

Seventeenth Summer

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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: assent, benevolent, bewilder, bushel, condescending, coy, earnest, exasperated, gaudy, inevitable, insistent, listless, muse, parched, petulant, poignant, pungent, solemn, tangible, tantalize



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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18	A
19	B
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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. The singer **assented** to the request for an encore.
 - A. declined or refused
 - B. dislike or resented
 - C. consented or agreed
2. She thinks of herself as a **benevolent** dictator.
 - A. ruthless
 - B. kind
 - C. calm
3. I am trying to understand her, but I am **bewildered**.
 - A. confused
 - B. bored
 - C. distracted
4. We had **bushels** of fun.
 - A. measured in hours
 - B. shared by everyone
 - C. a large amount
5. She tried to sound supportive, but her advice came across as **condescending**.
 - A. acting superior
 - B. harmful or unhelpful
 - C. sounding uninformed
6. She gave a **coy** smile and refused to say whether she liked him.
 - A. openly angry
 - B. shy but playful
 - C. deeply confused
7. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - A. frivolous attitude
 - B. seriousness
 - C. falseness
8. My little brother can be **exasperating**. He's always testing his boundaries.
 - A. very active
 - B. endearing (lovable)
 - C. greatly annoying
9. The actor wore a **gaudy** jacket covered with bright sequins and gold trim.
 - A. tastelessly showy
 - B. plain and modest
 - C. old and worn
10. The leaves fall each year with the **inevitable** change of the seasons.
 - A. certain to happen
 - B. complete or total
 - C. minor
11. She made an **insistent** request for more time on the project.
 - A. shy and hesitant
 - B. firmly demanding
 - C. unclear and brief
12. She accepted her fate with **listless** resignation.
 - A. unenergetic
 - B. frustrated
 - C. lonely

13. Let me muse on it on a while and I'll get back to you.
- A. research
 - B. think
 - C. ask
14. Cactus is about all that will grow in this parched soil.
- A. dried out
 - B. sandy
 - C. rocky
15. The petulant child threw his toys whenever he didn't get his way.
- A. cheerful
 - B. cranky
 - C. hungry
16. Have you read MLK's poignant "Letter from Birmingham Jail"?
- A. arousing deep emotion
 - B. logically compelling
 - C. long
17. There's a pungent odor coming from my gym bag.
- A. surprising
 - B. strong
 - C. slight
18. Everyone was solemn at the funeral.
- A. serious and dignified
 - B. teary eyed
 - C. dressed in dark colors
19. The performance goal should be expressed as a tangible, measurable objective, against which actual achievement can be compared.
- A. important
 - B. easily understood
 - C. highly profitable
20. The previews are tantalizing.
- A. misleading
 - B. causing disappointment
 - C. arousing interest

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 *The music seemed to fill the whole room at Pete's with its **poignant** tilt,*
 - A. sharp or intense
 - B. able to be found
 - C. likely to change
- 2 *I broke off a bit of the tall spruce that grows beside our steps and smelled the **pungent** piny odor rising in the air.*
 - A. a member of the 1960's counterculture associated with long hair, illegal drugs, casual sex, and opposition to violence.
 - B. strong smelling or tasting
 - or much more rarely: anything sharp, painful, or penetrating -- physically or emotionally
 - C. related to the branch of medicine that deals with the diseases of women -- especially those of the reproductive organs
- 3 *Dollie sat down backwards suddenly with her legs sprawled in front of her and cried with a **petulantly** accusing voice, "Johnnie, you pushed me on purpose!" and everyone laughed.*
 - A. in a manner that does not change
 - B. unreasonably annoyed or upset
 - C. in a manner that deserves praise
- 4 *We **mused** over the thought for a while and soon the quiet stretched into long minutes*
 - A. was abundant or plentiful
 - B. reflected (thought) deeply on a subject
 - C. expelled or gotten rid of
- 5 *It was my turn to sound **exasperated**, but inside my head words were bumping together so fast that I didn't know what to say.*
 - A. said indirectly
 - B. came or arrived
 - C. greatly annoyed
- 6 *"Well," answered my mother **benevolently**, "I don't see as that makes much difference. Having no folks of his own in town to spend the holiday with, he might as well come along with us."*
 - A. in a strongly biased manner
 - B. with kindness or generosity
 - C. in a morally correct manner
- 7 *Jack was sprawled on the grass, talking very fast and **earnestly**, his eyebrows knit together.*
 - A. in a self-aware manner
 - B. sincerely or seriously
 - C. finally; or in the end
- 8 *The hushed night seemed so real, so lovely that I felt almost ashamed of the **gaudy** efforts of the faded rockets.*
 - A. tastelessly showy
 - B. not demonstrating
 - C. able to challenge
- 9 *It seemed as if I were drinking in the almost **tangible** pleasure of the morning like a rich, heavy malted milk that comes slow and thick through the straws.*
 - A. a large, elongated gland located behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin
 - B. capable of being touched
 - C. of the philosophical & religious system based on the teachings of Laozi (also spelled Taoist)

