

It Happened to Nancy

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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: abortion, acquire, anemia, asthma, conceit, confide, conform, detach, empathy, gullible, hepatitis, hysteria, immune, latent, molecule, pediatric, positive (2), repent, reverse



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	A
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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. Abortion is a highly controversial and divisive issue, with people holding strong opinions on both sides of the debate.
 - A. intentionally preventing pregnancy
 - B. intentionally ending pregnancy
 - C. planned adoption before birth
2. They are working to **acquire** nuclear weapons.
 - A. obtain (get)
 - B. eliminate (get rid of)
 - C. disguise or hide
3. My mother is careful about how she eats because she is **anemic**.
 - A. with too few red blood cells
 - B. with too much cholesterol
 - C. with blood pressure too high
4. They removed the rug from my bedroom because of my **asthma**.
 - A. breathing trouble
 - B. sore throat
 - C. headaches
5. Her **conceit** showed in the way she interrupted others and assumed she was always the smartest person in the room.
 - A. ignorance
 - B. arrogance
 - C. encouragement
6. She **confided** in her parents.
 - A. trusted
 - B. didn't trust
 - C. was proud
7. The Asche experiment showed the influence of the desire to **conform**.
 - A. fit in
 - B. have independence
 - C. be honorable
8. These days, she seems emotionally **detached** whenever she talks about him.
 - A. separated
 - B. connected
 - C. heightened
9. The teacher's **empathy** helped her connect with students facing difficulties at home.
 - A. ability to control emotional outbursts
 - B. understanding and sharing others' feelings
 - C. common sense and wise advice
10. She was **gullible** and in love with the wrong man.
 - A. too confused
 - B. too focused
 - C. too trusting
11. The clinic offered vaccines to protect travelers from **hepatitis**.
 - A. skin injury
 - B. liver disease
 - C. broken bone

12. The worst legislation is passed when voters are whipped into a state of hysteria.
- A. uncontrollable emotion
 - B. extreme anger
 - C. complete confusion
13. She is **immune** to chickenpox because she has been vaccinated.
- A. at risk
 - B. resistant
 - C. open
14. A **latent** HPV infection reactivated when her immune system weakened with age.
- A. severe
 - B. inactive
 - C. common
15. A water **molecule** is made of two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom.
- A. tiny chemical unit
 - B. large living cell
 - C. kind of heavy metal
16. 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
17. I'm **positive** our team will win on Friday.
- A. happy
 - B. pretty sure
 - C. certain
18. Volunteering had a **positive** impact on the whole neighborhood.
- A. good or beneficial
 - B. harmful or damaging
 - C. minor and unnoticed
19. She said the U.S. should **repent** for the sins of fossil fuels.
- A. reimburse
 - B. apologize
 - C. suffer
20. She **reveres** nature and all that is natural.
- A. dislikes and avoids
 - B. deeply respects
 - C. thoroughly enjoys

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 Ordinarily the **latency** period from infection to symptoms for AIDS is considered to be from five to ten years.
 - A. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
 - B. the amount of time before something that exists is evident or active
 - C. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
- 2 I leaned against a post, trying to become invisible, because I had started to have an **asthma** attack.
 - A. a common lung disorder characterized by wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, and sometimes coughing
 - B. windpipe (the air tube that conveys inhaled air to the lungs from just under the larynx or voice box)
 - C. the green substance in plants that absorbs light energy and converts it to chemical energy through photosynthesis
- 3 Collin **confided** in me that he had a sister, Betsy Mae, who had asthma also; that's how he'd known what to do.
 - 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
- 4 Oh, what a dumb, dumb idiot I've been and unappreciative and irresponsible and **conceited**!
 - A. not judged in a negative way
 - B. excessively proud of oneself
 - C. calculated or judged too low
- 5 I hope and pray dear little thirteen-year-old Margie won't be as dumb and **gullible** as I was ...or is it already too late?
 - A. designed to be useful; or capable of working
 - B. the state of doing something unintentionally
 - C. easily tricked because of being too trusting
- 6 I think maybe becoming a doctor would take too long, because I really want to be a mother, but wouldn't being a **pediatrician** and then a mother be the greatest?
 - 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
- 7 Then he brought out a vial of bleach and said putting **repentance** into our lives was much like the bleach.
 - A. opinion of what is good and bad about something
 - B. to feel or express regret for having done wrong
 - C. the majority denomination of Islam (almost 90%)
- 8 I love him and admire him and respect him and **revere** him, and want to enjoy his forever company forever, and I WILL BE WORTHY OF HIM!
 - A. eagerly join in
 - B. respect or admire
 - C. dislike and avoid
- 9 He laughed about my almost having been born in the car before he and Mom could get to the hospital, and about how he was the **hysterical**, almost-out-of-control person that Mom had to soothe and comfort.
 - A. exceedingly funny (resulting in uncontrollable laughter); or exhibiting excessive, uncontrollable emotion
 - B. when what happens is very different than what might be expected; or when things seem incongruous together
 - C. marked by a colonnade (series of regularly spaced columns) surrounding a building or enclosing a courtyard
- 10 Kids can be so mean, so heartless, so **unempathetic**.
 - A. a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything
 - B. without understanding or entering into another's feelings
 - C. the state of not being aware or concerned about something

