

Orange Is the New Black

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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: accumulate, adverse, camaraderie, conspiracy, correspond, correspondence, ecstatic, factor, fraud, furlough, hygiene, incarcerate, irony (2), mandatory, novel, penitent, perplex, proficiency, stoic



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
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6	C
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15	A
16	A
17	C
18	C
19	C
20	C

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. DNA damage **accumulates** with age.
 - A. rapidly disappears
 - B. stays unchanged
 - C. gradually increases
2. The FDA discovered the problem while reviewing **adverse** events reported in the database.
 - A. harmful
 - B. routine
 - C. minor
3. The veteran team showed **camaraderie** in the locker room.
 - A. tension between members
 - B. close friendship in a group
 - C. respect for opponents
4. She is inclined to believe **conspiracy** theories.
 - A. unproven
 - B. scientific
 - C. secret plot
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. I don't live in Los Angeles yet, but I joined the organization as a **corresponding** member.
 - A. visiting
 - B. founding
 - C. done from afar
7. She was **ecstatic** when her team won the championship.
 - A. exhausted
 - B. thrilled
 - C. furious
8. In the second paragraph, the narrator's focus shifts from **factors** making her unhappy to identification of possible solutions to her unhappiness.
 - A. things that are unfair
 - B. things (that influence an outcome)
 - C. examples of illnesses
9. The company was shut down after investigators uncovered a massive **tax fraud** scheme.
 - A. deception to get something illegally
 - B. foolish
 - C. unsuccessful
10. The company **furloughed** employees on the third shift.
 - A. fired
 - B. gave raises to
 - C. ordered not to come to work
11. The company inspects **hygiene** at food-processing plants.
 - A. practices promoting sanitary conditions
 - B. the act of keeping people or things separate -- especially people due to discrimination based on race, gender, ethnicity, or religion
 - C. microorganisms (living creatures so small it takes a microscope to see them) that can both cause disease and be beneficial.

12. By then, it cost California about \$50,000 a year to incarcerate a prisoner in a state prison.
- A. reimburse victims from
 - B. put on trial
 - C. imprison
13. Ironically, her strongest supporters undermined her popularity through their extremism.
- A. when what happens is exactly what usually happens
 - B. when what happens is very different than what might be expected
 - C. when what happens is very fitting for the situation
14. Her voice was dripping with irony as she said, "You look beautiful."
- A. sincerity
 - B. sarcasm
 - C. kindness
15. Safety training is mandatory for all new employees.
- A. required
 - B. optional
 - C. unexpected
16. It is a novel idea and just might work.
- A. original
 - B. important
 - C. valuable
17. After breaking the window, the penitent boy apologized to his neighbor.
- A. proud of one's actions
 - B. confused about the rules
 - C. feeling regret for wrongdoing
18. I am perplexed by her sudden change of mind on this important issue.
- A. amused
 - B. annoyed
 - C. confused
19. After months of practice, she gained enough proficiency in Spanish to hold a simple conversation.
- A. interest
 - B. permission
 - C. skill
20. She remained stoic during the crisis and did not show fear.
- A. asking many questions
 - B. acting without caution
 - C. not showing emotion

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 I looked at him, *disgusted and perplexed*.
 - A. excessively excited
 - B. nervous or confused
 - C. confused or puzzled
- 2 My indictment in federal court for criminal **conspiracy** had been triggered by the collapse of my ex-lover's *drugsmuggling operation*.
 - A. the best or most important
 - B. harsh and unfair treatment
 - C. a secret agreement or plot
- 3 I was in a whole new world, one where "conspiracy charges" and "**mandatory minimum sentencing**" would determine my fate.
 - A. required by rule or law
 - B. interaction or interest
 - C. a subtle characteristic
- 4 My family was **ecstatic**.
 - A. deeply disappointed
 - B. feeling intense happiness and excitement
 - C. intensely concerned
- 5 I didn't think they were going to understand my adolescent fascination with the underbelly of society, my involvement in international drug trafficking, or my impending **incarceration**.
 - A. psychiatrist
 - B. postponement
 - C. imprisonment
- 6 The beautiful **irony** of Larry's family was that when something minor was amiss, it was as if the Titanic were going down, but when a real disaster struck, they were the people you wanted in your life raft.
 - A. lymph node -- one of many bean-sized organs that filter bacteria and other toxins from circulating white-blood-cell filled lymph fluid
 - B. when what happens is very different than what might be expected
 - C. someone who believe behavior should be guided by high ideals or standards -- often with the implication that the person is unrealistic
- 7 No, I didn't think any of this was the least bit funny; nor was I interested in jailhouse **irony** anymore.
 - A. soft leather shoe traditionally worn by Native Americans
 - B. saying one thing while meaning something else
 - C. belief or opinion formed by viewing things a certain way
- 8 For Internet auction **fraud**.
 - A. the act of deceiving someone for personal gain; or a person or thing that is not what it pretends or appears to be
 - B. an English Protestant who in the 16th and 17th centuries who wanted simpler worship and strict, hard-working lives
 - C. intangible (non-touchable) property that is the result of creativity (such as patents or trademarks or copyrights)
- 9 It was necessary to schlep all your **hygiene** products to the bathroom—shampoo, soap, razor, washcloth, and whatever else you might need.
 - A. practices promoting the prevention of illness and maintenance of health -- such as cleanliness or promoting sanitary conditions
 - B. the ability to put someone into a state of hypnosis (a trance-like state of focused concentration and heightened suggestibility)
 - C. adherents to the theological system of John Calvin and his followers emphasizing omnipotence of God and salvation by grace alone

