

Like Water for Chocolate

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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: acute (2), agitate, confide, contrast (2), establish (2), however (2), illicit, infinite, inhibited, insomnia, kindle, luminous, motive, perpetuate, rigorous, torment



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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. She had **acute** appendicitis.
A. minor
B. bad
C. gradual
2. Birds tend to have **acute** vision.
A. colorless
B. poor
C. excellent
3. She gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
A. calm and thoughtful
B. gloomy (sad)
C. emotionally disturbed
4. She **confided** in her parents.
A. trusted
B. didn't trust
C. was proud
5. **Contrast** typical underlying beliefs of pro-life and pro-choice supporters.
A. study
B. compare
C. describe
6. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
A. notable similarity
B. covering of all styles
C. notable difference
7. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
A. avoid
B. create
C. increase
8. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
A. minimizing
B. exaggerating
C. showing
9. 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
10. **However** we get there, the main thing is to be absolutely sure we're not late.
A. whatever way
B. even if in a non-standard manner
C. to whatever degree
11. When import taxes are too high, **illicit** trade increases.
A. cost of
B. lost
C. illegal

12. The night sky seemed infinite as we gazed at countless stars.
- A. blurry
 - B. silent
 - C. endless
13. He was too inhibited to dance at parties, even when everyone else joined in.
- A. wild and uncontrolled
 - B. shy and self-conscious
 - C. loud and confident
14. His insomnia kept him awake for hours, staring at the ceiling each night.
- A. fear of darkness
 - B. ear ringing problem
 - C. inability to sleep
15. The motivational speech kindled a sense of determination among the listeners.
- A. taught
 - B. aroused
 - C. discouraged
16. The snow was luminous from the moonlight.
- A. soft and silent
 - B. wet and slushy
 - C. bright and glowing
17. A desire for religious freedom was their motive for leaving England.
- A. excuse
 - B. technique
 - C. reason
18. Repeating the false rumor would only perpetuate the misunderstanding.
- A. prove to be true
 - B. cause to continue
 - C. bring to an end
19. The scientist conducted a rigorous study to ensure the results were reliable.
- A. thorough
 - B. speedy
 - C. expensive
20. Bullies made his school days a constant torment he could not escape.
- A. severe suffering
 - B. great enjoyment
 - C. simple confusion

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 And besides, she'd like to know what kind of studies had **established** that the youngest daughter and not the eldest is best suited to care for their mother.
 - A. disproved
 - B. doubted
 - C. shown
- 2 From the first, they had **established** a communication that went far beyond words.
 - A. searched for
 - B. created and maintained
 - C. aspired to (hoped for)
- 3 It was as if all her inner joy, which had nearly been extinguished, had suddenly been **rekindled** by Pedro's warm breath upon her neck, the hot touch of his hands upon her back, his chest...
 - A. lacks trust or confidence
 - B. re-aroused
 - C. together at the same time
- 4 The delicacy of her face, the perfection of her pure virginal body **contrasted** with the passion, the lust, that leapt from her eyes, from her every pore.
 - A. fit perfectly
 - B. suffered
 - C. gave a completely different impression
- 5 John, **in contrast**, was offering her something different, the opportunity to establish a new family that no one could take away from her.
 - A. a comparison that shows a similarity
 - B. in a comparison that shows a difference
 - C. something that is additional
- 6 For months she'd been **tormented** by the thought that Pedro had lied to her on his wedding day, that he'd told her he loved her just so she wouldn't suffer, or that as time went on, he really had grown to love Rosaura.
 - A. made to experience great mental suffering
 - B. made to experience extreme doubt
 - C. made to experience severe guilt
- 7 Tita was so happy that she didn't realize that her mother—like John, except that she had a different **motive**—was not letting her out of sight for a single instant.
 - A. small quantity or indication
 - B. the sacred writings of Islam
 - C. reason (for doing something)
- 8 no matter how hard Tita tried she always got an **infinite** number of things wrong.
 - A. important
 - B. insignificant
 - C. too numerous to count
- 9 Chenchu, weeping, was running alongside the carriage as they left and barely managed to toss onto Tita's shoulders the enormous bedspread she had knit during her endless nights of **insomnia**.
 - A. shows or demonstrates
 - B. has a hunched posture
 - C. an inability to sleep
- 10 She could move them **however** she pleased, yet she didn't know what to do with them, other than knitting.
 - A. in whatever way
 - B. starts fighting
 - C. starts (a fire)

- 11 *However*, hot chocolate made with water is more digestible than that made with milk.
- A. though (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 12 *Using this method*, he obtained a **luminous** substance that burned with an intensity such as had never been seen before.
- A. red
 - B. white
 - C. glowing
- 13 *Mama Elena asked the doctor to lock the door and* **confided** *to him her suspicions about the bitterness of the food.*
- 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
- 14 *"You know that she can't marry!" she exclaimed, gripped by a violent* **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
- 15 *Young Jose Trevino was the product of an* **illicit** *love affair between the elder Jose Trevino and a beautiful Negress.*
- A. passionate
 - B. regretted
 - C. contrary to law or accepted morality
- 16 *Tita prayed that the idea of* **perpetuating** *this cruel tradition would not cross Rosaura's mind.*
- A. working or operating
 - B. to cause to continue
 - C. happening repeatedly
- 17 *...her senses were more* **acute**,
- A. unusual
 - B. dulled (not working well)
 - C. perceptive (working very well)
- 18 *John's diagnosis was an* **acute** *congestion of the stomach.*
- A. minor
 - B. very bad
 - C. gradually getting worse
- 19 *By itself, the regimen proposed here, when followed* **rigorously**, *can purify the foulest breath.*
- A. thoroughly and carefully
 - B. sarcastically or critically
 - C. in an indirect manner
- 20 *She lightly hitched her skirt up to her knee, quite* **uninhibited**.
- A. the process of excessive encouragement or excitement
 - B. acting naturally without being overly self-conscious
 - C. the ability to take or adopt power or responsibility

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	kindle (<i>as in: it may kindle her interest</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
4	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	B	contrast (<i>as in: contrast their writing styles</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	A	torment	Used 7 times in this book.
7	C	motive (<i>as in: What is her motive?</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
8	C	infinite	Used 6 times in this book.
9	C	insomnia	Used 2 times in this book.
10	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	luminous	Used 4 times in this book.
13	A	confide	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
14	C	agitate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
15	C	illicit	Used 3 times in this book.
16	B	perpetuate	Used 2 times in this book.
17	C	acute (<i>as in: acute sense of smell</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	B	acute (<i>as in: acute pain</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
19	A	rigorous (<i>as in: we follow a rigorous procedure</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
20	B	inhibited (<i>as in: she is shy and inhibited</i>)	High-utility academic word