

The DUFF: (Designated Ugly Fat Friend)

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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: alcove, arrogant, atone, auburn, blithe, compassion, cynical, ebb, empower, feigned, harass, hypocrite, imply, irony, naive, neurotic, omen, relapse, skeptical, twinge



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
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7	A
8	C
9	B
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12	C
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18	A
19	A
20	B

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. We shared an intimate dinner in one of the restaurant's alcoves.
A. outdoor patios
B. spacious rooms
C. recessed or secluded spaces
2. I'm not worried that she might appear insecure. I'm worried that she might appear **arrogant**.
A. warm and welcoming
B. shy and uncertain
C. overly self-important
3. She made a genuine effort to **atone** for her behavior.
A. avoid penalty
B. get rewarded
C. make up
4. He admired the horse's sleek **auburn** coat as it ran across the field.
A. reddish-brown
B. pure white
C. jet black
5. She was her usual unworried, **blithe** self.
A. carefree and happy
B. sleepy
C. busy and distracted
6. It is not enough to be **compassionate**. We must act. It is not enough to act. We must act with intelligence.
A. lucky
B. sympathetic
C. talented
7. Over the years, she has grown **cynical** and unhappy.
A. distrustful of others
B. trusting of strangers
C. envious of friends
8. After the incident, support for the policy **ebbed**.
A. increased
B. disappeared
C. declined
9. The commission was **empowered** to redraw voting districts.
A. not allowed
B. allowed
C. ordered
10. He **feigned** surprise when his coworkers shouted 'Happy Birthday!'
A. faked
B. expected
C. shared
11. She was **harassed** by the police.
A. imprisoned rapidly
B. interviewed formally
C. bothered repeatedly
12. 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

13. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
A. hinted
B. insisted
C. denied
14. **Ironically**, her strongest supporters undermined her popularity through their extremism.
A. when what happens is exactly what usually happens
B. when what happens is very different than what might be expected
C. when what happens is very fitting for the situation
15. Being **naive**, she is too quick to believe what people say.
A. honest
B. a pleaser
C. too trusting
16. Her **neurotic** fear of heights prevented her from enjoying the breathtaking view from the skyscraper's observation deck.
A. present since birth
B. learned from bad experience
C. excessive worry about
17. The appearance of Halley's comet in 1066, was seen by many as an omen that the Norman Conquest would be successful.
A. a scientific explanation
B. the cause (of an important event)
C. a sign (of what would happen)
18. **Relapses** are common with major depressive disorder.
A. returns to illness
B. lost work days
C. crying spells
19. She is **skeptical** about the project.
A. doubtful
B. keeping silent
C. excited
20. Sometimes I get a **twinge** in my knee that makes me think I may be getting arthritis.
A. sudden, short-lived heat
B. sudden, short-lived pain
C. sudden, short-lived numbness

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 As I made the perfect piles, my mind cleared, my body relaxed, and my irritation from the night of loud music and obnoxious, rich, sex-obsessed pigs **ebbed**.
 - A. encouraged growth or excitement, or caused something to happen
 - B. ignored someone's wishes or caused inconvenience or discomfort
 - C. declined -- typically gradually as with the height of the tide
- 2 I'd expected him to be just as **skeptical** about the nature of teenage love as I was.
 - A. doubtful
 - B. optimistic
 - C. ignorant
- 3 So really, watching **Atonement** with my friends made me realize how thankful I should have been to be the Duff.
 - A. doing wrong
 - B. superior ability
 - C. the process of fixing or making up for a wrong
- 4 He just looked like my dad with his thick-rimmed glasses and untidy **auburn** hair.
 - A. reddish-brown
 - B. jet black
 - C. blonde
- 5 She kept us balanced with that big smile and **naive** innocence that always shocked us.
 - A. the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together
 - B. the degree of being influenced by personal belief, feelings, or preferences (rather than being based purely upon fact)
 - C. lacking experience or sophistication, and the understanding that comes from them -- often too trusting or optimistic
- 6 First, I was struck by the **irony** of that statement. I mean, he used sexy and Duffy -- implying I was fat and ugly -- in the same sentence. The contrast was almost laughable. Almost.
 - A. saying or writing one thing, while meaning something else
 - B. when things are together that seem like they don't belong together
 - C. when things not related happen at the same time
- 7 I mean, he used sexy and Duffy -- **implying** I was fat and ugly -- in the same sentence.
 - A. saying indirectly
 - B. disproving that
 - C. boldly saying
- 8 It was exciting and **empowering**.
 - A. trying to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuading
 - B. giving authority, power, knowledge, or confidence to someone so they can do something
 - C. speaking in an ambiguous manner that does not clearly express an opinion or decision
- 9 By the way she spoke, I could tell she had no idea he'd **relapsed**, that he'd touched a bottle.
 - A. begun drinking again
 - B. returned home
 - C. sought help for addiction
- 10 Since when did I think that display of **arrogance** was cute?
 - A. the branch of geology that studies rocks
 - B. "fight or flight" stimulating hormone
 - C. an excessive sense of superiority
- 11 Again, that **twinge** of jealousy overpowered me.
 - A. control in advance (how something will turn out)
 - B. a sudden, short-lived feeling of pain or emotion
 - C. cheerful and lively music, or to play such music

