

Tender is the Night

by F. Scott Fitzgerald

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: anagram, ascetic, belittle, consulate, deliberate (2), focus (2), formidable, indulgent, interpret, melancholy, peasant, persistent, portentous, resignation (2), scorn, strident, superfluous



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. An example of an **anagram** is the phrase "*The Morse Code*, which can be rearranged to spell "*Here come dots*.
 - A. a word or phrase spelled by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase
 - B. a word phrase spelled by changing one letter per word of another word or phrase
 - C. a word or phrase that rhymes with another word or phrase
2. Most religions have or have had traces of **asceticism** in order to achieve a spiritual goal.
 - A. spiritual mysticism
 - B. sensual experience
 - C. self-denial
3. My focus on the Industrial Age in no way **belittles** the preceding progress.
 - A. treats as more important
 - B. treats as unimportant
 - C. exaggerates about
4. After 9-11, the US increased security at **consulates** around the world.
 - A. headquarters of troops stationed in foreign countries
 - B. offices of diplomats living and working in foreign countries
 - C. offices of major corporations in a foreign country
5. She **deliberately** added false information to the Wikipedia page.
 - A. intentionally
 - B. carelessly
 - C. accidentally
6. We need to **deliberate** on this further before making a decision.
 - A. wait
 - B. delay
 - C. talk
7. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
8. The **focus** of this class is classic American Literature.
 - A. hardest part
 - B. area where attention is concentrated
 - C. prerequisite (understanding required to enroll)
9. The challenge is **formidable**.
 - A. trivial
 - B. understood
 - C. intimidating
10. Her **indulgent** parents bought her every toy she asked for.
 - A. strictly demanding
 - B. coldly distant
 - C. overly lenient
11. She will stand to his left and **interpret** his speech into sign language.
 - A. refute (prove false)
 - B. elaborate upon
 - C. translate

12. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring.
- A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing
13. In 1932 a **peasant** revolt in Su County, China stopped collection of the poppy tax.
- A. city dweller
 - B. young person
 - C. poor farmer
14. The **persistent** rain finally stopped after flooding streets for a full week.
- A. quickly ending
 - B. continuing steadily
 - C. suddenly starting
15. It is the most **portentous** meeting of the year.
- A. longest
 - B. boring
 - C. important
16. She said that if I don't **resign**, I will be fired.
- A. do better
 - B. quit
 - C. renew an agreement
17. She was **resigned** to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
 - B. resistant
 - C. with acceptance
18. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
19. The protesters' **strident** chants could be heard from blocks away.
- A. forceful or loud and harsh
 - B. unexpected or non-typical
 - C. calm and composed
20. Everyone liked the idea. The arguments I prepared to support it were **superfluous**.
- A. appreciated
 - B. important
 - C. unnecessary

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 They made a **superfluous** gesture of moving over for her.
 - A. the quality of being sensible and careful
 - B. without purpose, job, or natural activity
 - C. more than is needed, desired, or required
- 2 However, with Rosemary's sudden success in pictures Mrs. Speers felt that it was time she were spiritually weaned; it would please rather than pain her if this somewhat bouncing, breathless and exigent idealism would **focus** on something except herself.
 - A. concentrate, or look
 - B. make one's home in; or live in; or stay (in a place)
 - C. a real estate loan; or pledging something for a loan
- 3 Suddenly she came toward him, her youth vanishing as she passed inside the **focus** of his eyes and he had kissed her breathlessly as if she were any age at all.
 - A. calculating or judging too high
 - B. where attention is concentrated
 - C. the ability to take on or adopt
- 4 This feeling was surcharged by listening to the sad tunes of the orchestra, reminiscent of the **melancholy** music played for acrobats in vaudeville.
 - A. relating to the outside
 - B. a sad feeling or manner
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 5 The villa and its grounds were made out of a row of **peasant** dwellings that abutted on the cliff—five small houses had been combined to make the house and four destroyed to make the garden.
 - A. relating to an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
 - B. someone who walks slowly without definite direction OR someone who writes or talks without definite direction (changing subjects or rambling rather than in a purposeful direct way)
 - C. used historically or possibly in relation to a very poor country: a person of low income, education, and social standing -- especially one who raises crops or livestock
- 6 The ease with which her reply reached him seemed to **belittle** his megaphone, so she raised her voice and called, "Can you hear me?"
 - A. indicating criticism or disagreement, or "no"
 - B. to make someone or something seem unimportant
 - C. to be most powerful, important, or noticeable
- 7 Tommy laughed **scornfully**.
 - A. in a disrespectful or rejecting manner
 - B. in a manner that is not easily noticed
 - C. with grace of movement and flexibility
- 8 first year at West Point—that year during which no cadet can **resign** and from which none ever recovers
 - A. draw
 - B. quit (a position or job)
 - C. rule
- 9 he has been in a very religious and **resigned** mood from the beginning of his illness.
 - A. to be or to become used to (adapted to and with an expectation of)
 - B. showed something -- such as demonstrated, expressed, or represented
 - C. with acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 10 "All my beautiful lovely safe world blew itself up here with a great gust of high explosive love," Dick mourned **persistently**.
 - A. in a manner that shows bad taste (crude, offensive, or unsophisticated)
 - B. in a continuing manner -- especially despite difficulties or opposition
 - C. in a manner based on speech sounds (rather than on dictionary spelling)

