

Nineteen Minutes

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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), acquit, allocate, bailiff, defendant, docket, focus (2), illustrate (2), midwife, monetary, narrator, rational, reparation, scrutiny, tenure (2), testify



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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. After the fight, he turned himself in of his own **accord**.
 - A. own fear
 - B. own safety
 - C. own mind
3. She was **acquitted** of all charges.
 - A. accused
 - B. cleared
 - C. convicted
4. Let's think about how to best **allocate** time and resources.
 - A. decide on a minimum amount of
 - B. ration (distribute according to a plan)
 - C. decide on a maximum amount of
5. The **bailiff** was accused of making prejudicial statements to the jury.
 - A. court officer
 - B. defense lawyer
 - C. prosecutor
6. The jury did not know the **defendant** had a long criminal history.
 - A. person who is on trial
 - B. person who is a witness
 - C. person filing a complaint
7. The court clerk added the new case to the **docket** for next week.
 - A. stack of files
 - B. list of cases
 - C. private office
8. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
9. The **focus** of this class is classic American Literature.
 - A. hardest part
 - B. area where attention is concentrated
 - C. prerequisite (understanding required to enroll)
10. The example **illustrates** the belief.
 - A. disproves
 - B. proves
 - C. makes clear
11. The assembly directions include **illustrations** to identify each part.
 - A. drawings
 - B. coded stickers
 - C. descriptions
12. She is a licensed **midwife**.
 - A. non-doctor who assists in childbirth
 - B. not the 1st or most recent wife
 - C. best friend of a married woman

13. The **monetary** value of the brooch does not reflect its sentimental value to me.
- A. auction
 - B. money
 - C. low
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. Let's try to ignore how upset we are for a moment and think about this **rationally**.
- A. in a hurried manner
 - B. in a creative manner
 - C. in a reasonable manner
16. The company made **reparations** to the community for the environmental damage it caused.
- A. apologies
 - B. excuses
 - C. payments
17. The new policy faced **scrutiny** from independent reviewers.
- A. strong support
 - B. quick approval
 - C. careful examination
18. Her **tenure** at the company was marked by innovation and strong leadership.
- A. time period during which a position was held
 - B. task or responsibility assigned to a someone
 - C. official title given to someone who holds a position
19. **Tenure** encourages academic freedom by protecting professors from being fired without a strong reason.
- A. a temporary work contract
 - B. a period of unpaid leave
 - C. the right to permanent employment
20. She **testified** that he struck her.
- A. said
 - B. hid
 - C. lied

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 What's on the **docket** today?

- A. fear, or anticipate with worry (commonly only seen in the forms "apprehensive" and "apprehension," but seen in this form in classic literature)
- B. a list of things -- especially cases to be tried in court or items to discuss in a meeting

or less commonly: to add something to such a list

- C. to expression feelings or thoughts enthusiastically OR to squirt or give off (typically under pressure such as blood or leaking gas)

2 He'd taught seminars and written articles and had been interviewed on CNN about measuring the effects of pleasure and good fortune on a **monetary** scale-and yet he'd been at a loss when it came to figuring out what Lacy would enjoy.

- A. things that are able to change
- B. relating to or involving money
- C. with or based on basic beliefs

3 When Lacy had been a **midwife** in training, she'd spent months walking around with a little centimeter ruler, measuring.

- A. a woman skilled in aiding the delivery of babies
- B. treat in a manner that demonstrates a sense of superiority, but is supposed to seem kind OR the actions of a patron (to support someone or something; or to be a customer)
- C. American football: a defensive maneuver to swiftly tackle the quarterback by pursuing him with one or more defenders who normally remain behind the line of scrimmage

4 This would be her first big trial as a superior court judge, the one that set a tone for the rest of her **tenure** on the bench.

- A. time period during which a position was held
- B. obtaining a document granting permission to do something
- C. the lowest layer of the atmosphere where weather happens

5 But he also knew that every eye in the Connecticut Valley was on him-maybe even in the whole Northeast-and that he was up for **tenure** at Sterling.

