

Music From Spain

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: accommodate, accordion, allure, amiable, artificial, aura, avid, foreboding, formidable, habitual, hideous, indignant, mishap, nevertheless, oblong, recital, recollect, revelation, spurn, ubiquitous



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	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. This hotel can **accommodate** up to 350 guests.
 - A. question
 - B. provide for
 - C. consider
2. Her grandfather taught her to play the **accordion** at age seven.
 - A. bellows-based instrument
 - B. stringed instrument
 - C. brass instrument
3. She couldn't explain the **allure** of his reckless ideas, but they made her feel alive.
 - A. attraction
 - B. confusion
 - C. intention
4. It was an **amiable** gathering of old friends.
 - A. friendly
 - B. rare
 - C. emotional
5. She put on an **artificial** smile for the cameras while berating my performance.
 - A. not sincere
 - B. very large
 - C. barely noticeable
6. The old theater had an **aura** of mystery.
 - A. written rule
 - B. distinctive atmosphere
 - C. loud announcement
7. She's an **avid** reader.
 - A. enthusiastic
 - B. done accidentally or without intention
 - C. tending to arouse strong disagreement
8. She felt a sense of **foreboding** as she approached the abandoned house.
 - A. memory of past joy
 - B. dread of what's coming
 - C. wave of sudden relief
9. The challenge is **formidable**.
 - A. trivial
 - B. understood
 - C. intimidating
10. She **habitually** works through lunch.
 - A. in a manner intended to attract notice and impress others
 - B. regularly
 - C. with satisfaction or contentment (unworried and satisfied)
11. He had a **hideous** scar running from his forehead to his jaw.
 - A. barely noticeable
 - B. extremely ugly
 - C. perfectly healed
12. She was **indignant**, but she agreed to be searched when they accused her of shoplifting.
 - A. annoyed at something unjust
 - B. surprised at the unexpected
 - C. defensive about being suspected

13. Barbless hooks are much easier to remove from the fish (and the person fishing, in the event of a mishap).
- A. reversal of fortunes
 - B. violent argument
 - C. minor accident
14. She loves him. Nevertheless, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
15. The table is an oblong shape, with curved edges.
- A. elongated
 - B. circular
 - C. square
16. At the poetry recital, she recited an original work.
- A. solo performance
 - B. writing workshop
 - C. open discussion
17. I don't recollect her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember
18. I was leaning toward voting for her, but her stance on education policy was a revelation to me.
- A. something surprising and previously unknown
 - B. something that made a decision easy
 - C. something that reversed a previous decision
19. She spurned both major parties in the last election.
- A. joined
 - B. rejected
 - C. founded
20. Cycling is ubiquitous in the Netherlands.
- A. everywhere
 - B. encouraged by law
 - C. weather-dependent

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 It **accommodated** itself like the bang of a small bell to the stiff pull of his shanks.
A. concentrated
B. provided
C. not fighting
- 2 **Nevertheless** a face from nowhere floated straight into that helpless irony and contemplated the world of his inward gaze, a dark full-face, obscure and obedient-looking as a newsprint face, looking outward from its cap of dark hair and a dark background—all shadow and softness, like a blurred spot on Jones Street.
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)
- 3 Eugene slowed his step obediently here; at the jobbing butcher's he was **habitually** caught.
A. following as a result of something
B. in a manner that is done regularly
C. indiscriminately (non-selectively)
- 4 The beeves were moving across, all right, and on the other side a tramp leaned on a cane to watch, leering like a dandy at each one of the carcasses as it went by; it could have been some haughty and **spurning** woman he kept catching like that.
A. gradually adding or removing
B. rejecting as not good enough
C. subsequent (happening later)
- 5 He clung to one small **revelation**: that today he was not able to take those watches apart.
A. something previously unknown; or making such a thing known
B. a large, elongated gland located behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin
C. of the philosophical & religious system based on the teachings of Laozi (also spelled Taoist)
- 6 Last night—though it seemed long enough ago now to make the recognition clever—Emma had come out with Eugene to a music hall, and it had turned out that this Spaniard performed, in solo **recital**.
A. performance
B. storyteller
C. translation
- 7 He was **alluring**, up ahead—the perfect being to catch up with.
A. attracting or tempting
B. taking on as one's own
C. recognizing difference
- 8 He lowered himself to the straight chair that was the only furnishing of the stage except for an **oblong** object covered in black cloth that had been placed before it.
A. an elongated shape (having more length than width) -- typically of a stretched circle that is longer than an oval, but occasionally used to describe a rectangle
B. a workplace where people do scientific or medical research, or produce drugs or chemicals (also used figuratively) OR (as an adjective) related to such a place
C. soccer: a foul kick taken from 12 yards in front of the goal and defended only by the goalkeeper who cannot advance beyond the goal line until the shot is taken
- 9 This was just the sort of preliminary to-do that Emma liked; Eugene felt her draw herself up in the kind of bodily **indignation** that was her quickest expression of pleasure when she was out in public.
A. anger or annoyance at something unjust or wrong
B. surprise as something unexpected
C. acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 10 The lapse must have endured for a solid minute or two, and afterwards he could **recollect** it.
A. disagree
B. subtract
C. remember

