

Lock and Key

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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: accord (2), belated, contrast, crucial, detrimental, empathy, fleeting, focus (2), indebted, irrevocable, kiosk, literally (2), reciprocate, tentative, transgress, vary, waver



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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 dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
 - A. opposition
 - B. keeping
 - C. ignorance
2. After the fight, he turned himself in of his own **accord**.
 - A. own fear
 - B. own safety
 - C. own mind
3. She sent a **belated** thank-you note after realizing she had forgotten.
 - A. written proudly
 - B. sent late
 - C. kept secret
4. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
5. The information is **crucial** to making a good decision.
 - A. helpful
 - B. very important
 - C. more than is needed
6. Smoking is **detrimental** to your health and increases the risk of cancer.
 - A. unrelated
 - B. preferable
 - C. harmful
7. 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
8. Youth is **fleeting**.
 - A. short-lived
 - B. reckless
 - C. troubled
9. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
10. The discussion brought into **focus** an important difference of opinion.
 - A. hiding
 - B. conflict
 - C. view
11. She felt **indebted** to her mentor for years of patient guidance.
 - A. grateful
 - B. annoyed
 - C. jealous

12. If you agree to the terms, you give them irrevocable permission to share your comments with others on their site.
- A. easy to reverse later
 - B. unable to be undone
 - C. needing court approval
13. We bought our concert tickets at the kiosk near the mall entrance.
- A. large department store
 - B. small stand or booth
 - C. underground tunnel
14. It's dirty money--literally and figuratively.
- A. openly
 - B. actually
 - C. completely
15. I literally laughed my head off.
- A. secretly
 - B. joyfully
 - C. really
16. She couldn't reciprocate his feelings after he professed his love for her.
- A. understand
 - B. return
 - C. hear
17. She took a tentative step to see if her injured ankle would support her weight.
- A. careful
 - B. brave
 - C. confident
18. The use of innocents as human shields transgresses "the laws of war."
- A. is within
 - B. violates
 - C. expands
19. McDonald's menu options vary by location.
- A. are consistent
 - B. are different
 - C. are known
20. We will never waver in our commitment to provide the best education possible.
- A. speak forcefully
 - B. grow rapidly
 - C. be unsteady

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 Left to her own devices, this was the story I was sure she preferred that she'd just sprouted, all on her own, neither connected nor **indebted** to anyone else at all.
 - A. to be grateful for a favor; or to owe money; or to be in the position of owing a debt of gratitude
 - B. influenced by personal belief, feelings, or preferences (rather than being based purely upon fact)
 - C. the state or quality of expressing or displaying sexual activity or violence with detailed clarity
- 2 "Is your mom around?" Ronnie asked as Alice shifted her weight, trying to see into the kitchen behind me. I adjusted myself **accordingly**, blocking her view, before saying...
 - A. in spite of that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. because of what was just happened
 - C. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas.)
- 3 I would have had more faith if she'd gone of her own **accord**.
 - A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
 - B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
 - C. own mind (voluntarily -- without anyone asking)
- 4 I knew things had already changed, **irrevocably** and totally.
 - A. separately in the specified order
 - B. in a manner that cannot be undone
 - C. in the manner of an investigation
- 5 Even without a **transgression**, that same fight-or-flight instinct set in.
 - A. the process of controlling (how something turns out)
 - B. rule violation
 - C. the taking on or adoption of power or responsibility
- 6 Sports are **crucial** to student development,' Mr. Thackray said.
 - A. natural
 - B. very important
 - C. more than is needed
- 7 I didn't know yet that this was all either of us was capable of: moments together that were great but also **fleeting**.
 - A. lasting a short time
 - B. sensible and careful
 - C. not demonstrative of
- 8 Still, the woman **literally** jumped in the air. Completely vertical, feet off the ground, coffee spilling out of the cup backward, splattering the pavement.
 - A. meticulously (with great care for small details)
 - B. actually (not figuratively; not an exaggeration)
 - C. in a manner that accepts as true (without proof)
- 9 Nate, who was a friend to me before I even knew what a friend was. Who picked me up, **literally**, over and over again, and never asked for anything in return except for my word and my understanding.
 - A. in a manner that is not aware of something
 - B. in a manner that is not successful or good
 - C. an intensifier (to intensify what is said)
- 10 Then, **tentatively**, he came closer, then a bit closer still, until finally...
 - A. careful or unsure
 - B. in a manner that is not sincere
 - C. in comparison to something else
- 11 But as I kept on, steady, **unwavering**, he finally caved and turned to stare out the window.
 - A. sloped
 - B. hidden
 - C. steady

- 12 *The hole was even bigger now, the red clay and exposed rock a marked **contrast** to the even green grass on either side of it.*
A. come to terms with
B. block or interfere
C. notable difference
- 13 *Could be **belated**, I said with a shrug.*
A. the condition of being different
B. after the expected or usual time
C. indicating approval or agreement
- 14 *To my **detriment**, at times.*
A. a fat compound
B. a hoofed mamma
C. harm or damage
- 15 *And what I can give you is erratic, because you'd have to work around my schedule, which **varies** wildly.*
A. predicts or reveals
B. differs; or changes
C. shows or represents
- 16 *In my more rational moments, I tried to feel **empathy** for Gervais.*
A. a place where conditions are kept as they were to protect wildlife
B. the ability or tendency to understand or share in others' feelings
C. someone who believes that all knowledge is derived from experience
- 17 *It reminded me of my mother's Subaru, the thought of which gave me a pang I quickly pushed away, **focusing** instead on the entrance to the highway, rising up in the distance.*
A. concentrating, or looking
B. making someone want to do something
C. stopping (something from happening)
- 18 *I opened my eyes, squinting down at my watch until it came into **focus**.*
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. a state where something has come into view or can be seen clearly
- 19 *I tried to **reciprocate**, even though I suddenly felt uneasy, remembering that night I'd seen him in this same place with Roscoe.*
A. less than zero
B. give in return
C. begin fighting
- 20 *And how long did it take you to leave me alone here, to run the **kiosk** myself?*
A. of the American Indian civilization of Yucatan and Belize and Guatemala that reached its peak between AD 300 and 900
B. a very small area used as a store or to dispense information
C. a hole or dropoff so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply a frightening bottomless pit

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	indebted	Used 2 times in this book.
2	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
4	B	irrevocable	Used 2 times in this book.
5	B	transgress	Used 2 times in this book.
6	B	crucial	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
7	A	fleeting	Used 5 times in this book.
8	B	literally (<i>as in: literally--not figuratively</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
9	C	literally (<i>as in: literally at death's door</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
10	A	tentative (<i>as in: said it tentatively</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	C	waver	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
12	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
13	B	belated	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	detrimental	Used 2 times in this book.
15	B	vary	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
16	B	empathy	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
17	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	C	focus (<i>as in: bring into focus; or out of focus</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
19	B	reciprocate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	B	kiosk	Used 18 times in this book.