

Rose Red

by Stephen King

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: altercation, approach (2), attribute (2), condemn (2), debauchery, endeavor, formidable, however (2), imply, loath, pragmatic, sumptuous, transgress, vex, wither (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	A
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8	A
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10	C
11	A
12	A
13	A
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18	B
19	B
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. We have video of the **altercation**.
 - A. fight
 - B. accident
 - C. theft
2. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
3. I **approached** three bankers about a loan.
 - A. avoided
 - B. complained to
 - C. asked
4. She described his physical **attributes**.
 - A. characteristics
 - B. strengths
 - C. weaknesses
5. She **attributes** her success to hard work.
 - A. gives money for
 - B. gives credit for
 - C. gives help for
6. The United Nations **condemned** North Korea's development of nuclear weapons.
 - A. criticized
 - B. delayed
 - C. ended
7. He was **condemned** to ten years in prison.
 - A. expecting punishment
 - B. spared punishment
 - C. given punishment
8. The novel describes a night of **debauchery** that leaves the guests ashamed.
 - A. wild immoral behavior
 - B. quiet reflection
 - C. careful planning
9. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
 - A. not be able
 - B. promise
 - C. try
10. The challenge is **formidable**.
 - A. trivial
 - B. understood
 - C. intimidating
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 we get there, the main thing is to be absolutely sure we're not late.
A. whatever way
B. even if in a non-standard manner
C. to whatever degree
13. She implied that she would vote with us.
A. hinted
B. insisted
C. denied
14. Though they loath to admit it, there are serious divides splitting the party.
A. are eager
B. are reluctant
C. are excited
15. Successful politicians are pragmatists. Compromise is built into the system.
A. practical
B. personable
C. busy
16. She wore a sumptuous gown made of the finest silk and adorned with sparkling jewels.
A. flattering
B. magnificent
C. long
17. The use of innocents as human shields transgresses "the laws of war."
A. is within
B. violates
C. expands
18. The vexing puzzle kept her up late into the night.
A. soothing
B. annoying
C. amusing
19. Without water, the plants in the garden began to wither and die.
A. become dormant
B. dry out
C. grow stronger
20. As the disease progressed, her once strong muscles began to wither and she struggled to even lift a glass of water.
A. hurt
B. weaken
C. lose feeling

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 Certainly not by me, nor has John **approached** my father (my mother has informed me in the strictest of confidences) with any discussion of dowry.
A. thought carefully and made a judgment about
B. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
C. begun talking with
- 2 Now, as we **approach** the second turn, I finally hear what it is that has frightened my dear friend, what she has heard that I did not—the creaking of the stairs no longer sounds like lumber rubbing on lumber, nails straining against nails—increasingly it sounds like a voice, a familiar voice, a child's voice.
A. get near
B. create dramatic change
C. mirror back (an image)
- 3 But of course a tiny part of the woman in me fears another truth altogether, as that part of town is known for its **debaucheries**.
A. extreme indulgence in pleasures -- especially those considered immoral or harmful, such as drinking, partying, or other reckless behavior
B. (noun) people who like sexual practices considered unacceptable by society OR (verb) converts something so it is not what it should be
C. non-governmental organizations (private, non-profit organizations working for member goals at the international level)
- 4 John Rimbauer ... is a **pragmatic** man (which possibly accounts for his success in the oil business),
A. concerned with practical matters
B. another battle with the same foe
C. describing someone as antisocial
- 5 I can only wonder now if this brief **altercation** with my beloved, an altercation that resulted from my attendance there, had something to do with the events that would soon transpire.
A. a noisy argument, confrontation, or fight
B. a particular understanding or explanation
C. the time during which something continues
- 6 my how this woman **vexes** me!
A. trades
B. annoys
C. adapts
- 7 And it would be improper and wrong of me to **imply** it all has to do with angels and prayer.
A. suggest (say indirectly)
B. struggle or disagreement
C. include consideration of
- 8 God, whoever and **however** He may be, was nowhere to be found in that room this afternoon.
A. in whatever way
B. starts fighting
C. starts (a fire)
- 9 What intrigues me now, **however**, is my mistaken assumption that my prayers were responsible for Delora's disappearance.
A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though, in spite of that, in contrast, nevertheless*, etc.
B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
C. therefore (for that reason)
- 10 Another time perhaps, although some things are better left to blossom in memory rather than **wither** in reflection.
A. started (a fire)
B. weaken
C. restart (a fire)

- 11 *In the stained-glass window, the lovely rose changed before our eyes into a ghostly specter of my daughter's misshapen and **withered** arm.*
 A. not accepted as true
 B. shriveled and weakened
 C. began fighting again
- 12 *Christmas away from home was most trying, and though John **endeavored** to explain to me that I had a new home now, it only made matters worse.*
 A. decided in advance
 B. not disagreed with
 C. tried or attempted
- 13 *...has taken root in my **condemnation** of my husband and my determination for revenge.*
 A. expression of strong criticism
 B. a type of small portable radio
 C. a change; or a changed version
- 14 *April is **condemned** with the rest of us; Adam is to be saved.*
 A. treated in a manner that demonstrated a sense of superiority, but was supposed to seem kind OR acted like a patron (supported someone or something; or was a customer)
 B. examined carefully for accuracy with the intent of verification -- especially an inspection of a company's accounting procedures and records by a trained accountant
 C. forced into a bad situation
- 15 *And he will be **loath** to stop it, to even try for my legs shall close upon his lineage forever, like a springed trap.*
 A. able to be protected or kept unchanged
 B. reluctant or unwilling to do something
 C. able to accept as true (without proof)
- 16 *Installed into my bedroom, the craftsmanship looks **sumptuous**, ornate and quite rich!*
 A. the state or degree of having the ability to change for different situations
 B. magnificent (impressively wonderful) -- often indicating something expensive
 C. the quality of behaving in an instinctive, uninhibited, and unplanned manner
- 17 *I fear this power (if it exists at all) is **formidable** indeed.*
 A. the quality of disagreeing
 B. the quality of being Dutch
 C. intimidating or impressive
- 18 *One of Sukeena's many wonderful **attributes** is her ability to remain calm and consistent.*
 A. characteristics
 B. strengths
 C. weaknesses
- 19 *Sukeena's recovery impresses me greatly, and I **attribute** that recovery in no small part to both her herbs and my prayer.*
 A. say something or make a sound with the voice
 B. credit (point to as the cause of)
 C. move out of an interacting position; or stop
- 20 *All these months of not so much as a kiss between us, I had assumed his **transgressions** with the women of the night had satisfied whatever urges a man like John Rimbauer has--substantial urges indeed.*
 A. light seen after bouncing off a surface to another
 B. acts that violate rules, promises, or social norms
 C. inexperience, innocence, or lack of sophistication

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	approach (<i>as in: approached her with the proposal</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
2	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 22 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	debauchery	Used 4 times in this book.
4	A	pragmatic	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
5	A	altercation	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
6	B	vex	Used 11 times in this book.
7	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
8	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
9	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	B	wither (<i>as in: her confidence withered</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	B	wither (<i>as in: wither on the vine</i>)	Used 12 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	endeavor	Used 8 times in this book.
13	A	condemn (<i>as in: She condemned their plan</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
14	C	condemn (<i>as in: was condemned to life in prison</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	loath	Used 7 times in this book.
16	B	sumptuous	Used 3 times in this book.
17	C	formidable	Used 11 times in this book.
18	A	attribute (<i>as in: It is an attribute of...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
19	B	attribute (<i>as in: I attribute it to...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	B	transgress	Used 6 times in this book.