

Nights in Rodanthe

by Nicholas Sparks

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: ailment, confide, direct (2), diverge, empathy, estimate, evaluate, haphazard, incessant, inevitable, melancholy, nonetheless, nostalgia, perfunctory, peruse, sensual, skeptical, stationery, wary



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
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8	A
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10	B
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13	A
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15	B
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17	A
18	A
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 suffered from some kind of **ailment**, but she recovered completely.
 - A. attack
 - B. memory loss
 - C. illness
2. She **confided** in her parents.
 - A. trusted
 - B. didn't trust
 - C. was proud
3. She is easy to work with. She is **direct** in her communications and expectations.
 - A. straightforward
 - B. considerate
 - C. humble
4. The judge **directed** the jury to ignore the question.
 - A. asked
 - B. ordered
 - C. understood
5. We had a lot in common when we were younger, but then our interests began to **diverge**.
 - A. get weaker or less enthusiastic
 - B. move in opposition to each other
 - C. move apart or become different
6. The teacher's **empathy** helped her connect with students facing difficulties at home.
 - A. ability to control emotional outbursts
 - B. understanding and sharing others' feelings
 - C. common sense and wise advice
7. Can you **estimate** the cost of the renovation?
 - A. officially approve
 - B. roughly calculate
 - C. publicly announce
8. I'm **evaluating** job options.
 - A. considering
 - B. creating
 - C. avoiding
9. The files were stacked in a **haphazard** pile, with no order or labels.
 - A. with careful planning
 - B. with strict rules
 - C. without clear order
10. Night and day we live with the **incessant** noise of the city.
 - A. loud
 - B. continuous
 - C. pleasant
11. The leaves fall each year with the **inevitable** change of the seasons.
 - A. certain to happen
 - B. complete or total
 - C. minor
12. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring,
 - A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing

13. The class was hard. It was **nonetheless** my favorite.
- A. despite that
 - B. because of that
 - C. for that reason
14. My parents are sometimes **nostalgic** about their college days.
- A. secretive
 - B. longing
 - C. bitter
15. Her **perfunctory** apology did little to ease my annoyance.
- A. sincere
 - B. superficial
 - C. written
16. She **perused** the contract before signing it.
- A. read carefully
 - B. signed quickly
 - C. ignored completely
17. She enjoyed the **sensual** pleasure of the warm sun on her skin.
- A. pleasing the body's senses
 - B. exciting the mind's intellect
 - C. deep empathetic understanding
18. She is **skeptical** about the project.
- A. doubtful
 - B. keeping silent
 - C. excited
19. She has beautiful **stationery** for writing notes.
- A. paper and envelopes
 - B. handwriting
 - C. choice of words
20. She looked **wary** as she reached out to pet her friend's new dog.
- A. determined
 - B. distrustful
 - C. excited

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 Remembering those days always aroused a mixture of emotions in her—something akin to, but not quite, **nostalgia**.
 - A. the best or most important
 - B. longing for something past
 - C. a secret agreement or plot
- 2 It wasn't that she was **wary** of men; on the contrary, even now she occasionally found her eyes drawn to younger men in the supermarket.
 - A. able to be taken on as one's own
 - B. careful, nervous, or distrustful
 - C. indicating approval or agreement
- 3 People nowadays talked **incessantly** about the glories of youth, but Adrienne had no desire to be young again.
 - A. thoughtfully
 - B. continuously
 - C. with anxiety
- 4 Though Dan had been **skeptical**—hadn't they tried that all along?
 - A. doubtful (that something is true or worthwhile)

or more rarely:

