

Safe Haven

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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: anxiety, clarity, coherent, debris, feigned, fleeting, genuine, highlight (2), imply, inevitable, obituary, oblivious, peruse, remnant, scrutiny, simultaneous, subconscious, superficial, vulnerable



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	C
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12	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. It is a vicious cycle in which worry leads to decreased spending and decreased spending leads to increased **anxiety**.
 - A. happiness
 - B. worry
 - C. saving
2. The judge praised the witnesses for the clarity of their testimony.
 - A. briefness
 - B. courage
 - C. clearness
3. Her argument is **coherent**.
 - A. unreasonable
 - B. fragmented
 - C. sensible and clear
4. Crews spent hours clearing **debris** from the highway after the crash.
 - A. intact structures
 - B. valuable items
 - C. scattered wreckage
5. He **feigned** surprise when his coworkers shouted 'Happy Birthday!'
 - A. faked
 - B. expected
 - C. shared
6. Youth is **fleeting**.
 - A. short-lived
 - B. reckless
 - C. troubled
7. She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
 - A. sincere (real)
 - B. fake
 - C. generous (giving)
8. The mayor **highlighted** positive developments in the city.
 - A. encouraged
 - B. searched for
 - C. emphasized
9. It was the **highlight** of our vacation.
 - A. brightest day
 - B. best part
 - C. scariest moment
10. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
 - A. hinted
 - B. insisted
 - C. denied
11. The leaves fall each year with the inevitable change of the seasons.
 - A. certain to happen
 - B. complete or total
 - C. minor

12. The obituary did not include a cause of death.
- A. newspaper report
 - B. police report
 - C. biography
13. She's a happy girl--oblivious to most of the unhappiness around her.
- A. unaware of
 - B. concerned with
 - C. adding to
14. She perused the contract before signing it.
- A. read carefully
 - B. signed quickly
 - C. ignored completely
15. The Yuan dynasty conquered the last remnant of the Song dynasty in 1279.
- A. of those appearing after others
 - B. of the little that remained
 - C. group at maximum strength
16. The new policy faced scrutiny from independent reviewers.
- A. strong support
 - B. quick approval
 - C. careful examination
17. The store provides shoppers with a simultaneous art/music experience.
- A. consecutive
 - B. alternating
 - C. at the same time
18. If revenge was a motive, it was subconscious.
- A. unnecessary
 - B. well-disguised
 - C. without awareness
19. Her thinking was superficial.
- A. deep
 - B. shallow
 - C. creative
20. The team's preferred style of defense is vulnerable to good outside shooters.
- A. designed to stop
 - B. easily hurt by
 - C. dependent upon

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 While she was glad that these bouts of **anxiety** no longer overwhelmed her, it also meant she was getting comfortable here, and that scared her.
 - A. basic rule or belief
 - B. nervousness or worry
 - C. narrow water passage
- 2 While he'd gone out with a few women, they were **fleeting** romances that for the most part began and ended in the bedroom.
 - A. lasting a short time
 - B. sensible and careful
 - C. not demonstrative of
- 3 As he **perused** the shelves, he wondered idly what he was going to do with the kids in the afternoon and decided to take them for a bike ride.
 - A. read or examined
 - B. jumped or leaped
 - C. not concentrated
- 4 Lightning and thunder erupted, almost **simultaneously** this time.
 - A. done while awake
 - B. done with excess
 - C. at the same time
- 5 She was too attractive to blend in, and when people caught on to the fact that she walked everywhere, it was **inevitable** that talk would start and questions would be asked about her past.
 - A. certain to happen
 - B. size or dimension
 - C. circular movement
- 6 Instead, they stuck to **superficial** topics, and Katie thought again that she was happy for Jo's company.
 - A. comprehensive (thorough)
 - B. relating to a surface rather than to anything deep or penetrating
 - C. deep and creative
- 7 When silver **highlighted** the world beyond the window, Katie and Jo stepped out onto the front porch. [In reference to leaves turning "from silver to black and to silver again as they shimmered in the evening breeze."]
 - A. not fit for service to humans or home life
 - B. not vaccinated (to protect from a disease)
 - C. called attention to
- 8 It was a sleepy little town, and she surmised that an event like this was probably the **highlight** of the year.
 - A. something made from parts
 - B. something that stands out
 - C. large artery of the heart
- 9 He trailed off, feeling the weight of her **scrutiny**.
 - A. the best or most important
 - B. a secret agreement or plot
 - C. careful look or inspection
- 10 In time, she'd learned to pretend she was **oblivious** to the attention of those men; in other instances, she showed obvious disdain, because she'd known what would happen if she didn't.
 - A. unaware of
 - B. related to
 - C. very large
- 11 "Sure," she answered, **feigning** nonchalance.
 - A. pretending (making a pretense of)
 - B. causing something to move forward
 - C. accepting as true (without proof)