- 10 "Of course," Lorraine went on with pointed **condescension**, "that depends on whether you're a genius or not."
- A. treating others as inferiors
 - B. removal and examination of tissues or liquids from the living body to determine the existence or cause of a disease
 - C. someone who believes in Hinduism (the third most common religion--which has many gods and is associated with India)
- 11 My mother was in the basement canning a **bushel** of early peaches and I went down casually to tell her it was Jack who had just called.
- A. one who believes that knowledge is acquired primarily by reason rather than by experience
 - B. a hollow muscular organ in the pelvic cavity of females which can hold a developing fetus
 - C. a large amount
- or:
- a unit of measure used for dry goods (filling an 8 gallon container)
- 12 The grass on the side lawn was **parched** brown with irregular scallops of green where the shade of the trees shadowed the ground.
- A. dried out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight
 - B. not with energy redirected from a negative impulse to a positive one
 - C. convinced (someone) that an idea previously believed was not correct
- 13 Even when I was talking to Jack I could see it out of the corner of my eye, the slow, blurred turnings of the lights, quietly **insistent**.
- A. able to be taken on as one's own
 - B. persistent or continuing or firm
 - C. indicating approval or agreement
- 14 "You're right there," Jack **assented**.
- A. campaigned or worked for a cause that was passionately believed to be important
 - B. became less intense, less severe, or less active -- perhaps went away entirely
 - C. to express agreement -- especially with a statement or proposal to do something
- 15 "I know, Martie," she answered **coyly**, her lips pouted, "I know we just got here, but I want to go."
- A. in a manner that expresses personal artistic ideas or feelings while performing (or performing to) someone else's work
 - B. play-acting softness to influence someone
 - C. in a manner that changes the direction of a light wave (or other wave) by passing an opaque edge or narrow opening
- 16 She nodded **solemnly** and padded back to her room on feather-soft feet, turning back to me with a cautious finger on her lips.
- A. with seriousness and dignity
 - B. in a manner that finds fault
 - C. in a manner that is not good
- 17 It was such a quick, urgent feeling and yet all very **bewildering**.
- A. confusing
 - B. restoring
 - C. differing
- 18 Those last days seemed to slip through my fingers like egg white and I almost wished the end would come, for the waiting was so hopeless and so **tantalizing**.
- A. thinking carefully and making a judgment about
 - B. returning to an undesirable previous condition
 - C. making someone excited about getting something
- 19 His thoughts must have dragged as slowly and **listlessly** as mine with the same painful dullness.
- A. with a lack of energy and normal enthusiasm
 - B. in a manner that stops or hinders something
 - C. in a manner involving only one part or side
- 20 My thoughts went back over the summer and suddenly it seemed **inevitable** that we should be here at the lake, Jack and I, where we had started.
- A. certain to happen
 - B. size or dimension
 - C. circular movement

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	poignant	Used 2 times in this book.
2	B	pungent	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
3	B	petulant	Used 3 times in this book.
4	B	muse (<i>as in: her musings</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
5	C	exasperated	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
6	B	benevolent	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
7	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
8	A	gaudy	Used 3 times in this book.
9	B	tangible	Used 3 times in this book.
10	A	condescending	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
11	C	bushel	Used 3 times in this book.
12	A	parched	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
13	B	insistent	Used 4 times in this book.
14	C	assent	Used 3 times in this book.
15	B	coy	Used 5 times in this book.
16	A	solemn	Used 3 times in this book.
17	A	bewilder	Used 4 times in this book.
18	C	tantalize	Used 3 times in this book.
19	A	listless	Used 4 times in this book.
20	A	inevitable	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.