

Tears of a Tiger

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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: accustom, allegiance, assets, assimilate, bias, contrast, cynical, detrimental, enhance, forfeit, gender, inevitable, metaphor, negative, positive, recuperate, republic, resilient, revelation, signify



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. Actors and politicians are **accustomed** to less privacy than the rest of us.
A. used to
B. happy with
C. paid for
2. We owe no **allegiance** to the outdated ideas of our political party.
A. hatred
B. money
C. loyalty
3. She's kind, beautiful and athletic, but her quick mind is her rarest **asset**.
A. characteristic
B. weakness
C. positive trait
4. The immigrants worked hard to **assimilate** the customs of their new homeland.
A. absorb and adopt
B. openly reject
C. secretly mock
5. She has a **bias** against young people.
A. statistical analysis
B. personal preference
C. standing rule
6. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
A. notable similarity
B. covering of all styles
C. notable difference
7. Over the years, she has grown **cynical** and unhappy.
A. distrustful of others
B. trusting of strangers
C. envious of friends
8. Smoking is **detrimental** to your health and increases the risk of cancer.
A. unrelated
B. preferable
C. harmful
9. The stunning victory over the Blue Devils **enhanced** the Bulldogs' image as title contenders.
A. damaged
B. questioned
C. improved
10. The team was half an hour late and had to **forfeit** the game.
A. rush through
B. give up as lost
C. re-schedule
11. The court found the company guilty of **gender discrimination**.
A. religious
B. male/female/trans
C. race or ethnic
12. The leaves fall each year with the inevitable change of the seasons.
A. certain to happen
B. complete or total
C. minor

13. Jefferson used *a wall* as a metaphor to describe the separation of church and state.
- A. clever strategy
 - B. exaggeration
 - C. figure of speech
14. Higher gasoline prices **negatively** affected fast food sales.
- A. in a helpful manner
 - B. surprisingly
 - C. in a harmful manner
15. I appreciate your **positive** attitude.
- A. patient
 - B. open-minded
 - C. optimistic
16. To control the spread of the disease, the school has a separate room where sick students wait for a ride home to **recuperate**.
- A. family care
 - B. do homework
 - C. regain health
17. A **republic** is a particular type of democracy.
- A. weak monarchy
 - B. representative government
 - C. oligarchy
18. The **resilient** plant recovered quickly after the drought ended.
- A. able to recover
 - B. likely to break
 - C. unable to grow
19. I was leaning toward voting for her, but her stance on education policy was a **revelation** to me.
- A. something surprising and previously unknown
 - B. something that made a decision easy
 - C. something that reversed a previous decision
20. Her silence seemed to **signify** that she disagreed.
- A. indicate
 - B. delay
 - C. repeat

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 We are **accustomed to** *whining about how small our allowances are, or how upset we are because we only have three pairs of athletic shoes, when there are so many around us who have no money, no homes, and no shoes at all.*
 - A. used to (adapted to something, so it seems normal)
 - B. the ability to be taken up or received into heaven
 - C. the state or character of being good or beneficial
- 2 The team decided to **forfeit** the next two games and to dedicate the rest of the season to Rob and to try to win the title as a tribute to him.
 - A. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
 - B. lose or surrender something
 - C. make one's home in; or live in; or stay (in a place)
- 3 Have you **recuperated** from that court ordeal yet?
 - A. not wanting to do something
 - B. not having gotten closer to
 - C. regained strength
- 4 Did you get any **negative** reactions from people at school?
 - A. tell (a story)
 - B. begin fighting
 - C. bad or harmful
- 5 He's active in the **Republican** party—yes, I said "Republican."
 - A. relating to a Christian ceremony signifying spiritual cleansing and rebirth OR relating to a challenging experience that initiates or purifies
 - B. of a system of government in which a majority of citizens elect representatives to make laws; or someone in favor of such a form of government
 - C. of an organism in the early stages of development prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting OR of anything in an early stage of development
- 6 Then they say stuff to me like, "That's good, Andy, but couldn't you have improved this part or **enhanced** this section?"
 - A. recognized difference
 - B. marked important text
 - C. increase quality or added more to
- 7 Very **cynical** observation, but probably true.
 - A. someone who expects the worst -- especially of people (such as expecting them to be selfish and lie)
 - B. characterized by recurrent and persistent thoughts and feelings and repetitive, ritualized behaviors
 - C. related to the change of a light wave (or other wave) when it passes an opaque edge or narrow opening
- 8 I pledge **allegiance** to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
 - A. thought
 - B. payment
 - C. loyalty
- 9 The tones of black and white have the greatest amount of **contrast** between them, therefore writers and poets, who have always dealt with extremes in passion and people, use black and white to create those images of contrast.
 - A. come to terms with
 - B. block or interfere
 - C. notable difference