- 12 *It made her feel naked and **vulnerable** and it was part of the reason she'd avoided going to the store at all this week.*
- A. having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - B. easily hurt or in need of help; or easily influenced or subject to temptation
 - C. suffering from too few red blood cells
- or (less commonly): lacking vitality
- 13 *Kevin wondered if the offer was **genuine**.*
- A. real
 - B. city
 - C. lazy
- 14 *He **implied** that she was in danger if he couldn't find her.*
- A. suggested (said indirectly)
 - B. not wanting to do something
 - C. was attractive or desirable
- 15 *He could imagine her scanning the **obituaries** on microfiche, looking for a name to steal.*
- A. published death notices with short biographies
 - B. processes of controlling (how things turn out)
 - C. partial payments made at the time of purchases
- 16 *Remnants of a tropical storm blew through Southport, rain falling most of the afternoon and into the evening.*
- A. most important; or people that are most important
 - B. small amounts that remains after the rest is gone
 - C. people who do not believe in the existence of god
- 17 *But she did believe in the power of the **subconscious** mind to put together pieces that the conscious mind might miss.*
- A. the quality of being clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
 - B. the quality of not being clear, easily noticed, or identifiable as different or separate
 - C. mental activity of which we are not aware, but which can influence feelings and behavior
- 18 *They were crying about a man with a gun, that Miss Katie was fighting him, and then he suddenly knew with chilling **clarity** what had happened.*
- A. a collection of things on public display OR a detailed explanation or background of a specific topic
 - B. the process of assigning a value on or judging the worth of something; or the result of such a process
 - C. seen, expressed, or understood clearly; or a degree of transparency such as the quality of clear water
- 19 *Ahead, the door of the car pushed open slightly, but it was blocked by **debris** on either side.*
- A. the act of treating or preparing food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
 - B. passages food and drink follow between the back of mouths and the stomachs
 - C. pieces of something that has been destroyed; or trash that is lying around
- 20 *Combined with the blood loss he'd suffered, it was a wonder he had been conscious, much less **coherent** to any degree.*
- A. not relating to practice or belief that is long-established or was previously long-established
 - B. relating to a residential area located near the outer edge of a city where it isn't as crowded
 - C. sensible and clear; or describing parts as fitting together in a consistent or pleasing manner

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	anxiety	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
2	A	fleeting	Used 3 times in this book.
3	A	peruse	Used 3 times in this book.
4	C	simultaneous	Used 3 times in this book.
5	A	inevitable	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
6	B	superficial	High-utility academic word
7	C	highlight (<i>as in: highlight the main findings</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	B	highlight (<i>as in: highlights of the year</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
9	C	scrutiny	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
10	A	oblivious	Used 6 times in this book.
11	A	feigned	Used 3 times in this book.
12	B	vulnerable	Used 3 times in this book.
13	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
14	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	A	obituary	Used 3 times in this book.
16	B	remnant	Used 4 times in this book.
17	C	subconscious	Used 2 times in this book.
18	C	clarity	Used 3 times in this book.
19	C	debris	Used 3 times in this book.
20	C	coherent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.