

Lucky

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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: acute (2), affidavit, approximate, bailiff, clone, confide, conviction, defendant, discrepancy, grand jury, imply, minute, minutes, narrative, prescribe, primarily, scrutiny, testify, testimony



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	C
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5	A
6	C
7	A
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9	A
10	B
11	C
12	A
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18	C
19	A
20	B

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 asked to see the probable cause **affidavit**.
 - A. charges
 - B. detective
 - C. statement
4. The circumference of the earth is **approximately** 24,900 miles at the equator.
 - A. exactly
 - B. commonly mistaken as
 - C. about
5. The **bailiff** was accused of making prejudicial statements to the jury.
 - A. court officer
 - B. defense lawyer
 - C. prosecutor
6. Dolly the sheep was the first successful mammal **clone**.
 - A. to grow worse; or describing a person or situation that is worse in the sense of deviating from what is socially acceptable
 - B. to burst, break, or tear; or the resultant damage -- can also be non-physical as in damaging a relationship or logical argument
 - C. genetically identical copy created with technology
7. She **confided** in her parents.
 - A. trusted
 - B. didn't trust
 - C. was proud
8. She stood up in class with total **conviction** and said, "I believe animals deserve to be treated kindly, no matter what."
 - A. raised voice
 - B. firm belief
 - C. shaky voice
9. The jury did not know the **defendant** had a long criminal history.
 - A. person who is on trial
 - B. person who is a witness
 - C. person filing a complaint
10. There was a clear **discrepancy** in the two witnesses' stories.
 - A. a strong match
 - B. an inconsistency
 - C. a happy ending
11. The number of people in a **grand jury** ranges from 6 to 23, depending on the state.
 - A. jury that decides a criminal case that is appealed to a higher court
 - B. jury that decides major crimes cases such as murder or kidnapping
 - C. jury that decides if there is enough evidence to formally accuse someone of a crime

12. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
A. hinted
B. insisted
C. denied
13. She thrives at sifting through that kind of **minute** detail.
A. quickly eliminated
B. available from prior research
C. including even small considerations
14. I always review the **minutes** to make sure there are no errors.
A. written record of what happened at a meeting
B. plans that detail how something will be done
C. time that has just passed
15. It's an interesting **narrative** about her first year in college.
A. story
B. joke
C. theatrical play
16. Most doctors **prescribe** simple lifestyle changes before medication.
A. ignore
B. delay
C. recommend
17. The second paragraph is **primarily** concerned with showing how the colleges are different.
A. barely
B. mainly
C. secretly
18. The new policy faced **scrutiny** from independent reviewers.
A. strong support
B. quick approval
C. careful examination
19. She **testified** that he struck her.
A. said
B. hid
C. lied
20. Before your **testimony**, they will have you solemnly swear to tell *the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth*.
A. job interview
B. statements at a trial
C. confession

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 My focus became **acute**.
 - A. lacking a tendency to be full of thought
 - B. without a tendency to be full of thought
 - C. sharp
- 2 I felt the pain most **acutely** in my eyes.
 - A. with strong desire
 - B. sharply (severely)
 - C. in a sloped manner
- 3 I thought, even then, that this doctor needed the Valium he **prescribed** for me more than I did.
 - A. examined carefully for accuracy with the intent of verification -- especially an inspection of a company's accounting procedures and records by a trained accountant
 - B. treated in a manner that demonstrated a sense of superiority, but was supposed to seem kind OR acted like a patron (supported someone or something; or was a customer)
 - C. instructed to be given
- 4 I told the officers in the station that I would return in a few hours and could be counted on to give an **affidavit** and look through mug shots.
 - A. a basic building block for proteins
 - B. someone who believe in a single God
 - C. a written statement made under oath
- 5 My relationship to Victor, before that morning, consisted **primarily** of not understanding what he had in common with Diane, whom I found loud.
 - A. really
 - B. mainly
 - C. wisely
- 6 I was **scrutinizing** his mother.
 - A. requesting or challenging
 - B. mirroring back (an image)
 - C. looking at very carefully
- 7 I had picked theoretical arguments with the deacon of our church, cultivated any obscene **narrative** I could get my hands on, and imitated Father Breuninger's sermons to the delight of my family and even Father Breuninger himself.
 - A. story
 - B. snake
 - C. skill
- 8 The tone it was asked in **implied** that in having come back I had done something wrong—something not normal.
 - A. suggested (said indirectly)
 - B. not wanting to do something
 - C. was attractive or desirable
- 9 From **approximately** eight to midnight.
 - A. relating to the outside
 - B. cheerfully and friendly
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 10 "Held for action of the **grand jury**," the judge said finally.
 - A. people who deny equal rights to others or make them suffer OR people who dominate others harshly and unfairly
 - B. members of a board that oversee the affairs of a corporation or other institution; or supervisors (people in charge)
 - C. a group of citizens who decide whether there is enough evidence to formally accuse someone of a crime

