The Bonesetter's Daughter

by Amy Tan

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: accord (2), assess (2), collaborate, communism, constraint, dementia, diagnose, divine, dowry, immortal, lattice, manor, monastery, monk, nonchalant, opium, ravine, revise

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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. She dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
   A. opposition
   B. keeping
   C. ignorance

2. After the fight, he turned himself in of his **own accord**.
   A. own fear
   B. own safety
   C. own mind

3. She is tasked with **assessing** the promise of new locations for stores.
   A. explaining
   B. evaluating
   C. recording

4. We're challenging the property tax **assessment**, but there's no challenging the property tax rate.
   A. tax rate that is charged
   B. timing of when it was done
   C. value the property is said to have

5. The two authors **collaborate** on a new novel every other year.
   A. argue bitterly
   B. work together
   C. compete fiercely

6. Marx's writings on **communism** inspired revolutions across many countries in the 1900s.
   A. free market trade
   B. collective ownership
   C. religious reform

7. We want **constraints** on her power to spend taxpayer funds.
   A. flexibility
   B. limitations
   C. increases

8. Symptoms of **dementia** began to appear when she was in her eighties.
   A. loss of physical strength
   B. loss of social standing
   C. loss of mental abilities

9. What was her **diagnosis**?
   A. identification of an illness
   B. treatment for the illness
   C. major symptom

10. She claimed she could **divine** a person's future by reading tea leaves at the bottom of a cup.
    A. predict supernaturally
    B. imagine vividly
    C. remember clearly

11. **Dowries** are common in that culture.
    A. extended-families living together
    B. payment to a husband upon marriage
    C. large families

12. She believes we have an **immortal** soul.
    A. conflicted
    B. perfect in every way
    C. lasting forever

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13. Vines climbed the wooden **lattice** beside the garden gate.
   A. smooth stone wall
   B. deep water ditch
   C. crisscross frame

14. She inherited the **manor**, but seldom visits it.
   A. castle
   B. large house
   C. palace

15. During her travels, she found peace and tranquility in the serene surroundings of the ancient **monastery** nestled high in the mountains.
   A. religious residence
   B. secure castle
   C. remote cabin

16. Each **monk** in the order leads a simple life without luxury.
   A. a female member of a religious order
   B. a male member of a religious order
   C. a member of a religious order

17. How could she be so **nonchalant** about making him suffer?
   A. dishonset
   B. unconcerned
   C. happy

18. The illegal trade of **opium** has been a major source of conflict in some regions.
   A. a powerful narcotic
   B. a powerful herbal remedy
   C. a powerful cooking additive

19. I was afraid that if we climbed into the **ravine**, we might be caught in a flood before we could get out.
   A. a hole so deep the bottom cannot be seen
   B. deep, narrow, steep-sided valley
   C. a large, fast-moving river

20. Do you think the writer should **revise** the underlined sentence?
   A. remove
   B. highlight
   C. improve

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 According to *a park pamphlet, "During the peak of the Perseids, around August 12th, hundreds of 'shooting' or 'falling' stars streak the sky every hour."*
A. idiom meaning *"won the day"*
B. as stated by
C. U.S. history: pre-Civil War period

2 *She stopped talking two days before her voice faded of its* own accord.
A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
C. own mind

3 *But the idea of* revising *her life also frightened her, as if by imagination alone she were condemning what she did not like about herself or others.*
A. fighting
B. quitting
C. changing

4 *When Ruth bought flowers, she had to* assess *their value in several ways to justify what she bought.*
A. ability to accept as true (without proof)
B. characterized by having multiple purposes
C. determine (monetary value)

5 *It comes from the soil and rocks under the house, and they need to have you move out for three months while they do an environmental* assessment *and hazard removal via intensive ventilation.*
A. a particular understanding or explanation
B. judgment of something after consideration
C. the time during which something continues

6 *"Stop thinking in terms of* constraints," *he told her.*
A. differences
B. limitations
C. thigh bones

7 *"You're a dream when it comes to* collaboration," *Gideon went on.*
A. result or predictable value
B. the act of working together
C. a long uninterrupted speech

8 *They could, as could Alzheimer's and other forms of* dementia.
A. interacts, interests, or attracts
B. because of a basic rule or belief
C. deterioration of mental abilities

