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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: austere, contrast (2), convention, correspond (2), diffident, farce, furtive, gossamer, however (2), indifferent, inquest, magistrate, maxim, motive, scorn, tact, wretched



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	B
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6	B
7	B
8	B
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10	C
11	A
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13	A
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17	C
18	A
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20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The monk's room was **austere**, with only a bed, a small table, and a wooden chair.
 - A. lavishly decorated
 - B. plain and without luxury
 - C. warm and welcoming
2. **Contrast** typical underlying beliefs of pro-life and pro-choice supporters.
 - A. study
 - B. compare
 - C. describe
3. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
4. In most countries, the **convention** is to shake the head to indicate "no", but in Bulgaria that indicates "yes".
 - A. movement
 - B. agreement
 - C. normal behavior
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. She is so **diffident**; I can't imagine her as president of the organization.
 - A. young
 - B. unassertive
 - C. argumentative
8. The trial was a **farce**, with witnesses who clearly lied and a judge who didn't care.
 - A. thorough investigation
 - B. complete mockery
 - C. well-run procedure
9. Later she said she was just trying to figure out whose phone it was, but she looked around **furtively** before she began reading my text messages.
 - A. nervously
 - B. eagerly
 - C. with curiosity
10. A **gossamer** curtain softened the sunlight in the room.
 - A. thick and heavy
 - B. brightly colored
 - C. thin and delicate
11. I hope to take the ACT just once. **However**, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
 - A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and

12. However safe we make it, there will always be risk.
- A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
13. She was indifferent to his anger.
- A. without interest
 - B. with fear
 - C. with anger
14. A coroner's inquest determined that the death was from natural causes.
- A. formal investigation
 - B. vote
 - C. assistant
15. The magistrate set bail at \$10,000.
- A. attorney
 - B. queen or king
 - C. judge
16. Her actions conflict with the maxim that we don't negotiate with terrorists.
- A. goal
 - B. saying
 - C. observation
17. A desire for religious freedom was their motive for leaving England.
- A. excuse
 - B. technique
 - C. reason
18. That coach scorns students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
19. She means well, but she lacks tact.
- A. a plan
 - B. sensitivity
 - C. ability
20. The photograph showed poor people in a wretched village in East Africa.
- A. irresponsible
 - B. in terrible condition
 - C. foolish or thoughtless

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 *our little hotel is dull, and the food **indifferent**,*
 - A. not especially good (without interest)
 - B. likely to change
 - C. able to be found
- 2 *Tact was a quality unknown to her, discretion too, and because gossip was the breath of life to her this stranger must be served for her dissection.*
 - A. having good judgment or good taste and/or perceiving things not easily perceived by most people
 - B. the ability or act of saying or handling things in such a way that others feel good about them
 - C. measles -- a highly contagious viral disease marked by distinct red spots followed by a rash
- 3 *She paused, expecting him to smile, but he went on smoking his cigarette, and I noticed, faint as **gossamer**, the line between his brows.*
 - A. dreamlike state of altered consciousness
 - B. characteristic (of something or someone)
 - C. extremely light, delicate, airy, or thin
- 4 *...the silence made it harder, more **austere**.*
 - A. relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
 - B. uncomfortable
 - C. rude or unfriendly because of using too few words or moving too quickly
- 5 *I thought of all those heroines of fiction who looked pretty when they cried, and what a **contrast** I must make with blotched and swollen face, and red rims to my eyes.*
 - A. come to terms with
 - B. block or interfere
 - C. an unmissable difference when compared side-x-side
- 6 *And when the last rocket burst and the cheering died away, the night that had been fine before seemed dull and heavy **in contrast**, the sky became a pall.*
 - A. beyond the permitted boundary or limit
 - B. in a comparison that shows differences
 - C. injured muscles or tendons in the back
- 7 *My family always call me **Maxim**, I'd like you to do the same.*
 - A. of Athens during the Golden Age of Greece (5th century BC)
 - B. a short saying that expresses a general truth or principle
 - C. of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and sometimes Finland & Iceland
- 8 *I felt better when I had taken my hat off, and my **wretched** little fur, and thrown them both beside my gloves and my bag on to the window-seat.*
 - A. not easily identified
 - B. miserable or very bad
 - C. exactness or accuracy
- 9 *We went along a broad, carpeted passage, and then turned left, through an oak door, and down a narrow flight of stairs and up a **corresponding** flight, and so to another door.*
 - A. matching (similar)
 - 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
- 10 *Mrs de Winter always did all her **correspondence** and telephoning in the morning-room, after breakfast.*
 - A. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - B. communication by writing letters
 - C. found a condition or substance to be present
- 11 *Still her eyes never left my face; they looked upon me with a curious mixture of pity and of **scorn**, until I felt myself to be even younger and more untutored to the ways of life than I had believed.*
 - A. disrespect or rejection
 - B. not answer questions; or block progress
 - C. move from more general to more specific

- 12 I tried to cram the box **furtively** into my pocket, but I saw him glance at my hand in surprise.
- A. taking pains to avoid being observed
 - B. in a manner that provokes, excites, or stimulates -- especially controversy, sexual desire, or anger
 - C. in a straightforward manner (uncomplicated or simple -- perhaps also indicating openness and honesty)
- 13 Of course I've never had anything to do with her, and I don't think I ever want to either. **However**, she's always been very civil to me.
- A. though (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 14 'Mrs Danvers,' he said, 'can you think of any reason, **however** remote, why Mrs de Winter should have taken her own life?
- A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
 - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
 - C. regardless of how
- 15 Safe, **conventional**, very correct.
- A. complete or total
 - B. able to challenge
 - C. normal or typical
- 16 My old fears, my **diffidence**, my shyness, my hopeless sense of inferiority, must be conquered now and thrust aside.
- A. the act of being in a working position; or the act of starting
 - B. hesitancy and unassertiveness due to a lack of self-confidence
 - C. an expert who shares professional opinions in a specific field
- 17 All you have to concentrate on is your statement at the **inquest**.
- A. formal investigation
 - B. basic rule or belief
 - C. the act of forgiving
- 18 It was a relief when the **farce** of the meal was over, and I heard Maxim go out on to the drive and start up the car.
- A. (verb) to intentionally anger, challenge, or upset someone -- especially by mocking them or hurling insults
OR (noun) an insult or other action intended to anger, challenge, or upset someone
 - B. a ridiculous, exaggerated situation too absurd to be taken seriously; or a type of comedy that relies on absurd humor, using physical slapstick, unlikely situations, and deliberate misunderstandings
 - C. 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)
- 19 I'm merely the **magistrate** of the district.
- A. someone who shows
 - B. people who attack
 - C. judge (or investigating authority)
- 20 You've got your **motive**, and Baker will supply it in black and white free of cost, whenever you send the word.
- A. small quantity or indication
 - B. the sacred writings of Islam
 - C. reason (for doing something)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	indifferent	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
2	B	tact	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
3	C	gossamer	Used 4 times in this book.
4	B	austere	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
5	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	B	contrast (<i>as in: contrast their writing styles</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	B	maxim	Used 783 times in this book.
8	B	wretched	Used 10 times in this book.
9	A	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding time period</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	B	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding by email</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
11	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
12	A	furtive	Used 13 times in this book.
13	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
14	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
15	C	convention (<i>as in: conventional behavior</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
16	B	diffident	Used 5 times in this book.
17	A	inquest	Used 19 times in this book.
18	B	farce	Used 4 times in this book.
19	C	magistrate	Used 9 times in this book.
20	C	motive (<i>as in: What is her motive?</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.