- A. a temporary work contract
- B. a period of unpaid leave
- C. the right to keep a job as long as desired

6 'Preliminary reports are **focusing** on two pistols,' the anchor confided, just before his image disappeared.

- A. concentrating
- B. making someone want to do something
- C. stopping (something from happening)

7 Often, with fragile witnesses or young children, they'd plant a person as a **focal** point to make testifying less scary.

- A. computer code that performs a specific task
- B. place to concentrate attention
- C. the act of taking something on as one's own

8 'We had to write a story with a first-person **narrator**, and we could pick anyone,' the boy said.

- A. translation
- B. storyteller
- C. quiet voice

9 The clerk called Peter's case, and two **bailiffs** led him through a doorway.

- A. court officers responsible for keeping order in the court including custody of prisoners while in court
- B. stable particles that are a component of all atomic nuclei and have positive charge equal to the negative charge of an electron
- C. history: Catholics who broke the law by refusing to attend services of the Church of England between the 16th and 18th centuries

- 10 *Joey picked up a Sports Illustrated magazine from three years ago and started to read.*
A. accompanied by pictures
B. not justified or explained as an understandable reaction to another action
C. related such that a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 11 *You also said that part of your diagnosis of PTSD was **illustrated** by Peter's retreat into a fantasy world, correct?*
A. thought carefully
B. guided or managed
C. helped make clear
- 12 *The survey had even considered time **allocation**: how long a person spent at work, how often he went to church, how many times a week he had sex and with how many partners.*
A. soft leather shoe traditionally worn by Native Americans
B. something distributed or set apart for a special purpose
C. belief or opinion formed by viewing things a certain way
- 13 *I'll kill him, Alex thought **rationally**, calmly, after I take care of my daughter.*
A. in a manner that is unlikely to attract attention or cause embarrassment
B. in the manner of someone who believes oneself morally superior to others
C. reasonable, able to think clearly, or based on logic rather than emotion
- 14 *And to Lacy, that meant that instead of making **reparations** to these victims, she and Lewis needed to start closer to home—with Peter.*
A. members of Hitler's political party who thought they were superior to all others; or those who identify with them
B. chemicals used to clean wounds because they prevent infection by killing harmful micro-organisms such as bacteria
C. compensation for a wrong -- usually an amount of money -- often payment required from the losing country in a war
- 15 *A jury's not made up of battered women, but they've been known to **acquit** them before.*
A. tell someone about something
B. officially found "not guilty"
C. something repeated regularly
- 16 *...he needed people on a jury who were open-minded enough to understand that rules weren't always what you thought they were, who could listen to the new regulations and follow them **accordingly**.*
A. in spite of that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
B. in consequence
C. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas.)
- 17 *She walked in with the bailiff, but instead of marching toward the tiny wooden balcony where the witness was to sit, her body moved of its **own accord** in the other direction.*
A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
C. own mind (without her telling it to)
- 18 *What did the **defendant** do?*
A. person legally accused of a crime
B. soft leather shoe traditionally worn by Native Americans
C. belief or opinion formed by viewing things a certain way
- 19 *At least you're not nervous about **testifying**.*
A. providing oral evidence in court
B. calling -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
C. convincing (someone) that an idea previously believed is not correct
- 20 *He crawled beneath the wooden bench and **scrutinized** the underside.*
A. mirrored back (an image)
B. quoted (to make a point)
C. carefully examined

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	docket	Used 10 times in this book.
2	B	monetary	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	A	midwife	Used 20 times in this book.
4	A	tenure (<i>as in: during her tenure</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
5	C	tenure (<i>as in: she was granted tenure</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
7	B	focus (<i>as in: The focus of our study is...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
8	B	narrator	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
9	A	bailiff	Used 18 times in this book.
10	A	illustrate (<i>as in: an illustrated children's book</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	C	illustrate (<i>as in: as illustrated by this example</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	B	allocate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	C	rational (<i>as in: rational behavior</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
14	C	reparation	Used 4 times in this book.
15	B	acquit (<i>as in: she was acquitted</i>)	Used 12 times in this book.
16	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 8 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	A	defendant	Used 29 times in this book.
19	A	testify	Used 18 times in this book.
20	C	scrutiny	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.