

Moon Lake

by Eudora Welty

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: agitate, belated, berate, commotion, compassion, concur, conflict, contemplate, despise, entwined, fervent, gossamer, impartial, indifferent, lament, nevertheless, ostentatious, persistent, quiver, utter



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	B
3	A
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9	C
10	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. She gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
 - A. calm and thoughtful
 - B. gloomy (sad)
 - C. emotionally disturbed
2. She sent a **belated** thank-you note after realizing she had forgotten.
 - A. written proudly
 - B. sent late
 - C. kept secret
3. I could hear the customer **berating** the cashier from across the store, demanding a refund.
 - A. criticizing angrily
 - B. complimenting loudly
 - C. flattering senselessly
4. Her entrance created quite a **commotion**.
 - A. disturbance
 - B. outburst of laughter
 - C. accident
5. It is not enough to be **compassionate**. We must act. It is not enough to act. We must act with intelligence.
 - A. lucky
 - B. sympathetic
 - C. talented
6. She could not bring herself to **concur** publicly, but she honored her promise by not discussing her concerns.
 - A. criticize
 - B. agree
 - C. help
7. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict **flared** up again in Jerusalem.
 - A. agreement
 - B. border
 - C. struggle
8. The philosopher **contemplated** the meaning of life, pondering the big questions of existence.
 - A. wrote about
 - B. read about
 - C. thought about
9. She **despises** his lifestyle.
 - A. admires
 - B. wants
 - C. hates
10. The economies are thoroughly **entwined**.
 - A. connected
 - B. strong
 - C. weak
11. She is a **fervent** admirer.
 - A. distant
 - B. thoughtful
 - C. passionate

12. A **gossamer** curtain softened the sunlight in the room.
- A. thick and heavy
 - B. brightly colored
 - C. thin and delicate
13. They trusted her to be **impartial**.
- A. unbiased
 - B. smart
 - C. forgiving
14. She was **indifferent** to his anger.
- A. without interest
 - B. with fear
 - C. with anger
15. We **lamented** our sad circumstances.
- A. made worse
 - B. improved
 - C. expressed grief about
16. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
17. She arrived in an **ostentatious** stretch limo.
- A. expensive
 - B. long
 - C. showy
18. The **persistent** rain finally stopped after flooding streets for a full week.
- A. quickly ending
 - B. continuing steadily
 - C. suddenly starting
19. Her hands began to quiver as she opened the envelope.
- A. slightly shake
 - B. tightly grip
 - C. quickly move
20. The decision was made before I could **utter** an opinion.
- A. say with the voice
 - B. say forcefully
 - C. write carefully

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 **despised** their predicaments, most of all their not being able to swim.
A. not good at concentrating on one thing
B. adjusted a lens to make an image clear
C. disliked strongly and looked down upon
- 2 Jinny Love **lamented** and beat against Mrs. Gruenwald, Mrs. Gruenwald's solid, rope-draped stomach all but returning her blows.
A. was abundant or plentiful
B. thought -- possibly aloud
C. expressed grief or regret
- 3 Her **indifference** made Nina fall back and listen to the spring running with an endless sound and see how the July light like purple and yellow birds kept flickering under the trees when the wind blew.
A. without interest
B. risky investment
C. chaotic disorder
- 4 Nobody woke up from being walked over, but after Jinny Love had fallen in bed with Nina, Easter gave a **belated**, dreaming sound.
A. the condition of being different
B. after the expected or usual time
C. indicating approval or agreement
- 5 Easter's sighs and her prolonged or half-**uttered** words now filled the tent, just as the heat filled it.
A. said (or make a sound) with the voice
B. controlled (how something turned out)
C. genetically changed through evolution
- 6 **Entwined**, they stared--orphan-like themselves--past Easter's cot and through the tent opening as down a long telescope turned on an incandescent star, and saw the spiral of Elberta's hat return, and saw Exum jump over a stick and on the other side do a little dance in a puff of dust.
A. interconnected (not easily separated) or twisted together
B. viewed in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
C. promised, guaranteed, or indicated certainty of something
- 7 But however Nina and Jinny Love made faces at they knew not what, Easter **concurred**; she thoroughly agreed.
A. traded
B. agreed
C. copied
- 8 The water was quiet, the color of pewter, marked with purple stobs, although where the sun shone right on it the lake seemed to be in violent **agitation**, almost boiling.
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
- 9 Her throat **quivered**, the little vein in her temple jumped.
A. to shake or tremble slightly
B. not working or not operating
C. calculates or judges too low
- 10 The presence of night was beside them--a beast in **gossamer**, with no shine of outline, only of ornament--rings, ear-rings.... "March!" cried Mrs. Gruenwald, and stamped down the trail for them to follow.
A. dreamlike state of altered consciousness
B. characteristic (of something or someone)
C. extremely light, delicate, airy, or thin