generally tending to doubt what others believe

 - B. the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together
 - C. related to the branch of medicine that deals with the diseases of women -- especially those of the reproductive organs
- 5 Wedged against the wall beneath the bed was a small **stationery** box, and Adrienne set it on the pillow beside her.
 - A. paper and envelopes for writing letters
 - B. expresses strong hatred or loathing for
 - C. expressed strong hatred or loathing for
- 6 The clinic is short of just about everything— medicine, equipment, and the necessary beds—but I spoke to the **director** and I think I'll be able to rectify at least part of the problem.
 - A. a doctor who tests eyesight and provides glasses or contact lenses to improve vision
 - B. to guide, aim, or manage -- such as actions, attention, speech, a project or company
 - C. someone who polishes something and makes it shiny; or someone who improves something
- 7 He never complained about the work or the conditions, he offered suggestions only when asked **directly**, and though he never took credit for it, the director finally admitted that my father had been the one who supplied the new medicines and equipment we'd desperately needed, though he'd insisted that his gift remain anonymous.
 - A. in a straightforward manner
 - B. in an extremely negative manner -- often implying extreme hopelessness, misery, shame, or desperation
 - C. in a manner that tries to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuading
- 8 Other than **perfunctory** questions as to how school was going or what was happening in the fields, dinners were punctuated only by the sounds of silverware tapping against the plates.
 - A. (adjective) designed to stop something OR (noun) something that stops something else
 - B. done without much interest or effort -- especially as when dispensing with a formality
 - C. related to intelligence -- such as requiring, appealing to, or possessing intelligence
- 9 After washing the dishes, his father would migrate to the living room and **peruse** farm reports, while Paul immersed himself in books.
 - A. read or examine
 - B. strongly desire
 - C. help make clear

- 10 *Though worried about the frantic pace he held himself to, she **nonetheless** accepted his proposal, and they walked the aisle ten months later.*
- A. in spite of that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 11 *The lines in his face, grown deep over the years, were still prominent, but the intensity he once saw in his reflection had been replaced with a sort of weary **melancholy**.*
- A. relating to the outside
 - B. a sad feeling or manner
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 12 *It might have been the setting or the fact that she was alone; either way, the surge of **empathy** was a foreign sensation, one that caught him completely off guard.*
- A. a place where conditions are kept as they were to protect wildlife
 - B. the ability or tendency to understand or share in others' feelings
 - C. someone who believes that all knowledge is derived from experience
- 13 *As a result, she found herself **evaluating** him in the way strangers often do.*
- A. thinking carefully and making a judgment about
 - B. returning to an undesirable previous condition
 - C. moving back and forth; or being unsure or weak
- 14 *A benign cyst, it wasn't a life-threatening **ailment**, but it was unsightly, to say the least.*
- A. thought
 - B. payment
 - C. illness
- 15 *More than once, colleagues had recommended the name of a good therapist and **confided** that the person had helped them.*
- 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
- 16 *In his **estimation**, Rodanthe was exactly what it appeared to be: an old fishing village riding the water's edge, a place where modern life had been slow in coming.*
- A. the act of being in a working position; or the act of starting
 - B. a judgment, rough calculation or guess of qualities or a value
 - C. an expert who shares professional opinions in a specific field
- 17 *To Paul, the gesture seemed oddly **sensual**, and he wiped at the sweat on his brow.*
- A. relating to pleasing the body's senses
 - B. exciting the mind's intellectual vigor
 - C. a deep sense of empathetic understanding
- 18 *There were three cars out front parked **haphazardly**, each coated with a thin layer of salt.*
- A. in a strongly biased manner
 - B. in a manner that challenges
 - C. without pattern or planning
- 19 *Their lives were **diverging** because of responsibilities to others, and it suddenly seemed cruelly unfair to Adrienne.*
- A. examining in detail to better understand
 - B. opposing (struggling against each other)
 - C. to move apart; or be or become different
- 20 *They were **inevitable**, but she hoped they wouldn't come immediately.*
- A. certain to happen
 - B. size or dimension
 - C. circular movement

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	nostalgia	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
2	B	wary	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
3	B	incessant	Used 3 times in this book.
4	A	skeptical	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
5	A	stationery	Used 2 times in this book.
6	B	direct (<i>as in: direct a question; or direct a film</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	direct (<i>as in: gave a direct answer</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	B	perfunctory	Used 2 times in this book.
9	A	peruse	Used 2 times in this book.
10	A	nonetheless	Used 4 times in this book.
11	B	melancholy	Used 3 times in this book.
12	B	empathy	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	A	evaluate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
14	C	ailment	Used 2 times in this book.
15	A	confide	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
16	B	estimate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
17	A	sensual	Used 3 times in this book.
18	C	haphazard	Used 2 times in this book.
19	C	diverge	High-utility academic word
20	A	inevitable	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.