

Leaves of Grass

by Walt Whitman

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: aggregate, ascend, bard, copious, democracy, discord (2), ebb, ecstatic, haughty, incessant, inure, latent, palpable, pensive, succession (2), teem, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. The team's victory depended on the **aggregate** of every player's contributions.
 - A. single key effort
 - B. total combined sum
 - C. final desperate push
2. He watched the hot-air balloon **ascend** slowly into the clear morning sky.
 - A. move upward
 - B. drift downward
 - C. spin in place
3. He calls himself a **bard** from Brooklyn.
 - A. someone who protects the weak and delivers justice to those who are evil
 - B. someone who composes and shares poems about important events and people
 - C. someone who knows everything about everyone
4. The chef served **copious** amounts of food at the wedding reception.
 - A. small in amount
 - B. rare and unusual
 - C. large in quantity
5. Canada has a **parliamentary democracy**.
 - A. government by the people
 - B. government by one ruler
 - C. government by the wealthy
6. There is too much **discord** in their home.
 - A. conflict
 - B. loud noise
 - C. uncritical agreement
7. She heard the **discordant** clanging of pots in the kitchen.
 - A. unpleasant sound
 - B. attractive sound
 - C. loud sound
8. After the incident, support for the policy **ebbed**.
 - A. increased
 - B. disappeared
 - C. declined
9. She was **ecstatic** when her team won the championship.
 - A. exhausted
 - B. thrilled
 - C. furious
10. She has that **haughty**, rich and entitled attitude.
 - A. wealthy
 - B. arrogant
 - C. optimistic
11. Night and day we live with the **incessant** noise of the city.
 - A. loud
 - B. continuous
 - C. pleasant
12. I thought I was **inured** to her insults, but I cried as I drove home.
 - A. desensitized
 - B. wise
 - C. already destroyed

13. A **latent** HPV infection reactivated when her immune system weakened with age.
- A. severe
 - B. inactive
 - C. common
14. Her concern was **palpable**.
- A. passing
 - B. laughable
 - C. very apparent
15. She paced back and forth in the hospital waiting room--looking **pensive**.
- A. thoughtfully quiet
 - B. loudly cheerful
 - C. wildly excited
16. The team won five games in **succession**, ending their losing streak.
- A. secret
 - B. panic
 - C. sequence
17. The Speaker of the House is second in the line of the U.S. presidential line of **succession**.
- A. formula (a mathematical expression that describe a relationship between variables)
 - B. officially telling someone about something; or something that contains the message
 - C. replacement
18. The plaza is **teeming** with undercover policemen.
- A. empty (has none)
 - B. slowly losing
 - C. filled (has many)
19. The experiment **yielded** data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down
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 *The present now and here,
America's busy, **teeming**, intricate whirl,
Of aggregate and segregate for only thence releasing,
To-day's eidolons.*
A. empty (has none)
B. slowly losing
C. filled (has many)
- 2 *Exalte, rapt, **ecstatic**,
The visible but their womb of birth,
Of orbic tendencies to shape and shape and shape,
The mighty earth-eidolon.*
A. deeply disappointed
B. feeling intense happiness and excitement
C. intensely concerned
- 3 *The prophet and the bard,
Shall yet maintain themselves, in higher stages yet,
Shall mediate to the Modern, to **Democracy**, interpret yet to them,
God and eidolons.*
A. a system of government in which citizens have power with equal votes
B. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 4 *6
The soul,
Forever and forever—longer than soil is brown and solid—longer
than water **ebbs and flows**.*
A. someone who exposes wrongdoing within an organization
B. life insurance coverage for a specific period of time
C. exhibits a recurring pattern of decrease and increase
- 5 *9
What do you seek so **pensive** and silent?*
A. appearing deep in thought
B. not tending to find fault
C. able to be disagreed with
- 6 *O to be **yielded** to you whoever you are, and you to be yielded to me
in defiance of the world!*
A. with rises and falls in pitch
B. gave in, gave way, or gave up
C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 7 *whelm that which asks, which sings, with all and the **yield** of all,
Fusing and holding, claiming, devouring the whole,
No more with tender lip, nor musical labial sound,
But out of the night emerging for good, our voice persuasive no more,
Croaking like crows here in the wind.*
A. production
B. stop (something from happening)
C. think deeply or carefully about
- 8 *I see the spots of the **successions** of priests on the earth, oracles, sacrificers, brahmins, sabians, llamas,
monks, muftis, exhorters,*
A. private, non-profit organizations working for member goals at the international level
B. tries to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuades
C. people taking over the job or position of those who were there before them

- 9 *The perpetual successions of shallow people are not nothing as they go.*
 A. People who are of lower rank or status
 B. things that affect a result or outcome
 C. series (one group after another)
- 10 *I believe you are latent with unseen existences*
 A. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
 B. potentially existing but not presently evident or active
 C. the characteristic of tending to think back about things
- 11 *Ships, farms, shops, barns, factories, mines,
 City and State, North, South, item and aggregate,
 We dedicate, dread Mother, all to thee!*
 A. reporter
 B. combined
 C. disorder
- 12 *A harsh discordant natal scream*
 A. unpleasant sounding
 B. able to be found
 C. likely to change
- 13 *the needed discord*
 A. conflict or disagreement -- especially among those expected to cooperate
 B. characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open
 C. design based on alphabetic letters; or adding such a design to something
- 14 *Yet louder, higher, stronger, bard!*
 A. of the American Indian civilization of Yucatan and Belize and Guatemala that reached its peak between AD 300 and 900
 B. a lyric poet
 C. a hole or dropoff so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply a frightening bottomless pit
- 15 *incessantly asking*
 A. thoughtfully
 B. continuously
 C. with anxiety
- 16 *the moon ascending, Up from the east*
 A. rising
 B. influencing or effecting
 C. beginning to fight again
- 17 *No holiday soldiers—youthful, yet veterans,
 Worn, swart, handsome, strong, of the stock of homestead and workshop,
 Harden'd of many a long campaign and sweaty march,
 Inured on many a hard-fought bloody field.*
 A. desensitized or hardened
 B. mirrored back (an image)
 C. quoted (to make a point)
- 18 *The world does not so exist, no parts palpable or impalpable so exist,
 No consummation exists without being from some long previous
 consummation, and that from some other,
 Without the farthest conceivable one coming a bit nearer the
 beginning than any.*
 A. not important
 B. causing death
 C. very apparent
- 19 *Copious as stars*
 A. able to accept as true (without proof)
 B. able to be protected or kept unchanged
 C. large in number
- 20 *Haughty this song, its words and scope,*
 A. absolute
 B. self-important
 C. pleasing

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	teem	High-utility academic word; used 22 times in this book.
2	B	ecstatic	Used 15 times in this book.
3	A	democracy	Used 21 times in this book.
4	C	ebb	Used 16 times in this book.
5	A	pensive	Used 21 times in this book.
6	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	C	succession (<i>as in: presidential line of succession</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
9	C	succession (<i>as in: a succession of events</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
10	B	latent	High-utility academic word; used 20 times in this book.
11	B	aggregate	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
12	A	discord (<i>as in: discordant music</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
13	A	discord (<i>as in: discord amongst the group</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	B	bard (<i>as in: written by the bard</i>)	Used 30 times in this book.
15	B	incessant	Used 16 times in this book.
16	A	ascend (<i>as in: ascend the mountain</i>)	Used 29 times in this book.
17	A	inure	Used 12 times in this book.
18	C	palpable	Used 18 times in this book.
19	C	copious	High-utility academic word; used 14 times in this book.
20	B	haughty	High-utility academic word; used 14 times in this book.