- 11 Miss Moody, with a **fervent** frown which precluded interruption, sang in soft tremolo as she rubbed the lined-up children with "Sweet Dreams."
- A. not concerned with what others might think of oneself
 - B. able to make clear with example, diagram, photo, etc.
 - C. characterized by intense emotion or passionate belief
- 12 Miss Moody **ostentatiously** went right to sleep.
- A. in a manner that is supposed (rather than known to be so)
 - B. not in a manner that is able to be promised or guaranteed
 - C. in a manner intended to attract notice and impress others
- 13 In the cup of her hand, in her filling skin, in the fingers' bursting weight and stillness, Nina felt it: **compassion** and a kind of competing that were all one, a single ecstasy, a single longing.
- A. the taking on or adoption of power or responsibility
 - B. sympathy for another's suffering and wanting to help
 - C. the process of controlling (how something turns out)
- 14 For the night was not **impartial**.
- A. without favoritism or bias
 - B. the quality of disagreeing
 - C. the quality of being Dutch
- 15 It was Exum **persistent** as a little bug, inching along the foot of the swamp wall, carrying around a fishing cane and minnow can, fishing around the bend from their side of the lake, catching all kinds of things.
- A. tendency to be direct in a disagreeable, insensitive manner
 - B. continuing -- especially despite difficulties or opposition
 - C. the degree or quality of being exactly vertical or straight
- 16 They looked at Easter's mouth and at the eyes where they were **contemplating** without sense the back side of the light.
- A. restarted (a fire)
 - B. wrongly translates
 - C. consider or ponder
- 17 Looking out for an instant from precarious holds, they took in sharply for memory's sake that **berated** figure, the mask formed and set on the face, one hand displayed, one jealously clawed under the waist, as if a secret handful had been groveled for, the spread and spotted legs.
- A. criticized severely or angrily
 - B. not hired, occupied, or booked
 - C. developed or changed gradually
- 18 The Negroes were making a glorious **commotion**, all of them came up now, and then Exum escaped them all and ran waving away to the woods, dainty as a loosened rabbit.
- A. noisy disturbance
 - B. circular movement
 - C. size or dimension
- 19 She screamed, "Easter!" In that passionate instant, when they reached Easter and took her up, many feelings returned to Nina, some joining and some **conflicting**.
- A. hiring, reserving, booking, or occupying
 - B. examining in detail to better understand
 - C. opposing (struggling against each other)
- 20 Nevertheless, standing there with the tent slanting over him and his arm knobby as it reached up and his head bent a little, he looked rather at loose ends.
- A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	despise	Used 2 times in this story.
2	C	lament	High-utility academic word
3	A	indifferent	High-utility academic word
4	B	belated	Used 2 times in this story.
5	A	utter (<i>as in: utter a complaint</i>)	Used 2 times in this story.
6	A	entwined	Used 2 times in this story.
7	B	concur (<i>as in: I concur</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
8	C	agitate	High-utility academic word
9	A	quiver	Used 2 times in this story.
10	C	gossamer	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
11	C	fervent	High-utility academic word
12	C	ostentatious	High-utility academic word
13	B	compassion	Used about 10 times per 10 books in our high school library.
14	A	impartial	High-utility academic word
15	B	persistent	High-utility academic word
16	C	contemplate	Used about 10 times per 10 books in our high school library.
17	A	berate	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
18	A	commotion	Used about 9 times per 10 books in our high school library.
19	C	conflict	High-utility academic word
20	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word