- 10 *"the bad guy is always a black-hearted villain. ... The tones of black and white have the greatest amount of contrast between them, therefore writers and poets, who have always dealt with extremes in passion and people, use black and white to create those images of contrast. Can you think of any other example where color is used as a **metaphor** to express an idea?"*
- A. a melody that, after a short interval, is exactly repeated by a different instrument or voice to create competing melodic lines (a strict counterpoint)
 - B. law: an alternative to pleading guilty or not guilty, which says that even if the facts listed in charges are correct, they do not constitute a crime
 - C. a figure of speech in which a word is used to refer to something that it does not literally denote in order to suggest a similarity -- as when Shakespeare wrote, "All the world's a stage."
- 11 *Let me give you another example of how color **bias** can be changed--and this one is racial in nature.*
- A. an approach to psychology that emphasizes observable measurable behavior
 - B. a personal preference -- especially a prejudice that prevents objective consideration
 - C. a heart condition marked by chest pain due to reduced oxygen to the heart
- 12 *Stereotypes of color, race, and **gender** are slowly disappearing.*
- A. an official charge (of having broken the law)
 - B. male, female, or any of many trans categories
 - C. quick, informal vote to see what people think
- 13 *He's got one little spark left--his refusal to surrender to Macduff and the forces of good--but don't you think his death is **inevitable**, Marcus?*
- A. certain to happen
 - B. size or dimension
 - C. circular movement
- 14 *It is a tale Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, **Signifying** nothing.*
- A. to indicate (to show or to mean)
 - B. lacking things most people enjoy
 - C. of the Netherlands or its people
- 15 *You have progressed from a state of "wanting to die" to the much more **positive** outlook of "learning to live."*
- A. unable to get closer to
 - B. not sensible or careful
 - C. optimistic
- 16 *Well, this is quite a **revelation**.*
- A. something previously unknown; or making such a thing known
 - B. a large, elongated gland located behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin
 - C. of the philosophical & religious system based on the teachings of Laozi (also spelled Taoist)
- 17 *I just know that time heals all wounds, and that you're young and strong and **resilient**.*
- A. able to withstand strain and/or quickly recover from it
 - B. power or responsibility that can be taken on or adopted
 - C. the characteristic of bouncing back light/heat/sound...
- 18 *But that name turned out to be a **detriment** rather than an asset to me.*
- A. a fat compound
 - B. a hooved mamma
 - C. harm or damage
- 19 *But that name turned out to be a detriment rather than an **asset** to me.*
- A. something quoted (to make a point)
 - B. particles emitted by nuclear decay
 - C. positive trait or thing of value
- 20 *That's the only way to make it in this world--to **assimilate** into the society in which we live.*
- A. fit into (become a part of by being similar to the other parts)
 - B. preserve an ancestral culture
 - C. understand a prevailing culture

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	accustom	Used about 16 times per 10 books in our high school library.
2	B	forfeit	Used 2 times in this book.
3	C	recuperate	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
4	C	negative (<i>as in: had a negative effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	B	republic (<i>as in: the country is a republic</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
6	C	enhance	High-utility academic word
7	A	cynical	Used about 6 times per 10 books in our high school library.
8	C	allegiance	Used 2 times in this book.
9	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	C	metaphor	Used about 6 times per 10 books in our high school library.
11	B	bias	High-utility academic word
12	B	gender (<i>as in: gender discrimination</i>)	High-utility academic word
13	A	inevitable	High-utility academic word
14	A	signify	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
15	C	positive (<i>as in: a positive attitude</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
16	A	revelation	Used about 9 times per 10 books in our high school library.
17	A	resilient	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
18	C	detrimental	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
19	C	assets (<i>as in: it's one of her best assets</i>)	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
20	A	assimilate	High-utility academic word