9 *Ruth puzzled over the* diagnosis: *How could such a beautiful-sounding word apply to such a destructive disease?*
A. the identification of the cause of a problem or illness
B. a period of time when someone exhibits unusual behavior
C. the act or process of stopping something from happening

10 *Ruth was shaking but shrugged as* nonchalantly *as she could.*
A. in a good or beneficial manner
B. calmly (trying to appear unconcerned)
C. in a manner that does not stop

11 *And because the dead tree was no longer* immortal, *it was no longer famous, nor was our village.*
A. (adjective) of low quality, or of lower quality or rank than something else OR (more rarely as a noun) a person of lower rank or status
B. relating to existentialism -- a philosophical movement that assumes each person is free to determine what is essential in their existence
C. living forever

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12 *She took back the* divining *bone.*

A. used to discover something supernaturally (as if by magic)
B. feeling angry or unhappy about having to accept something not liked
C. accepting something undesired as unavoidable or the lesser of evils

13 *A little* opium*, a little herbs, and a special kind of dragon bone we dig out from a secret place only our family knows.*

A. a powerful narcotic
B. a powerful herbal remedy
C. a powerful cooking additive

14 *As to the matter of a* dowry*, the coffin-maker was willing to be more than generous.*

A. a powered mechanical device, typically used to fabricate metal components of machines by the selective removal of metal such as cutting, grinding or drilling
B. in some societies, money or property given by a woman's family to the husband at marriage

or less formally: money or property a bride brings to a marriage
C. 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

15 *Close by was an open-air pavilion made of dark wood* lattice *screens and rows of column posts supporting its heavy tiled roof.*

A. design based on alphabetic letters; or adding such a design to something
B. characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open
C. regular crisscross grid that repeats in a pattern of squares or diamonds

16 *The orphanage was an abandoned* monastery *near Dragon Bone Hill, a hard climb up a zigzag road from the railway station.*

A. the residence of a religious community
B. dense, rainy forest with many species
C. island (that is made of a coral reef)

17 *Not a wail or a whimper, which is strange, since that Catcher of Ghosts turned out to be a fake, not a* monk *at all.*

A. gradual destruction (of something previously established) -- such as a government, rule, or belief
B. a male member of a religious order typically living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
C. a system of government with a ruler who has absolute power -- especially one who abuses that power

18 *The cliff broke off again last year during the rainstorms, a ledge the length of five men. Collapsed all at once and buried everything along that side of the* ravine *with rocks and dirt three stories deep.*

A. another battle with the same foe
B. a deep narrow steep-sided valley
C. describing someone as antisocial

19 *The Mira Mar* Manor*—'located near your current residence,' it says, 'with amenities typical of a five-star hotel.'*

A. lymph node -- one of many bean-sized organs that filter bacteria and other toxins from circulating white-blood-cell filled lymph fluid
B. a large house of a wealthy person

or historically:

the main house of a lord and the land around it that was worked by tenant farmers
C. when what happens is very different than what might be expected; or when things are together that seem like they don't belong together

20 *As for the Chang father, well, in 1950, the* Communists *cracked down on all the landlords.*

A. subatomic particles with negative charge that are found in all atoms and that act as the primary carrier of electricity
B. people who support an economic system that abolishes private ownership of property with the goal of a classless society
C. people who suffer from psychosis (any severe mental disorder in which contact with reality is lost or highly distorted)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	accord *(as in: according to, or in accord with)*	Used 9 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
2	C	accord *(as in: done of her own accord)*	2 meanings in this book.
3	C	revise	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
4	C	assess *(as in: assess the monetary value)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	B	assess *(as in: assess the situation)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	B	constraint	Used 2 times in this book.
7	B	collaborate	Used 5 times in this book.
8	C	dementia	Used 10 times in this book.
9	A	diagnose	Used 5 times in this book.
10	B	nonchalant	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	C	immortal	Used 36 times in this book.
12	A	divine *(as in: divined from tea leaves)*	Used 5 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
13	A	opium	Used 20 times in this book.
14	B	dowry	Used 4 times in this book.
15	C	lattice	Used 5 times in this book.
16	A	monastery	Used 8 times in this book.
17	B	monk	Used 11 times in this book.
18	B	ravine	Used 17 times in this book.
19	B	manor	Used 8 times in this book.
20	B	communism	Used 23 times in this book.

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