

Naked in Death

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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: accord (2), direct (2), discreet (2), discrepancy, divulge, elaborate (2), flaunt, focus (2), however (2), increment, indulge, insidious, motive, muse



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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. His lawyers demand he be **accorded** the status of a captured soldier rather than a spy.
 - A. given
 - B. denied
 - C. told about
3. I would like to speak **directly** to the manager.
 - A. formally
 - B. personally
 - C. when convenient
4. She is easy to work with. She is **direct** in her communications and expectations.
 - A. straightforward
 - B. considerate
 - C. humble
5. I will be **discreet** in my investigation.
 - A. thorough
 - B. quick
 - C. subtle
6. The waiter was **discreet** about the celebrity dining at the corner table.
 - A. loud and boastful
 - B. rude and impatient
 - C. careful and tactful
7. There was a clear **discrepancy** in the two witnesses' stories.
 - A. a strong match
 - B. an inconsistency
 - C. a happy ending
8. She would not **divulge** it to anyone.
 - A. take
 - B. serve
 - C. reveal
9. As we talked, she **elaborated** on her idea.
 - A. responded to criticism
 - B. changed thinking
 - C. added details
10. Their culture has **elaborate** wedding ceremonies.
 - A. generous
 - B. exciting
 - C. detailed
11. She **flaunts** her wealth.
 - A. shows off
 - B. hides
 - C. enjoys
12. This week, I'm focusing on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help

13. The **focus** of this class is classic American Literature.
- A. hardest part
 - B. area where attention is concentrated
 - C. prerequisite (understanding required to enroll)
14. I hope to take the ACT just once. **However**, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
- A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and
15. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
- A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
16. The table shows the amount of tax based on \$1,000 **increments** in income.
- A. subsidies
 - B. increases
 - C. regulations
17. I **indulge** my taste for sweets more than is good for me.
- A. give in to
 - B. hold back from
 - C. complain about
18. We've grown accustomed to spending more than we earn, but the increasing debt is an **insidious** problem.
- A. hidden
 - B. severe
 - C. shared
19. A desire for religious freedom was their **motive** for leaving England.
- A. excuse
 - B. technique
 - C. reason
20. Let me **muse** on it on a while and I'll get back to you.
- A. research
 - B. think
 - C. ask

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 would have been **indiscreet** and unprofessional for us to become sexual partners.
 - A. unable to get closer to
 - B. optimistic or agreeable
 - C. not sensible or careful
- 2 If Whitney's orders hadn't come through with the warrant, instructing her to be **discreet**, Eve would have marched onto the Senate floor and cuffed him in front of his associates.
 - A. related to the setting or situation in which something occurs
 - B. showing a lack of respect for things respected by most people
 - C. inconspicuous or unobtrusive (so as not to attract attention)
- 3 He enjoys his work and wants to be the **focus** of our attention.
 - A. calculating or judging too high
 - B. where attention is concentrated
 - C. the ability to take on or adopt
- 4 If he'd used his other hand for a blow to the face, he might have stunned her, but he was too **focused** on reaching the gun.
 - A. concentrating (on one thing and not paying attention to other things)
 - B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - C. began speaking with someone about something
- 5 The murder of a licensed companion, the only daughter of friends, the only granddaughter of one of the country's most outspoken and conservative legislators, by a banned "**Motive**," she concluded, settling again.
 - A. small quantity or indication
 - B. the sacred writings of Islam
 - C. reason (for doing something)
- 6 She eyed the gold foil and **elaborate** bow on the package she held with more suspicion than pleasure.
 - A. without gender classification
 - B. overly unhappy and unsociable
 - C. fancy (complicated or special)
- 7 I can **elaborate** and add that I prefer a different type of bedmate, and that I prefer to make my own moves.
 - A. genetic change through evolution
 - B. interact again or interest again
 - C. add detail (to what's been said)
- 8 Nice life if you can get it, she **mused**,
 - A. was abundant or plentiful
 - B. thought
 - C. expelled or gotten rid of
- 9 There's a problem, **however**.
 - A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using "though", "in spite of that", "in contrast", "nevertheless", etc.
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 10 However glorious the scents, they failed to stir her appetite.
 - A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
 - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
 - C. regardless of how
- 11 They'd been organized **according** to color and style.
 - A. idiom meaning "won the day"
 - B. based on (in keeping with)
 - C. U.S. history: pre-Civil War period

- 12 I **accorded** Elizabeth Barrister and Richard DeBlass respect and dignity.
- A. given/gave special treatment
 - B. found, sought, or researched
 - C. not judged in a negative way
- 13 **Flaunted** it in front of her well-positioned family, including her arch-conservative grandfather.
- A. showed off
 - B. translated
 - C. subtracted
- 14 With all respect, Chief Simpson, I can't **divulge** to the public any details of the case that could undermine the investigation.
- A. read, listen, or watch with eager interest
 - B. provide better understanding or make clear
 - C. make known (secret of private information)
- 15 How will you answer the fact that you're jeopardizing the case and your position by **indulging** in a personal relationship with a suspect?
- A. excessively giving into desire
 - B. in over your head
 - C. ruthlessly avoiding involvement
- 16 That's a **direct** order.
- A. clear, straightforward, or to the point
 - B. the state or degree of being very large
 - C. meticulousness (care for small details)
- 17 He **always attends in person**, or by **direct** 'link'.
- A. able to be learned, discovered, or decided
 - B. straight (without anything in between)
 - C. the state of doing something intentionally
- 18 **Regardless of the motive**, it will be necessary for you to explain the **discrepancy** in your books.
- 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
- 19 We have evidence that you paid to Sharon DeBlass one hundred thousand dollars, in twenty-five thousand dollar **increments** in one year's period.
- A. acts or processes of stopped something from happening
 - B. a series of increases; or the amount of the increases
 - C. psychologists who emphasize internal mental processes
- 20 She waited while he completed his impassioned speech on the moral decline of the country, the **insidious** corruption that stemmed from promiscuity, conception control, genetic engineering.
- A. not appearing dangerous, but actually very harmful over time
 - B. the degree to which a performance of or to someone else's work lends itself to the expression of personal artistic ideas or feelings by the performer
 - C. the quality or degree of being straightforward or clear (sometimes indicating that truth is not worded carefully to spare feelings or gain advantage)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	discreet (<i>as in: discreet-- not foolish</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
2	C	discreet (<i>as in: discreet-- not showy or gossipy</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	focus (<i>as in: The focus of our study is...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	C	motive (<i>as in: What is her motive?</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 15 times in this book.
6	C	elaborate (<i>as in: an elaborate design</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	elaborate (<i>as in: elaborate on your plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	B	muse (<i>as in: her musings</i>)	Used 22 times in this book.
9	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
10	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
11	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 10 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	A	accord (<i>as in: accord her the respect deserved</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
13	A	flaunt	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	divulge	Used 2 times in this book.
15	A	indulge	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
16	A	direct (<i>as in: gave a direct answer</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
17	B	direct (<i>as in: directly above; or buy direct</i>)	Used 9 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
18	B	discrepancy	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	B	increment	Used 2 times in this book.
20	A	insidious	Used 2 times in this book.