

One Hundred Years of Solitude

by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

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: accordion, clairvoyance, complicit, contradict, correspond (2), delirium, establish (2), impotent (2), insomnia, lament, minute (2), nostalgia, rancor, resolve (2), taciturn



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	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. Her grandfather taught her to play the **accordion** at age seven.
 - A. bellows-based instrument
 - B. stringed instrument
 - C. brass instrument
2. She claimed **clairvoyance** after saying she had seen the accident before it happened.
 - A. ordinary common sense
 - B. careful scientific proof
 - C. supposed psychic insight
3. Many suspect the **complicity** of top officials.
 - A. involvement
 - B. innocence
 - C. ignorance
4. Does the sentence **contradict** what is said in the previous paragraph?
 - A. disagree with
 - B. reinforce
 - C. expand upon
5. The bones in a bat's wing exactly **correspond** to those in a human forearm.
 - A. are equivalent
 - B. are opposite
 - C. are unrelated
6. Do either of you have copies of your **correspondence**?
 - A. instructions
 - B. letters or emails
 - C. pictures or drawings
7. We found her in the desert--dehydrated and **delirious**.
 - A. mentally confused
 - B. completely alone
 - C. thirsty
8. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
9. The sixth paragraph (lines 67-68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
 - A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
10. She felt **impotent** rage.
 - A. extreme
 - B. powerless
 - C. regrettable
11. He was **impotent**, but they adopted children.
 - A. gay
 - B. never home due to outside responsibilities
 - C. unable to have an erection for sexual intercourse

12. His **insomnia** kept him awake for hours, staring at the ceiling each night.
- A. fear of darkness
 - B. ear ringing problem
 - C. inability to sleep
13. We **lamented** our sad circumstances.
- A. made worse
 - B. improved
 - C. expressed grief about
14. Even a **minute** amount of lead can be harmful to children.
- A. large
 - B. 60 seconds
 - C. tiny
15. She thrives at sifting through that kind of **minute** detail.
- A. quickly eliminated
 - B. available from prior research
 - C. including even small considerations
16. My parents are sometimes **nostalgic** about their college days.
- A. secretive
 - B. longing
 - C. bitter
17. Even after years apart, the **rancor** between the brothers had not faded at all.
- A. warm affection
 - B. mild curiosity
 - C. deep bitterness
18. I **resolved** to never drink again.
- A. was forced
 - B. was encouraged
 - C. firmly decided
19. This feud will never be **resolved** with violence.
- A. properly considered
 - B. settled or solved
 - C. reduced or understood
20. She's a bit **taciturn** by nature, but before breakfast you'd think she is deaf and mute.
- A. reserved
 - B. outgoing
 - C. low-energy

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 "We'll never get anywhere," he **lamented** to Ursula.
 - A. was abundant or plentiful
 - B. thought -- possibly aloud
 - C. expressed grief or regret
- 2 But Ursula was insensible to his **clairvoyance**.
 - A. measles -- a highly contagious viral disease marked by distinct red spots followed by a rash
 - B. a school of philosophy whose adherents try not to be affected by pleasure, pain, or emotions
 - C. to perceive things beyond the natural range of the senses -- especially foreseeing the future
- 3 At night they would wrestle for several hours in an *anguished violence that seemed to be a substitute for the act of love, until popular intuition got a whiff of something irregular and the rumor spread that Ursula was still a virgin a year after her marriage because her husband was **impotent**.*
 - A. a connection where measuring one particle instantly affects another, regardless of distance
 - B. a potentially life-threatening eating disorder that prevents people from eating enough food
 - C. unable to have an erection for sexual intercourse
- 4 She saw with quiet **impotence** how the deluge was pitilessly exterminating a fortune that at one time was considered the largest and most solid in Macondo, and of which nothing remained but pestilence.
 - A. not sensible and careful
 - B. lack of power to change things
 - C. changing or not reliable
- 5 They had indeed contracted the illness of **insomnia**.
 - A. shows or demonstrates
 - B. has a hunched posture
 - C. inability to sleep
- 6 He saw his friends and the women sailing in a radiant glow, without weight or mass, saying words that did not come out of their mouths and making mysterious signals that did not **correspond** to their expressions.
 - A. connect or fit together by being equivalent, proportionate, or matched
 - B. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
 - C. speak in a manner that does not clearly express an opinion or decision
- 7 That was the reason for her *anxious* **correspondence** with the invisible doctors, interrupted by frequent disasters of the mail.
 - A. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - B. communication by written letters or messages
 - C. found a condition or substance to be present
- 8 When there were only two pieces left to draw, it was **established** to whom they belonged.
 - A. accepted someone's membership through a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
 - B. examined an issue, got opinions by asking specific questions; and/or asked people for political support individually
 - C. determined (figured out)
- 9 She put small wooden chairs in the living room and **established** a nursery with other children from neighboring families.
 - A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - B. created
 - C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 10 She spent nights awake shaking with fever, fighting against **delirium**,
 - A. a usually brief state of mental confusion often accompanied by hallucinations
 - B. a psychologist concerned with the treatment of abnormal thinking and behavior
 - C. a stone shaped like a disk that spins and is used to grind, sharpen or polish

