

She Said Yes

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Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: alternative (2), anecdote, comprehend, conflict, context, controversy, genuine, hypocrite, intimidate, irrational, martyr, motive, negative, ponder, principle, rendezvous, solidarity, ultimate, vulnerable



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
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5	C
6	C
7	A
8	C
9	A
10	C
11	B
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15	A
16	A
17	C
18	A
19	C
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. Can anyone think of a better **alternative**?
 - A. job
 - B. reason
 - C. possibility
2. The Amish lead an **alternative** lifestyle that limits the use of technology.
 - A. non-standard
 - B. oriental or East Asian
 - C. traditional or standard
3. She is good at making a point in an interesting and memorable way with an **anecdote**.
 - A. short true story
 - B. long boring lecture
 - C. detailed research report
4. Washington fails to **comprehend** the change in China's strategy.
 - A. fully understand
 - B. regard respectfully
 - C. respond adequately to
5. The Israeli-Palestinian **conflict** flared up again in Jerusalem.
 - A. agreement
 - B. border
 - C. struggle
6. She withdrew from nomination due to the **controversy** surrounding her taxes.
 - A. quiet meeting
 - B. minor question
 - C. public dispute
7. She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
 - A. sincere (real)
 - B. fake
 - C. generous (giving)
8. She may be a **hypocrite**, but at least she knows the difference between right and wrong.
 - A. ethical hero
 - B. harsh critic
 - C. moral pretender
9. She was **intimidated** by the formality of her first board meeting.
 - A. made fearful
 - B. made welcome
 - C. quite amused
10. I have an **irrational** fear of heights.
 - A. reasonable
 - B. varying
 - C. unreasonable
11. Although **ruthless**, they did not want to create a martyr, so rather than execute her, they imprisoned her.
 - A. news story
 - B. deceased hero
 - C. bad example
12. A desire for religious freedom was their **motive** for leaving England.
 - A. excuse
 - B. technique
 - C. reason

13. Higher gasoline prices **negatively** affected fast food sales.
- A. in a helpful manner
 - B. surprisingly
 - C. in a harmful manner
14. She quoted him **out of context**.
- A. in a misleading manner
 - B. in a convincing manner
 - C. in a respectful manner
15. We **pondered** our fate.
- A. thought about
 - B. feared for
 - C. actively changed
16. One guiding **principle** is that everyone should be treated fairly.
- A. rule or belief
 - B. complaint
 - C. answer or result
17. The spies arranged a secret **rendezvous** at the old cafe at midnight.
- A. argument
 - B. celebration
 - C. meeting
18. I am in **solidarity** with those who are oppressed.
- A. agreement
 - B. communication
 - C. conflict
19. When everything was included, the **ultimate** cost was just over \$200.
- A. estimated
 - B. preliminary
 - C. final
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 *Crystal lost track of Cassie once the shooters entered the room, and there are **conflicting** versions of what she was doing.*
 - A. hiring, reserving, booking, or occupying
 - B. examining in detail to better understand
 - C. opposing (struggling against each other)
- 2 *But I wasn't, and so my last gesture of maternal **solidarity** had to wait until the funeral home.*
 - A. a state of agreement and support -- especially for political action
 - B. people of the second most populous denomination of Islam (over 10%)
 - C. supporters of Oliver Cromwell and his side in the English Civil War
- 3 *In fact, we were so afraid for her, we felt we had no time to stop and **ponder** the most appropriate response.*
 - A. think deeply or carefully about
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. fulfill one's highest potential
- 4 *There were times when she was acting so **irrationally** that I felt like slapping her, just to knock her back to her senses.*
 - A. in a manner that involves betrayal
 - B. following as a result of something
 - C. in a manner that is not reasonable
- 5 *Actually, we had told her from the start that we were willing to give her other options if she was going to refuse to live with us, and we offered her several **alternatives**.*
 - A. psychiatrists
 - B. fat compounds
 - C. other possibilities
- 6 *There were these Goth types, and a lot of kids who dressed like punk rockers, you know, **alternative** types with weird hair.*
 - A. non-traditional
 - B. poor ability to make a decision
 - C. relating to a period of testing
- 7 *If we left the house to buy groceries or run an errand, she would call one of her friends to arrange a **rendezvous** or try to sneak out of the house.*
 - A. something constructed to control the flow of sound or fluid
 - B. determine or identify the nature of a problem or an illness
 - C. to meet at a specific time and place; or the meeting itself
- 8 *So one day I walked up to her to say hello and I think I kind of **intimidated** her, because I'm known as one of the weird ones at the school.*
 - A. fearful or threatened
 - B. gained advantage from
 - C. marked important text
- 9 *We loved the neighborhood we were living in, and we loved our house, but we couldn't see keeping Cassie in such a **vulnerable** position.*
 - 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
- 10 *I've never doubted that she meant what she said—that her desire to witness to others was a **genuine** one.*
 - A. real
 - B. city
 - C. lazy