- 11 Okay, "**Acquired**" means it's a disease that you can be infected with—that you get!
- A. obtained (came into possession of)
 - B. not provided with investment funds
 - C. not interacting; or not interested
- 12 It works like this: When the HIV virus enters your body, it invades a cell that is part of your **immune** system.
- A. the state or character of having found a condition or substance to be present
 - B. not in danger of suffering from something OR relating to disease resistance
 - C. a health indicator measured by the force of circulating blood on the arteries
- 13 She says she decides one thing one day and then changes her mind the next....It's a horrible decision either way, and she's only got weeks to decide if she's going to have an **abortion**.
- A. another battle with the same foe
 - B. intentionally ending a pregnancy
 - C. describing someone as antisocial
- 14 After a while Mom got me calmed down a little, and Dr. Mutant was able to tell us that researchers had developed a new way of delivering the eye medicine so it won't cause **anemia**.
- A. a deficiency of red blood cells or where red blood cells are deficient in hemoglobin -- resulting in fatigue
 - B. a large area of protected parks or rural land that form a belt surrounding (or in an area of) a town or city
 - C. starting or spreading (a fire); or twigs, sticks, or other easily combustible material used to start a fire
- 15 Sometimes I'm **conforming**, then not conforming; and up, then down; me, then YOU!
- A. complying, fitting in, or being similar to what is normal
 - B. understanding or explaining something in a particular way
 - C. making something lighter -- such as an area of a painting
- 16 Every **molecule** in my body stood up at attention with their hands across their hearts—that is, they would have if they had hands and hearts.
- A. the smallest amount of a chemical substance that can exist by itself
 - B. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
 - C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 17 It was like she was someone else **detached** from the whole thing and so was I. It seems Delta suspected what had happened when I jostled out of the row and up the aisle.
- A. separated OR emotionally uninvolved (separated from emotions)
 - B. pointed to differences between; or compared to show differences
 - C. legally ordered to provide documents, or to appear as a witness
- 18 I've been well enough to go back to Mom's for ages, but Dr. Marx won't release me until he's "absolutely, **positively**, for sure certain" that my good bugs are in charge of my bad bugs.
- A. without regret
 - B. with hard work
 - C. with certainty
- 19 But I've got to think about **positive** things, like what we're going to do tomorrow.
- A. good
 - B. not representative
 - C. impossible to find
- 20 I guess that's important because they don't know which victims have the HIV virus or **hepatitis**, and there are lots of bloody situations.
- A. obtaining pleasure from receiving punishment
 - B. disease that causes inflammation of the liver
 - C. expectation that things will turn out badly

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	latent	High-utility academic word
2	A	asthma	Used 5 times in this book.
3	A	confide	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
4	B	conceit (<i>as in: confident, but not conceited</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
5	C	gullible	Used 2 times in this book.
6	A	pediatric	Used 3 times in this book.
7	B	repent	Used 4 times in this book.
8	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	A	hysteria	Used 5 times in this book.
10	B	empathy	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
11	A	acquire	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	B	immune	Used 13 times in this book.
13	B	abortion (<i>as in: have an abortion</i>)	Used 7 times in this book.
14	A	anemia	Used 2 times in this book.
15	A	conform	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
16	A	molecule	Used 4 times in this book.
17	A	detach	Used 4 times in this book.
18	C	positive (<i>as in: I'm absolutely positive!</i>)	Used 18 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
19	A	positive (<i>as in: had a positive effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
20	B	hepatitis	Used 2 times in this book.