

Not Without My Daughter

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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: clandestine, demeanor, devour (2), empathy, imam, intrigue (2), nevertheless, ominous, optimistic, peril, pilgrimage, rational, reflection (2), squalor, tentative (2), wrath



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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2	B
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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. The rebels held a **clandestine** meeting in the basement after midnight.
A. formal
B. secret
C. ordinary
2. Despite her nervousness, her professional **demeanor** never wavered.
A. words
B. manner
C. work
3. The lions **devoured** the antelope.
A. killed
B. ate
C. caught
4. She **devours** anything written about him.
A. reads with eager interest
B. is careful to avoid
C. discusses with friends
5. 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
6. He was chosen as **imam** because of his knowledge and good character.
A. Muslim leader
B. politician
C. federal judge
7. It was the first time she met him, and she was **intrigued** by his easy confidence.
A. interested
B. unimpressed
C. surprised
8. I suspect there's some kind of **intrigue** between the two of them.
A. relationship
B. scheme
C. resentment
9. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
A. also
B. despite that
C. in addition
10. With the clouds looking so **ominous**, I'm afraid there will be a bad storm.
A. threatening
B. huge
C. fast-moving
11. She keeps telling me her chances of dying in a car accident are 1 in 150, but I keep telling her that's too **optimistic** if she drives after drinking.
A. hopeful
B. gloomy
C. simplistic

12. The journalist's investigation put her in great **peril**.
A. fame
B. danger
C. weariness
13. Many devout Hindus undertake a **pilgrimage** to the holy city of Varanasi in India, where they perform rituals and prayers along the banks of the sacred Ganges River.
A. cultural festival
B. religious journey
C. historical reenactment
14. 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
15. She looked at her **reflection** in the pond.
A. image
B. shadow
C. thoughtful look
16. I need more time for **reflection**.
A. work responsibilities
B. rest and relaxation
C. careful thought
17. While my living conditions are not what I would like, they are far better than the kind of **squalor** I read of in Charles Dickens novels.
A. slum
B. cruelty
C. confusion
18. She took a **tentative** step to see if her injured ankle would support her weight.
A. careful
B. brave
C. confident
19. I have a **tentative** plan, but don't want to make any promises until I discuss it with some friends.
A. action without forethought; or such a tendency
B. intended to deceive -- usually for financial gain
C. subject to change (likely or possibly going to change)
20. She fears the **wrath** of God.
A. angry punishment
B. power
C. unpredictable moods

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 Once more I glanced at my **reflection**, dismissing the thought of running a brush through my brown hair.
A. image (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
B. the act of interacting or getting interested again
C. a notable or unusual event that attracts attention
- 2 It was an alternative worth considering, but upon **reflection** we both realized that it would alert Moody to the fact that I had secret friends.
A. in whatever way
B. starts (a fire)
C. careful thought
- 3 What **intrigued** me most was that the chador was optional.
A. interested
B. not provided with investment funds
C. stopped (something from happening)
- 4 What was I doing embroiled in this convoluted **intrigue**?
A. a subtle characteristic
B. secret scheme or plot
C. interaction or interest
- 5 Then there were the **ominous** pasdar, a special police force that prowled about in small white four-wheel-drive Nissan trucks.
A. threatening (suggestive of, or foreshadowing bad things to come)
B. huge
C. comforting
- 6 It was a book of didactic pronouncements from **Imam** Ali, the founder of the Shiite sect.
A. Islamic religious leader
B. social event or ceremony
C. a negatively charged ion
- 7 Nevertheless, I wanted him to get ready also.
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)
- 8 I thought back to all of the **clandestine** conversations in Farsi between Moody and Mammal when Mammal was living with us in Michigan.
A. able to be found
B. secret or hidden
C. displeasing sound
- 9 His **demeanor** was threatening enough to make me obey.
A. lacking experience or sophistication
B. the manner in which a person behaves
C. a Muslim religious teacher or leader
- 10 Moody immediately turned his **wrath** upon me, screaming at the top of his lungs, spitting out every English obscenity he could recall.
A. extreme anger
B. determination
C. use of reason
- 11 Why did the family have to drag Mahtob and me along on their ridiculous **pilgrimages**?
A. thinks of something as true or likely, even though it is not known with certainty
B. a journey to a special place -- especially a sacred place for religious purposes
C. becomes less intense, less severe, or less active -- perhaps goes away entirely

- 12 "I told her she is not being fair," Moody said to me, his voice now filled with gentleness and **empathy**.
- 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 I tried to get him to acknowledge the **squalor** of Ameh Bozorg's home, but he defended his sister staunchly.
- A. extremely dirty and unpleasant living conditions
 - B. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 - C. a general feeling of not being as good as others
- 14 Indeed, my spirits brightened when I took myself off Moody's medication and steeled my will to the **perilous** task ahead of me.
- A. stuck out
 - B. dangerous
 - C. bent down
- 15 The three of us were up early the next morning, and this alone gave me farther reason for long-range **optimism**.
- A. a tendency to expect and see the best in all things
 - B. a particular way of seeing or thinking about things
 - C. collection of star systems held together by gravity
- 16 Through the haze of his interrupted sleep and his questionable abilities of discernment, he attempted to consider the problem **rationally**.
- 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
- 17 Quickly I **devoured** letters from Joe and John and Mum and Dad.
- A. read
 - B. considered (for affect on a result or outcome)
 - C. held together (connected or united) or wrapped
- 18 The clan **devoured** my cooking and heaped praises upon me.
- A. limited or with boundaries
 - B. ate
 - C. gradually added or removed
- 19 Helen and I made **tentative** plans to meet at three o'clock that afternoon in a park near the embassy.
- A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
 - C. subject to change (possibly going to change)
- 20 One evening when I **tentatively** broached the subject of returning to America, Moody grew despondent rather than angry.
- A. in a careful or unsure way
 - B. in a manner that is not sincere
 - C. in comparison to something else

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	reflection (<i>as in: my reflection in the mirror</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
2	C	reflection (<i>as in: After reflection, I think...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	intrigue (<i>as in: she was intrigued</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	B	intrigue (<i>as in: involved in intrigue</i>)	Used 9 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
5	A	ominous	Used 8 times in this book.
6	A	imam	Used 13 times in this book.
7	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 14 times in this book.
8	B	clandestine	Used 6 times in this book.
9	B	demeanor	Used 9 times in this book.
10	A	wrath	Used 10 times in this book.
11	B	pilgrimage	Used 11 times in this book.
12	B	empathy	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
13	A	squalor	Used 7 times in this book.
14	B	peril	Used 9 times in this book.
15	A	optimistic	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
16	C	rational (<i>as in: rational behavior</i>)	Used 10 times in this book.
17	A	devour (<i>as in: devours crime novels</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	B	devour (<i>as in: devoured three sandwiches</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	tentative (<i>as in: a tentative plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	A	tentative (<i>as in: said it tentatively</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.