- 11 *Later she tells cops that she thought it could have been either the **defendant** or the other guy.*
- A. person legally accused of a crime
 - B. soft leather shoe traditionally worn by Native Americans
 - C. belief or opinion formed by viewing things a certain way
- 12 *He **confided** that he owned a women's clothing store in Utica, and had to go down often to look in on it.*
- 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
- 13 *As **Clones** we decided to room together off campus.*
- A. snakes
 - B. enters
 - C. copies
- 14 *...they would lead with the other witnesses and somehow work it so I could **testify** on the second day.*
- A. provide oral evidence in court
 - B. to encourage growth or excitement, or to cause something to happen
 - C. to show something -- such as to demonstrate, express, or represent
- 15 *On top was a copy of my **testimony** from the preliminary hearing.*
- A. an atom that has acquired an electrical charge by the loss or gain of an electron
 - B. statement at a trial or hearing
 - C. an organ attached to the wall of the uterus to nourish the fetus during pregnancy
- 16 *I went into **minute** detail and, this time, did as Gail had told me to; I took each question slowly.*
- A. having the characteristics of a *monk* (often inclined toward self-denial)
 - B. the quality of holding something back or holding others down through oppression
 - C. careful explanation of
- 17 *Do you remember—looking at page sixteen of the grand jury **minutes**, line ten—"You picked him out of the lineup?"*
- A. formal notes
 - B. results or predictable values
 - C. things not easily set on fire
- 18 *The **bailiff** beside me became more and more alert.*
- A. court officer responsible for keeping order in the court including custody of the jury, and custody of prisoners while in court
 - B. a person who formally does not vote either "yes" or "no"; or who voluntarily doesn't do something -- such as not drinking alcohol
 - C. math: the order in which two numbers are added or multiplied does not change their sum or product ($2+3=3+2$) and ($4\times 7=7\times 4$)
- 19 *Why the time **discrepancy** between seeing him and calling the police?*
- A. the act of taking something on as one's own
 - B. an unexpected difference between two things
 - C. something that helps clarify or demonstrate
- 20 *They knew my case because it had been one of the few **convictions** in a rape case in recent years.*
- A. not working or not operating
 - B. a strong, firmly held belief
 - C. calculates or judges too low

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	acute (<i>as in: acute sense of smell</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
2	B	acute (<i>as in: acute pain</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
3	C	prescribe	Used 11 times in this book.
4	C	affidavit	Used 16 times in this book.
5	B	primarily	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
6	C	scrutiny	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
7	A	narrative (<i>as in: Narrative of the Life of...</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
8	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
9	C	approximate	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
10	C	grand jury	Used 16 times in this book.
11	A	defendant	Used 20 times in this book.
12	A	confide	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
13	C	clone (<i>as in: It is a clone.</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	testify	Used 24 times in this book.
15	B	testimony	Used 12 times in this book.
16	C	minute (<i>as in: minute description</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
17	A	minutes (<i>as in: keep the minutes</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
18	A	bailiff	Used 22 times in this book.
19	B	discrepancy	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	B	conviction (<i>as in: spoke with conviction</i>)	Used 8 times in this book.