- 11 *The only relatives who knew about it were Jose Arcadio and Rebeca, with whom Arcadio maintained close relations at that time, based not so much on kinship as on **complicity**.*
- A. act of helping in a crime or offense
 - B. lacking experience or sophistication
 - C. a Muslim religious teacher or leader
- 12 *Simultaneous and **contradictory** information declared him victorious in Villanueva, defeated in Guacamayal, devoured by Motilon Indians, dead in a village in the swamp, and up in arms again in Urumita.*
- A. in disagreement
 - B. relative amount
 - C. dramatic change
- 13 *At the beginning of December the long-awaited interview, which many had foreseen as an interminable argument, was **resolved** in less than an hour.*
- A. helped make clear
 - B. settled
 - C. thought carefully
- 14 *It was he who **resolved** to take her out of the bedroom she had occupied since childhood, where the fearful eyes of the saints still fed her adolescent terrors, and he furnished for her a room with a royal bed, a large dressing table, and velvet curtains, not realizing that he was producing a second version of Petra Cotes's room.*
- A. changed
 - B. adapted
 - C. decided
- 15 *He thought confusedly, finally captive in a trap of **nostalgia**, that perhaps if he had married her he would have been a man without war and without glory, a nameless artisan, a happy animal.*
- A. the best or most important
 - B. longing for something past
 - C. a secret agreement or plot
- 16 *A young woman who was selling numbers for the raffle of an **accordion** greeted him with a great deal of familiarity.*
- 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
- 17 ***Taciturn**, silent, insensible to the new breath of vitality that was shaking the house, Colonel Aureliano Buendia could understand only that the secret of a good old age is simply an honorable pact with solitude.*
- A. with a tendency to be reserved and not to talk
 - B. mental activity of which one is not self-aware
 - C. the state or degree of being greater than zero
- 18 *...but she would not allow herself to become upset by the confusion and went on perfecting the details so **minutely** that she came to be more than a specialist and was a virtuoso in the rites of death.*
- A. in a manner that does not change
 - B. in a manner that deserves praise
 - C. carefully (with attention to detail)
- 19 *As soon as they carried off Mauricio Babilonia with his shattered spinal column, Fernanda had worked out the most **minute** details of a plan destined to wipe out all traces of the burden.*
- A. awake
 - B. exact
 - C. small
- 20 *she seemed completely exhausted by her **rancor**.*
- A. measure of general intelligence
 - B. a firm decision to do something
 - C. deep and bitter anger or hatred

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	lament	High-utility academic word; used 15 times in this book.
2	C	clairvoyance	Used 7 times in this book.
3	C	impotent (<i>as in: impotent, so no children</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
4	B	impotent (<i>as in: impotent fury</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
5	C	insomnia	Used 24 times in this book.
6	A	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding time period</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
7	B	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding by email</i>)	Used 7 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
8	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	A	delirium (<i>as in: fever induced delirium</i>)	Used 22 times in this book.
11	A	complicit	Used 11 times in this book.
12	A	contradict	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
13	B	resolve (<i>as in: How was the problem resolved?</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	C	resolve (<i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	nostalgia	High-utility academic word; used 35 times in this book.
16	A	accordion (<i>as in: an accordion door</i>)	Used 21 times in this book.
17	A	taciturn	Used 9 times in this book.
18	C	minute (<i>as in: minute description</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
19	C	minute (<i>as in: minute size</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
20	C	rancor	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.