

Pretty Little Liars

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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: abbey, attain, bizarre, critique, exasperated, fidget, focus (2), hamstrung, incredulous, luminous, melancholy, mosaic, pilfer, preparatory, rational, spontaneous, stifle, tentative, utopia



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	C
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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. After years of dedicated service to the church, she retired to a quiet **abbey** in the countryside.
 - A. a small, rural parish church
 - B. a large cathedral open to the public
 - C. a building where monks or nuns live
2. They hope to **attain** effective law and order in the region before withdrawing troops.
 - A. openly oppose
 - B. carefully describe
 - C. successfully gain
3. She won one of those **bizarre** contests designed by Guinness Book of World Records.
 - A. present in great quantity
 - B. exceedingly odd or unusual
 - C. critical (full of criticism)
4. Her **critique** of the editorial prompted a spirited discussion about economic policy.
 - A. approval and recommendation
 - B. reading aloud
 - C. analysis and judgment
5. My little brother can be **exasperating**. He's always testing his boundaries.
 - A. very active
 - B. endearing (lovable)
 - C. greatly annoying
6. She **fidgeted** like a child caught in a lie.
 - A. moved restlessly
 - B. was embarrassed
 - C. cried
7. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
8. The discussion brought into **focus** an important difference of opinion.
 - A. hiding
 - B. conflict
 - C. view
9. She is **hamstrung** by a lack of resources at the school.
 - A. left unaffected
 - B. given more power
 - C. made ineffective
10. At first, she was **incredulous**--thinking the report was in error.
 - A. worried
 - B. confused
 - C. without belief
11. The snow was **luminous** from the moonlight.
 - A. soft and silent
 - B. wet and slushy
 - C. bright and glowing
12. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring,
 - A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing

13. The museum has a **mosaic** that dates back to the 13th century.
- A. a piece of thick textile fabric with pictures or designs formed by weaving colored threads
 - B. a three-dimensional representation -- often made by carving, chiseling, or casting
 - C. art consisting of a design made of many pieces of colored material such as stone or tile
14. Someone tried to **pilfer** candy from the store display near the register.
- A. sell old things
 - B. repair broken things
 - C. steal small things
15. She took a **preparatory** class before the difficult entrance exam.
- A. helping prepare
 - B. making easier
 - C. causing trouble
16. 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
17. The group broke into **spontaneous** laughter.
- A. quiet and polite
 - B. sudden and unplanned
 - C. loud and bothersome
18. She had to **stifle** a laugh during the somber funeral service.
- A. let out freely
 - B. hold back
 - C. loudly announce
19. She took a **tentative** step to see if her injured ankle would support her weight.
- A. careful
 - B. brave
 - C. confident
20. We thought we could create a **utopia**, but we failed because we overestimated human nature.
- A. an ideal place
 - B. constant innovation
 - C. a challenging journey

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 Jason and his friends played it at inter-**prep** school field parties when scoping out girls.
 - A. done to get ready for something that will happen later
 - B. injured muscles or tendons (despite calling it muscle)
 - C. the idea that anything that can go wrong will go wrong
- 2 Sometimes, when Hanna twirled around in front of her full-length mirror, she pretended that Ali was sitting behind her, **critiquing** her outfits the way she used to.
 - A. examining in detail to better understand
 - B. hiring, reserving, booking, or occupying
 - C. an examination and judgment of something
- 3 She stared at the note and tried to think **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
- 4 Spencer hoped that was just some **bizarre** English expression.
 - A. the quality of disagreeing
 - B. exceedingly odd or unusual
 - C. able to meet and talk with
- 5 Wilden sounded **exasperated**.
 - A. said indirectly
 - B. came or arrived
 - C. greatly annoyed
- 6 Aria **fidged** with her jacket's zipper.
 - A. made small restless movements
 - B. with rises and falls in pitch
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 7 This was such a perfect friend moment, it made her feel kind of **melancholy** and nostalgic.
 - A. comfortable and sleepy
 - B. thoughtfully sad
 - C. optimistically cheerful
- 8 She had this horrible sense that she really was going to **spontaneously morph** back into her seventh-grade self.
 - A. in a ball of fire
 - B. suddenly without apparent cause
 - C. painfully
- 9 Go out with an **attainable** boy, then!
 - A. without a tendency to be full of thought
 - B. lacking a tendency to be full of thought
 - C. able to be gained or reached with effort
- 10 Aria **stifled** a giggle.
 - A. enjoyed
 - B. suppressed (prevented from happening)
 - C. shared (joined others in)
- 11 Spencer stared at Andrew **incredulously**.
 - A. in a challenging manner
 - B. with hatred
 - C. with disbelief or surprise
- 12 She said your head seems to be somewhere else, not **focused** on swimming.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. adjusted the lens
 - C. lost

- 13 *Her eyes focused.*
A. blinked
B. closed (to concentrate)
C. adjusted (to see clearly)
- 14 *Especially since home was now her very own little barn utopia.*
A. perfect place
B. work place
C. familiar place
- 15 *Holding her towel in one hand, she reached for the jar, scooped some into her palm, and slid her hand down her pants to rub it into her hamstring.*
A. another battle with the same foe
B. describing someone as antisocial
C. make less effective or powerless
- 16 *It smelled faintly of macaroni and cheese but there was a crystal chandelier hanging from the ceiling, a funky mosaic tile around the mantel, and real logs in the fireplace.*
A. a piece of thick textile fabric with pictures or designs formed by weaving colored threads
B. a three-dimensional representation -- often made by carving, chiseling, or casting
C. art consisting of a design made of many pieces of colored material such as tile
- 17 *Was that a tiny, tentative knock at the door?*
A. unsure (showing a lack of confidence)
B. brave
C. confident
- 18 *Her bare skin looked luminous, and her face was slightly flushed.*
A. red (flushed)
B. white (pale)
C. glowing (beautiful)
- 19 *She sat on her living room couch, dressed in her rattiest C&C T-shirt and a pair of Calvin Klein boxer briefs she'd pilfered out of Sean's top drawer.*
A. accidentally found
B. struggled to find
C. stolen (taken without asking)
- 20 *On Monday morning, instead of sitting in first-period bio, Emily stood next to her parents in the high-ceilinged, marble-floored nave of Rosewood Abbey.*
A. a small, rural parish church
B. a large cathedral open to the public
C. a building where monks or nuns live or lived; or a church associated with such a building

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	preparatory	Used 2 times in this book.
2	C	critique	High-utility academic word
3	C	rational (<i>as in: rational behavior</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
4	B	bizarre (<i>as in: is bizarre</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
5	C	exasperated	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
6	A	fidget	Used 3 times in this book.
7	B	melancholy	Used 2 times in this book.
8	B	spontaneous	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
9	C	attain	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	B	stifle (<i>as in: stifling the urge</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
11	C	incredulous	Used 2 times in this book.
12	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	focus (<i>as in: bring into focus; or out of focus</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	A	utopia	Used 2 times in this book.
15	C	hamstrung (<i>as in: hamstrung by excessive rules</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
16	C	mosaic	Used 2 times in this book.
17	A	tentative (<i>as in: said it tentatively</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
18	C	luminous	Used 2 times in this book.
19	C	pilfer	Used 2 times in this book.
20	C	abbey	Used 3 times in this book.