- 11 Eugene felt an almost palpable **aura** of a disgrace or sadness that had to be as ever-present as the skin is, of hiding and flaunting together.
- A. treatment with extra kindness or tolerance OR (more rarely) a special pleasure (typically something done in excess of what is thought good -- such as eating too much cake, or being too lazy)
 - B. A distinctive quality, mood, or feeling that seems to surround a person, place, or thing; or, more literally, a glowing light shown around someone's head or body in spiritual or artistic images
 - C. a person with or something related to an eating disorder in which overeating is followed by guilt and unhealthy attempts at correction -- especially self-induced vomiting
- 12 The sight of a person to whom other people have been cruel can be the most **formidable** of all, Eugene thought as he was ready to pass it again.
- A. the quality of disagreeing
 - B. the quality of being Dutch
 - C. intimidating or impressive
- 13 The street beggars knew it, they sat light-drenched, the blind **accordion** player with his eyes wide open and his lips formed in a kiss.
- A. characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open
 - B. design based on alphabetic letters; or adding such a design to something
 - C. regular crisscross grid that repeats in a pattern of squares or diamonds
- 14 The gesturing people, who seemed actually to be turning **artificial** smiles upon them, were enclosed by walls papered in an intrusive design of balls and bubbles, lights behind poppy shades.
- A. not sincere
 - B. intentional
 - C. helpfulness
- 15 He was laughing at the Filipino; and all the time, out of the whole room, perhaps, only he knew how excruciating this small **mishap** probably was.
- A. basic rule or belief
 - B. the act of forgiving
 - C. unfortunate accident
- 16 His black eyes were **amiably** following a little fly now.
- A. in a friendly way
 - B. in a pleasing way
 - C. in a skillful way
- 17 Didn't it matter which poor, **avid** life took the gaze and which gave it?
- A. enthusiastic or strongly interested
 - B. full of strong desire for something
 - C. in a manner that takes on or adopts
- 18 The Spaniard, when Eugene looked to him, was making a **hideous** face over the lighting of another cigarette.
- A. the characteristic of demonstrating something
 - B. extremely ugly, offensive, and/or frightening
 - C. the quality of not being sensible and careful
- 19 So they turned and their walk could still go on along shore, past the black pits of fires and the **ubiquitous**, ugly, naked sea onions, until they reached rocks; then it led up to the overlooking wall.
- A. being present everywhere or all the time
 - B. without a tendency to be full of thought
 - C. lacking a tendency to be full of thought
- 20 When his body was wheeled another turn, the **foreboding** like a spinning ball was caught again.
- A. considering (the affect on a result or outcome)
 - B. a feeling that something bad is going to happen
 - C. moving to a worse or less prestigious situation

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	accommodate (<i>as in: the room can accommodate four</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this story.
2	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word
3	B	habitual	Used 2 times in this story.
4	B	spurn	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
5	A	revelation	Used 2 times in this story.
6	A	recital	Used 3 times in this story.
7	A	allure	Used 2 times in this story.
8	A	oblong	Used 2 times in this story.
9	A	indignant	High-utility academic word
10	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this story.
11	B	aura	Used 3 times in this story.
12	C	formidable	Used 2 times in this story.
13	A	accordion (<i>as in: an accordion door</i>)	Used 2 times in this story.
14	A	artificial (<i>as in: an artificial smile</i>)	High-utility academic word
15	C	mishap	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
16	A	amiable	Used 2 times in this story.
17	A	avid	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
18	B	hideous	Used 2 times in this story.
19	A	ubiquitous	High-utility academic word
20	B	foreboding	Used 2 times in this story.