

# Maggie: A Girl of the Streets

by Stephen Crane

## 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:** annihilate, antagonist, audacious, belligerent, contemplate, contempt, denounce, disdain, earnest, exasperated, furtive, indifferent, lament, narrator, perceive, stolid, sullen, vary, vindictive, wrath



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
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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. Black holes **annihilate** all traces of what falls into them.
  - A. carefully preserve
  - B. slowly examine
  - C. completely destroy
2. In the book, *Harry Potter*, Voldemort is Harry's **antagonist**.
  - A. partner
  - B. friend
  - C. enemy
3. It is an **audacious** plan.
  - A. likely to succeed
  - B. bold and daring
  - C. improperly considered
4. She likes to make people lose their cool by starting **belligerent** political arguments.
  - A. hostile or combative
  - B. clever or intelligent
  - C. ridiculous or absurd
5. The philosopher **contemplated** the meaning of life, pondering the big questions of existence.
  - A. wrote about
  - B. read about
  - C. thought about
6. He was **impolite**. She pretended not to notice except that she treated him with **contempt**.
  - A. great annoyance
  - B. lack of respect
  - C. impatience
7. She bravely stepped forward to **denounce** the corruption within her company.
  - A. openly condemn
  - B. warmly praise
  - C. quietly ignore
8. She has nothing but **disdain** for the notion that common people can regulate their own lives better than she can.
  - A. lack of respect
  - B. humility
  - C. intense anger
9. She has a **casual, go-with-the-flow** personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
  - A. frivolous attitude
  - B. seriousness
  - C. falseness
10. My little brother can be **exasperating**. He's always testing his boundaries.
  - A. very active
  - B. endearing (lovable)
  - C. greatly annoying
11. Later she said she was just trying to figure out whose phone it was, but she looked around **furtively** before she began reading my text messages.
  - A. nervously
  - B. eagerly
  - C. with curiosity

12. She was **indifferent** to his anger.
- A. without interest
  - B. with fear
  - C. with anger
13. We **lamented** our sad circumstances.
- A. made worse
  - B. improved
  - C. expressed grief about
14. One of the more popular narrators in movie history is Morgan Freeman. I especially liked him in *The Shawshank Redemption* where in addition to playing a major role, he narrated the film.
- A. producer who works closest with the actors
  - B. actor who talks directly to the audience
  - C. script writer
15. It's one thing to **perceive** something with the senses and another to understand its importance.
- A. become aware of
  - B. physically touch
  - C. clearly see
16. Her face showed nothing but **stolid** indifference.
- A. emotionless
  - B. confused
  - C. bitter
17. A **sullen** crowd watched the execution.
- A. excited
  - B. unhappy
  - C. celebrating
18. McDonald's menu options **vary** by location.
- A. are consistent
  - B. are different
  - C. are known
19. She's not a **vindictive** person.
- A. easy-going
  - B. revengeful
  - C. driven
20. She fears the **wrath** of God.
- A. angry punishment
  - B. power
  - C. unpredictable moods