- 11 Whatever her **motives**, Cassie's classmates at Columbine say that even though she took her newfound faith seriously, she was not one to draw attention to herself by talking about it.
- A. social events or ceremonies
 - B. things that cause suffering
 - C. reasons for doing something
- 12 I don't want anyone to think of me as the WBCB Hypocrite ... Well, I could go on a lot longer, but I have homework and other things to do.
- A. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - B. found a condition or substance to be present
 - C. someone who violates claimed moral standards
- 13 Such comparisons make us feel guilty, ashamed, or jealous ...We are unique human beings, each with a call to realize in life what nobody else can, and to realize it in the concrete **context** of the here and now.
- A. the setting or situation in which something occurs
 - B. the act of interacting or getting interested again
 - C. an image (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
- 14 She had **principles** and morals, and she was not ashamed of them, even though it must have taken all the courage she could muster to hold fast.
- A. basic rules or beliefs
 - B. subtle characteristics
 - C. long eventful journeys
- 15 Like Cassandra recently told me: I just don't know how Cassie would respond to that label, "**martyr**."
- A. control in advance (how something will turn out)
 - B. someone who dies or suffers to uphold principles
 - C. move again into position to work; or start again
- 16 It means learning to break out of the selfish life ...It's not a **negative** thing, but a way of freeing yourself to live life more fully.
- A. tell (a story)
 - B. begin fighting
 - C. bad or harmful
- 17 But it's only in retrospect—through **anecdotes** we've heard from her friends, and through notes and letters we've come across since her death—that we have begun to realize the depth of her innermost thoughts.
- A. short, true stories
 - B. sizes or dimensions
 - C. outward appearances
- 18 We're aware of the **controversies** surrounding the Harrises and Klebolds.
- A. psychiatrists
 - B. fat compounds
 - C. disagreements
- 19 For another, having lost a child ourselves in the same **incomprehensible** disaster, we can only share their anguish.
- A. not understandable
 - B. quickly spoken
 - C. very detailed
- 20 That is why I am able, **ultimately**, to see the loss of my daughter not so much as a defeat, as a victory.
- A. as another possibility
 - B. in a self-aware manner
 - C. finally; or in the end

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	conflict	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
2	A	solidarity	High-utility academic word
3	A	ponder	Used 2 times in this book.
4	C	irrational	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
5	C	alternative (<i>as in: an alternative plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	A	alternative (<i>as in: alternative medicine</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	rendezvous	Used 2 times in this book.
8	A	intimidate	Used 3 times in this book.
9	B	vulnerable	Used 3 times in this book.
10	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
11	C	motive (<i>as in: What is her motive?</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	C	hypocrite	Used 2 times in this book.
13	A	context	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
14	A	principle	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	B	martyr	Used 9 times in this book.
16	C	negative (<i>as in: had a negative effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
17	A	anecdote	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
18	C	controversy	High-utility academic word
19	A	comprehend	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	C	ultimate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.