

Kindred

by Octavia Butler

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: antiseptic, assume (2), contrast (2), critical (2), focus (2), however (2), indifferent, indignant, liable, opium, pallet, petulant, purge, solemn, vindictive



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. The nurse always wipes the skin with an **antiseptic** swab before administering a shot.
 - A. a substance used to clean wounds because it makes the pain go away
 - B. a pain killer
 - C. a substance used to clean wounds because it prevents infection by killing harmful bacteria
2. The detective had no concrete evidence, but he began to **assume** the suspect was hiding something based on his evasive answers.
 - A. wonder if
 - B. believe
 - C. prove
3. She thinks the aliens can **assume** human form.
 - A. take on
 - B. sense
 - C. believe
4. **Contrast** typical underlying beliefs of pro-life and pro-choice supporters.
 - A. study
 - B. compare
 - C. describe
5. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
6. She is very **critical** of the administration.
 - A. dangerous
 - B. important
 - C. tends to find fault
7. The film received **critical** and commercial success.
 - A. expert opinion
 - B. popular opinion
 - C. diverse opinion
8. The **focus** of this class is classic American Literature.
 - A. hardest part
 - B. area where attention is concentrated
 - C. prerequisite (understanding required to enroll)
9. The discussion brought into **focus** an important difference of opinion.
 - A. hiding
 - B. conflict
 - C. view
10. 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
11. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how

12. She was **indifferent** to his anger.
- A. without interest
 - B. with fear
 - C. with anger
13. 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
14. She's not **liable** to forget something that important.
- A. the state or degree of being less than zero
 - B. the state or degree of being bad or harmful
 - C. likely
15. The **illegal** trade of **opium** has been a major source of conflict in some regions.
- A. a powerful narcotic
 - B. a powerful herbal remedy
 - C. a powerful cooking additive
16. One of her jobs was to air out the slaves' **pallets**.
- A. winter jackets
 - B. straw-filled mattresses
 - C. sleeping quarters
17. The **petulant** child threw his toys whenever he didn't get his way.
- A. cheerful
 - B. cranky
 - C. hungry
18. Sometimes people **purge** old belongings to start their lives fresh.
- A. get rid of
 - B. hold on to
 - C. show off
19. Everyone was **solemn** at the funeral.
- A. serious and dignified
 - B. teary eyed
 - C. dressed in dark colors
20. She's not a **vindictive** person.
- A. easy-going
 - B. revengeful
 - C. driven

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 Another fact: The boy was the **focus** of my travels—perhaps the cause of them.
 - A. calculating or judging too high
 - B. where attention is concentrated or directed
 - C. the ability to take on or adopt
- 2 Then I saw a blurred face above me ... I stared upward, managed to **focus** on him clearly at last.
 - A. software that stops unwanted software from spreading between computers and causing damage to data and software
 - B. a condition where the body cannot properly regulate blood sugar levels because it produces little or no insulin
 - C. adjust vision (to see something clearly)
- 3 Blacks here were **assumed** to be slaves unless they could prove they were free—unless they had their free papers.
 - A. caused something to move forward
 - B. thought (believed without really knowing)
 - C. not found, sought, or researched
- 4 I wasn't good at accents. I had deliberately decided not to try to **assume** one.
 - A. take on (or pretend to have)
 - B. make more varied
 - C. is/are a sign of
- 5 I thought he'd be more likely to believe me if I sounded **indignant**.
 - A. angered or annoyed at something unjust or wrong
 - B. surprised as something unexpected
 - C. accepted of something undesired as unavoidable
- 6 If it is dangerous, it's **liable** to kill me before I get home.
 - A. devices that convert light into electricity
 - B. temperature scale used in most of the world
 - C. likely to; or maybe going to; or subject to
- 7 And there was Rufus, swung from his father's **indifference** to his mother's sugary concern.
 - A. without interest
 - B. risky investment
 - C. chaotic disorder
- 8 I sat down and Rufus looked up at me **solemnly**.
 - A. with seriousness and dignity
 - B. in a manner that finds fault
 - C. in a manner that is not good
- 9 The doctor gave him some **opium**, but the pain seemed to reach him right through it.
 - A. a powerful narcotic
 - B. a powerful herbal remedy
 - C. a powerful cooking additive
- 10 So Margaret supervised—ordered people to do work they were already doing, **criticized** their slowness and laziness even when they were quick and industrious, and in general, made trouble.
 - A. moved out of an interacting position; or stopped
 - B. with an unadjusted lens so the image isn't clear
 - C. gave an unfavorable opinion of
- 11 He pushed me close to a whale-oil lamp, and there, in the bright yellow light, he stared at me silently, **critically** until I looked toward the door.
 - A. with thoughtful examination
 - B. in a manner that is in line with the floor, horizon, or another flat base
 - C. lacking grace in movement or appearance; or difficult to handle or manage

- 12 *I couldn't help contrasting Nigel's lessons with Rufus's.*
 A. wandering from a direct or straight course -- especially verbally
 B. comparing in a way that shows differences
 C. recognizing the value or importance of; and/or being grateful for
- 13 *And the contrast made me bitter.*
 A. come to terms with
 B. block or interfere
 C. difference
- 14 *If Rufus was vindictive enough, he could surely have the man killed.*
 A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 B. desirous of seeking revenge or wanting to hurt someone
 C. not capable of surviving; or not capable of being done
- 15 *"Why didn't you tell me that's where you were going?" he said petulantly.*
 A. in a manner that does not change
 B. with unreasonable anger or upset
 C. in a manner that deserves praise
- 16 *Rufe, have you got any kind of antiseptic?*
 A. a point on a curve where the concavity changes to convexity or vice versa

 or more generally: a time of significant change (a turning point)
 B. part of the brain responsible for hormone levels which influence such things as appetite, digestion, sexuality, circulation, emotions, and sleep
 C. chemical that kills micro-organisms
- 17 *Finally, I made my way to my pallet in the attic, and lay down wearily.*
 A. the quality of or ability to bounce back light (or more rarely: heat, sound, electromagnetic waves...)
 B. a simple, austere bed
 C. a medical condition in which there is a tendency to remain in a fixed stuporous state for long periods
- 18 *There may be no need for this letter since I hope to reach you ahead of it. If I'm held up, however, I want you —and Dana—to know that I'm coming.*
 A. though (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 C. therefore (for that reason)
- 19 *However little sense it made, I cared.*
 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
- 20 *He says all the doc knows is bleeding and blistering and purging and puking and making folks sicker than they was to start.*
 A. getting rid of
 B. briefly seeing
 C. making fearful

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	focus (<i>as in: The focus of our study is...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	C	focus (<i>as in: bring into focus; or out of focus</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	assume (<i>as in: I assume it's true</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	A	assume (<i>as in: She assumed a false identity</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
6	C	liable (<i>as in: she is liable to</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
7	A	indifferent	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
8	A	solemn	Used 4 times in this book.
9	A	opium	Used 3 times in this book.
10	C	critical (<i>as in: don't be so critical</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	A	critical (<i>as in: critical acclaim</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	B	contrast (<i>as in: contrast their writing styles</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	B	vindictive	Used 2 times in this book.
15	B	petulant	Used 2 times in this book.
16	C	antiseptic	Used 4 times in this book.
17	B	pallet (<i>as in: a sleeping pallet</i>)	Used 12 times in this book.
18	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
20	A	purge	Used 5 times in this book.