# 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 He scrambled to his feet, and **perceiving**, evidently, the size of his assailant, ran quickly off, shouting alarms.
  - A. seeing; or becoming aware of
  - B. telling (a story)
  - C. causing suffering
- 2 He cast **furtive** glances at his mother.
  - A. taking pains to avoid being observed
  - B. intended for an entire religion rather than for a selected group with distinct beliefs -- typically the Christian religion
  - C. involving an unwelcome intrusion -- possibly a physical attack into another's territory or involvement in personal matters
- 3 Above the muffled roar of conversation, the dismal wailings of babies at night, the thumping of feet in unseen corridors and rooms, mingled with the sound of **varied** hoarse shoutings in the street and the rattling of wheels over cobbles, they heard the screams of the child and the roars of the mother die away to a feeble moaning and a subdued bass muttering.
  - A. took on as one's own
  - B. differed; or changed
  - C. began fighting again
- 4 Her mouth was set in the same lines of **vindictive** hatred that it had, perhaps, borne during the fight.
  - 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
- 5 He maintained a **belligerent** attitude toward all well-dressed men.
  - A. hostile (eager to fight)
  - B. related to intelligence -- such as requiring, appealing to, or possessing intelligence
  - C. (adjective) designed to stop something OR (noun) something that stops something else
- 6 When an engine would strike a mass of blocked trucks, splitting it into fragments, as a blow **annihilates** a cake of ice, Jimmie's team could usually be observed high and safe, with whole wheels, on the sidewalk.
  - A. accepts as true (without proof)
  - B. numbers that are less than zero
  - C. to completely destroy or defeat
- 7 One day the young man, Pete, who as a lad had smitten the Devil's Row urchin in the back of the head and put to flight the **antagonists** of his friend, Jimmie, strutted upon the scene.
  - A. relating to properties of sound or hearing
  - B. people who trick others for financial gain
  - C. people who offer opposition or are hostile
- 8 There was valor and **contempt** for circumstances in the glance of his eye.
  - A. frustration at being treated unfairly
  - B. a lack of respect
  - C. prejudice or unfair treatment
- 9 Over his features played an eager desire to state the amount of his valor in a similar crisis, but the **narrator** proceeded.
  - A. translation
  - B. storyteller
  - C. quiet voice
- 10 Turning, Maggie **contemplated** the dark, dust-stained walls, and the scant and crude furniture of her home.
  - A. restarted (a fire)
  - B. wrongly translates
  - C. consider or ponder

- 11 *Very infrequent tipsy men, swollen with the value of their opinions, engaged their companions in earnest and confidential conversation.*
- A. seven wise men of ancient Greece
  - B. serious; or in a serious manner
  - C. real (genuine, true, or sincere)
- 12 *She turned her huge back in tremendous **disdain** and climbed the stairs to the next floor.*
- A. with a lack of respect; or with a sense of superiority
  - B. differ; or change
  - C. influence opinion
- 13 *The mother raised **lamenting** eyes to the ceiling.*
- A. stopping a battle or fight
  - B. changing through evolution
  - C. expressing grief or regret
- 14 *Pete came along slowly, with a **sullen** drooping of the under lip.*
- A. exactness or accuracy
  - B. showing a gloomy or bad mood
  - C. not easily identified
- 15 *...he took pride in commanding the waiters who were, however, **indifferent** or deaf.*
- A. uninterested (in providing service to him)
  - B. likely to change
  - C. able to be found
- 16 *She was terrific in **denunciation** of the girl's wickedness.*
- A. strong criticism or public accusation
  - B. of the philosophical & religious system based on the teachings of Laozi (also spelled Taoist)
  - C. a response to an offer that proposes a different agreement while rejecting the previous offer
- 17 *A woman of brilliance and **audacity**, accompanied by a mere boy, came into the place and took seats near them.*
- A. act of hiring again
  - B. boldness and daring
  - C. wrong understanding
- 18 *She stood shivering beneath the torrent of her mother's **wrath**.*
- A. intense anger
  - B. determination
  - C. use of reason
- 19 *The question **exasperated** Pete beyond the powers of endurance.*
- A. said indirectly
  - B. came or arrived
  - C. greatly annoyed
- 20 *After a time she left rattling avenues and passed between rows of houses with sternness and **stolidity** stamped upon their features.*
- A. lack of emotion
  - B. relative amount
  - C. in disagreement

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	perceive ( <i>as in: though blind, can perceive light</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
2	A	furtive	Used 4 times in this book.
3	B	vary	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
4	B	vindictive	Used 2 times in this book.
5	A	belligerent	Used 2 times in this book.
6	C	annihilate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
7	C	antagonist ( <i>as in: the antagonist in the film</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
8	B	contempt ( <i>as in: feels contempt towards her</i> )	Used 11 times in this book.
9	B	narrator	High-utility academic word
10	C	contemplate	Used 4 times in this book.
11	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
12	A	disdain	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
13	C	lament	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
14	B	sullen ( <i>as in: a sullen mood</i> )	Used 7 times in this book.
15	A	indifferent	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
16	A	denounce	Used 5 times in this book.
17	B	audacious	Used 8 times in this book.
18	A	wrath	Used 7 times in this book.
19	C	exasperated	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
20	A	stolid	Used 2 times in this book.