- 12 About honesty and **compassion** and everything I'd never expected to find in Wesley Rush.
- A. the taking on or adoption of power or responsibility
 - B. sympathy for another's suffering and wanting to help
 - C. the process of controlling (how something turns out)
- 13 Unfortunately, Mr. **Blithe** had lost what generosity he ever possessed after the divorce was finalized.
- A. carefree and happy
 - B. good or beneficial
 - C. able to get nearer
- 14 He could tell I was grumpy, but instead of **harassing** me about the cause, he just squeezed my hand, kissed me on the cheek, and bought me candy in hopes of making me smile again.
- A. lecturing
 - B. teaching in a detailed manner
 - C. persistently annoying
- 15 I stared as Wesley walked out of the **alcove**.
- A. a room leading to a larger or more important room
 - B. extensive plain without trees (associated with eastern Russia and Siberia)
 - C. a recessed or secluded space -- such as in a room or garden
- 16 I was able to **feign** distraction -- well, it wasn't entirely fake -- when I noticed the folded piece of paper lying on my desk.
- A. pretend (make a pretense of)
 - B. tell someone about something
 - C. something repeated regularly
- 17 I felt like myself when I was with him, whereas I was always trying to hide my **neuroses** around Toby.
- A. flaws
 - B. true feelings
 - C. mild mental disorders
- 18 I know how **cynical** you are, and you're probably going to come up with some snarky reply when you read this, but the truth is, I'm chasing you because I really think I am falling in love with you.
- A. expecting the worst of people
 - B. tending to be mean
 - C. easily upset
- 19 Normally, I don't believe in **omens** or signs or any of that destiny crap, but the similarities between my and Cathy Earnshaw's situations were too eerie to ignore.
- A. examines in detail to better understand
 - B. protects something or keeps it as it is
 - C. signs of what will happen in the future
- 20 "You don't feel used?"
- "That would make me a huge **hypocrite** since I was kind of using you, too."
- A. someone who misses the big picture while focusing on little things
 - B. someone with bad morals
 - C. someone who violates claimed moral standards

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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1	C	ebb	Used 3 times in this book.
2	A	skeptical	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
3	C	atone	Used 3 times in this book.
4	A	auburn (<i>as in: auburn hair</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
5	C	naive	Used 4 times in this book.
6	B	irony (<i>as in: situational irony</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
7	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
8	B	empower	Used 2 times in this book.
9	A	relapse	Used 8 times in this book.
10	C	arrogant	Used 7 times in this book.
11	B	twinge	Used 3 times in this book.
12	B	compassion	Used 2 times in this book.
13	A	blithe	Used 4 times in this book.
14	C	harass	Used 5 times in this book.
15	C	alcove	Used 3 times in this book.
16	A	feigned	Used 2 times in this book.
17	C	neurotic	Used 4 times in this book.
18	A	cynical	Used 6 times in this book.
19	C	omen	Used 3 times in this book.
20	C	hypocrite	Used 4 times in this book.