- 11 Dick laughed **indulgently** at Abe, whom he loved, and in whom he had long lost hope:
- in a manner that does not change
 - in a manner that deserves praise
 - with extra kindness or tolerance
- 12 "This is not as it should be," Dick **deliberated**.
- gradually added or removed
 - limited or with boundaries
 - thought about or discussed
- 13 He could not decide whether she was **deliberately** building a barrier between them or whether this was intended to make an eventual surrender more significant.
- intentionally
 - unemotionally
 - with distaste
- 14 There was no answer; judging that she was asleep they walked into a warm **strident** Paris night, snatching a vermouth and bitters in the shadow by Fouquet's bar.
- unpleasantly forceful when expressing opinions; or loud and harsh
 - clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
 - not capable of being better understood through detailed examination
- 15 You can come if you want to play **anagrams**.
- a word or phrase spelled by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase
 - descriptions of unfavorable opinions; or acts of sharing unfavorable opinions
 - geological areas where a river divides before entering a larger body of water
- 16 She was both **formidable** and vulnerable,
- the quality of disagreeing
 - the quality of being Dutch
 - intimidating or impressive
- 17 Living rather **ascetically**, travelling third-class ... and penalizing himself for any extravagances, he maintained a qualified financial independence.
- in the manner of a logical, systematic examination
 - in a manner that expresses harsh criticism towards
 - in the manner of someone who practices self-denial
- 18 Next the loud mournful whistles, the **portentous** vibration and the boat, the human idea—is in motion.
- relating to a Christian ceremony signifying spiritual cleansing and rebirth OR relating to a challenging experience that initiates or purifies
 - relating to practice or belief that is long-established or was previously long-established OR relating to stories passed down through generations
 - very important; or indicating something important in the future -- often something that is threatening
- or:
- acting overly important or serious
- 19 "He says wan huner lire," explained the **interpreter**.
- people who criticize or condemn
 - someone who extensively damages
 - someone who translates language
- 20 you can get aid and advice from the **Consulate**, which protects the rights of American citizens.
- a math value that tells how many times a number is multiplied by itself to reach another number -- often used to describe very big or very small quantities
 - a representative of a government who lives in a foreign city
 - someone who believes in the teaching of Buddha -- that aims to end suffering by ending selfish desire and following a path of wisdom, ethics, and meditation

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	superfluous	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
2	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	focus (<i>as in: The focus of our study is...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	B	melancholy	Used 7 times in this book.
5	C	peasant	Used 8 times in this book.
6	B	belittle	Used 6 times in this book.
7	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
8	B	resignation (<i>as in: submitted her resignation</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
9	C	resignation (<i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
10	B	persistent	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
11	C	indulgent	Used 9 times in this book.
12	C	deliberate (<i>as in: need to deliberate</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
13	A	deliberate (<i>as in: deliberate insult</i>)	Used 9 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	strident	Used 3 times in this book.
15	A	anagram	Used 3 times in this book.
16	C	formidable	Used 8 times in this book.
17	C	ascetic	Used 4 times in this book.
18	C	portentous	Used 3 times in this book.
19	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
20	B	consulate	Used 11 times in this book.