- 10 *There was a system for checking out those tools: each prisoner had an assigned number and a bunch of **corresponding** metal chits that looked like dog tags.*
- A. matching
 - B. drying out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight; or making very thirsty
 - C. sticking out, attracting more attention than desired, or imposing on others
- 11 *It didn't mean much in terms of getting one closer to a college degree (for that you needed to pay for **correspondence** courses), but it did count toward "program" credit with an inmate's case manager.*
- A. small kitchens
 - B. leaps or jumps
 - C. done from afar
- 12 *Yvette was by far the most competent of my coworkers, and she and I would often work together on any electrical job requiring **proficiency** with tools.*
- A. snake
 - B. story
 - C. skill
- 13 *This was an irresistible **novelty**, and soon we were laughing at each other, although Boo had refrained from being really mean at anyone's expense.*
- A. the quality of being new and original
 - B. lacking or not based on basic beliefs
 - C. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
- 14 *The five of us had a **camaraderie** that made those few hours among the most enjoyable of the week.*
- A. the degree of not being easily set on fire
 - B. close friendship amongst a group of people
 - C. not appropriate in size, amount, or degree
- 15 *This was the **penitence** that sometimes happens in the penitentiary.*
- A. a psychologist concerned with the treatment of abnormal thinking and behavior
 - B. a government, country, or ruling family of a country ruled by a king or queen
 - C. feeling or expressing sorrow for having done wrong; or a person who does such
- 16 *Most of the **accumulated** varnish of the five unhappy years spent on pretrial was gone.*
- A. caused something to move forward
 - B. not found, sought, or researched
 - C. collected or gradually increased
- 17 *I learned from her example how to operate in such **adverse** conditions with grace and charm, with patience and kindness.*
- A. working against one's interests
 - B. non-traditional or non-standard
 - C. poor ability to make a decision
- 18 *When I said no, she told me there was no point in giving me the form—I would never be granted a **furlough** for a grandparent.*
- A. a method of artistic painting on a wall by using watercolors on wet plaster; or the painting made in such a manner
 - B. accept someone's membership though a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
 - C. a temporary leave from work, duty, or confinement, usually granted by an employer, the military, or an institution
- 19 *My deep contempt for Levy was not only because I didn't like the way she put herself above others but also because she was the opposite of **stoic**.*
- A. suitability; or the degree of having been adapted
 - B. appropriate or related in size, amount, or degree
 - C. seeming unaffected by pleasure, pain, or emotions
- 20 *Housing, employment, health, family—these are the **factors** that determine whether a person returning home from prison will succeed or fail as a law-abiding citizen.*
- A. People who are of lower rank or status
 - B. things that affect a result or outcome
 - C. theories on the origin of the universe

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	perplex	Used 6 times in this book.
2	C	conspiracy	Used 9 times in this book.
3	A	mandatory (<i>as in: it is mandatory</i>)	Used 8 times in this book.
4	B	ecstatic	Used 7 times in this book.
5	C	incarcerate	Used 10 times in this book.
6	B	irony (<i>as in: situational irony</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
7	B	irony (<i>as in: verbal irony</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
8	A	fraud	Used 8 times in this book.
9	A	hygiene	Used 8 times in this book.
10	A	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding time period</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	correspondence (<i>as in: a correspondence course</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
12	C	proficiency	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	A	novel (<i>as in: a novel situation</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	B	camaraderie	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	C	penitent	Used 3 times in this book.
16	C	accumulate	Used 6 times in this book.
17	A	adverse	Used 2 times in this book.
18	C	furlough	Used 9 times in this book.
19	C	stoic	Used 10 times in this book.
20	B	factor (<i>as in: It was the deciding factor.</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.