingly important, serious, or dangerous
 - C. the state or degree of agreeing or approving
- 3 *I was in a frenzy for a moment, not myself, insisting to him that the man's heart still beat, and I was in an **agony** to clasp onto him again.*
 - A. size or dimension
 - B. circular movement
 - C. intense suffering
- 4 *Lestat hunted for **mortals** every night,*
 - A. acts of being in a working position; or the acts of starting
 - B. things or characteristics that express agreement or approval
 - C. humans
- 5 *'I'd like to meet the devil some night,' he said once with a **malignant** smile.*
 - 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)
- 6 *It was detachment that made this possible, a **sublime** loneliness with which Lestat and I moved through the world of mortal men.*
 - A. help make clear
 - B. extreme
 - C. work or operate
- 7 *I was thinking at that moment, wordlessly and rather deeply, how **sublime** friendship between Lestat and me might have been; how few impediments to it there would have been, and how much to be shared.*
 - A. wonderful
 - B. mirror back (an image)
 - C. create dramatic change
- 8 *'There is no bed in there,' they **confided** one to the other with nodding heads.*
 - A. placed trust (in someone) by talking about private things
 - B. viewed in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
 - C. made a decision or voiced an opinion by formal group vote
- 9 *But you must have all the things you never had of life and make of **immortality** a junk shop in which both of us become grotesque.*
 - A. someone who disturbs or annoys
 - B. with or based on basic beliefs
 - C. eternal life (to live forever)
- 10 *I positively **loathed** Lestat.*
 - A. took (power or responsibility)
 - B. developed or changed gradually
 - C. detested or intensely disliked

- 11 He talked now of some country teacher, a name garbled, who found in Lestat a brilliant pupil and begged to take him to a **monastery** for an education.
- A. the residence of a religious community
 - B. dense, rainy forest with many species
 - C. island (that is made of a coral reef)
- 12 I turned on Lestat now and **veritably** dragged him towards the bed.
- A. said in a manner that is less harsh or less offensive than stating something directly
 - B. in a manner that is not trustworthy, or attracts unwelcome attention, or is improper
 - C. used for emphasis: to describe one thing as almost like another (more intense) thing
- 13 All this put me in a fit of **agitation**.
- A. officially telling someone about something; or something that contains the message
 - B. formula (a mathematical expression that describe a relationship between variables)
 - C. the act of stirring up (emotionally or physically); or a state of emotional unrest
- 14 Lestat sat down and **beckoned** her to sit in his lap.
- 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
- 15 I saw her white hand clutching at his sleeve, and I could see his chest heaving for breath and his face **contorted** the way I'd never seen it.
- A. twisted
 - B. faced downward
 - C. flushed
- 16 And with this act of will, my senses emerged from the **torment**.
- A. to cause or to experience great mental or physical suffering
 - B. provide investment funds for something -- such as a business
 - C. point to differences between; or compare to show differences
- 17 A great loathsome brown rat he held, its feet **poised**, its mouth agape, its great curved tail frozen in the air.
- A. removed or suppressed something considered obscene, immoral, or politically unacceptable
 - B. without a personal preference; or without any tendency to move in a particular direction
 - C. calm, confident, and in control—especially in movement, behavior, or when ready to act
- 18 The masterful **auburn**-haired vampire looked on, his hands clasped in front of him; and when Claudia rose now, the boy shuddered.
- A. reddish-brown
 - B. painted white
 - C. challengeable
- 19 I took her quickly from Armand, and felt her soft limbs against me as if we were both in the coffin, **yielding** to that paralytic sleep.
- A. showing, demonstrating, determining, or causing acceptance
 - B. giving in, giving up, or giving way (easily moved or soft)
 - C. placing trust (in someone) by talking about private things
- 20 But when I looked up to her, Claudia was standing there as if transfixed and lost in thought, all **rancor** and bitterness gone from her face, so that she had the blank expression of that doll.
- A. measure of general intelligence
 - B. a firm decision to do something
 - C. deep and bitter anger or hatred

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	infinite	Used 14 times in this book.
2	A	blasphemy	Used 3 times in this book.
3	C	agony	Used 10 times in this book.
4	C	mortal (<i>as in: mortal body</i>)	Used 125 times in this book.
5	B	malignant	Used 4 times in this book.
6	B	sublime (<i>as in: sublime ignorance</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
7	A	sublime (<i>as in: she is sublime</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
8	A	confide	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
9	C	immortal	Used 26 times in this book.
10	C	loathe	Used 10 times in this book.
11	A	monastery	Used 8 times in this book.
12	C	veritable	Used 5 times in this book.
13	C	agitate	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
14	B	beckon	Used 12 times in this book.
15	A	contort	Used 9 times in this book.
16	A	torment	Used 12 times in this book.
17	C	poise	Used 11 times in this book.
18	A	auburn (<i>as in: auburn hair</i>)	Used 12 times in this book.
19	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	C	rancor	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.