

The Five People You Meet in Heaven

by Mitch Albom

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: accordion, acquire, adapt, adopt, agitate, aspire, colleague, endure, engage, feigned, focus (2), foreman, initiate, mundane, patron, pristine, protrude, seethe, wither



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	A
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5	C
6	A
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9	B
10	A
11	A
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14	C
15	A
16	B
17	A
18	C
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. Her grandfather taught her to play the **accordion** at age seven.
 - A. bellows-based instrument
 - B. stringed instrument
 - C. brass instrument
2. They are working to **acquire** nuclear weapons.
 - A. obtain (get)
 - B. eliminate (get rid of)
 - C. disguise or hide
3. This passage is **adapted** from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
 - A. copied
 - B. read
 - C. changed
4. The company plans to **adopt** new safety guidelines next month.
 - A. ignore
 - B. publish
 - C. take on
5. She gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
 - A. calm and thoughtful
 - B. gloomy (sad)
 - C. emotionally disturbed
6. The young artist **aspires** to create masterpieces that will inspire generations to come.
 - A. hopes
 - B. delays
 - C. fears
7. The surgeon consulted her **colleague** before the operation.
 - A. former teacher
 - B. private patient
 - C. fellow worker
8. As a soldier, she was prepared to endure hardship and even to sacrifice her life for others.
 - A. risk
 - B. suffer through
 - C. cause
9. At the time, she was **engaged** in a research project at Stanford.
 - A. a candidate
 - B. involved
 - C. promised to marry
10. He **feigned** surprise when his coworkers shouted 'Happy Birthday!'
 - A. faked
 - B. expected
 - C. shared
11. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
12. The discussion brought into focus an important difference of opinion.
 - A. hiding
 - B. conflict
 - C. view

13. If you want to leave early, you have to ask the foreman.
- A. supervisor
 - B. owner
 - C. customer
14. We are encouraging local authorities to initiate long-term emergency planning.
- A. increase
 - B. extend
 - C. start
15. He found peace in the mundane tasks of cooking, cleaning, and gardening.
- A. ordinary, everyday
 - B. thrilling, exciting
 - C. ancient, historic
16. A wealthy patron donated millions to fund young artists in the city.
- A. critic
 - B. supporter
 - C. neighbor
17. After the renovation, the old house was in pristine condition.
- A. unspoiled or immaculately clean
 - B. spoiled or dirty
 - C. adequate but not exceptional
18. She is operating to repair the muscle wall through which the hernia protrudes.
- A. heals over
 - B. shrinks back
 - C. sticks out
19. She tried to stay calm but seethed inside over the unfair insult.
- A. shrugged it off
 - B. laughed it off
 - C. boiled inwardly
20. As the disease progressed, her once strong muscles began to wither and she struggled to even lift a glass of water.
- A. hurt
 - B. weaken
 - C. lose feeling

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 Children looked at Eddie—who, with his **protruding** lower jaw, always seemed to be grinning, like a dolphin—and they trusted him.
 - A. hiring again
 - B. getting near
 - C. sticking out
- 2 As a soldier, he had **engaged** in combat numerous times.
 - A. studying
 - B. participated
 - C. promised to marry
- 3 Joe, is doing push-ups in front of a group of elderly women, who **feign** interest and clap politely.
 - A. pretend to feel
 - B. tell someone about something
 - C. something repeated regularly
- 4 Over there, jutting into the sky, was the original Ferris wheel—in its **pristine** white paint—and beyond that, the streets of his old neighborhood and the rooftops of the crowded brick tenements, with laundry lines hanging from the windows.
 - A. unspoiled or immaculately clean
 - B. non-traditional or non-standard
 - C. poor ability to make a decision
- 5 as **patrons** walked past them
 - A. members of the Religious Society of Friends (the Friends have never called themselves Quakers)
 - B. customers
 - C. compounds consisting of large molecules made up of linked series of repeated smaller molecules
- 6 The **foreman** screamed that I was worthless, a worthless child, that I must go.
 - A. person in charge of the workers
 - B. someone who roughly calculates or guesses a value, quantity, or extent of something
 - C. someone responsible for making a judgment after thinking carefully about something
- 7 When your **colleague** falls ill and you do not.
 - A. baseball: a pitch thrown with little spin (so that it moves in an unpredictable manner)
 - B. a person who studies DNA sequences or units of heredity that influence biological traits
 - C. fellow worker -- especially in a respected profession such as teaching, medicine, or law
- 8 For a moment, Eddie stared, his mouth slightly open, his eyes bringing the scene into tighter **focus**.
 - A. software that stops unwanted software from spreading between computers and causing damage to data and software
 - B. a condition where the body cannot properly regulate blood sugar levels because it produces little or no insulin
 - C. view (a state where something can be seen clearly)
- 9 He blinks hard against the darkness, trying desperately to **focus** on his arm, his knuckles, anything to know that he is here, in the apartment over the bakery, and not back in the war, in the village, in the fire.
 - A. concentrate
 - 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
- 10 Men **adapt** to captivity, some better than others.
 - A. to spread one-sided information to influence opinions
 - B. alter the regular state of an otherwise stable system
 - C. change (to fit a different situation)
- 11 Eddie mostly **seethed**.
 - A. treated something in an educated, intellectual way -- often excluding emotional or practical considerations
 - B. (of an injury) became inflamed and created pus OR (generally) got worse -- especially through inattention
 - C. to be filled with intense but unexpressed emotion, especially anger; or to move in a restless, agitated way

- 12 *Eddie and Morton ... fired the nozzles of their newly **acquired** flamethrowers and watched the huts ignite.*
- A. obtained (came into the possession of)
 - B. not provided with investment funds
 - C. not interacting; or not interested
- 13 *He **didn't** know what would happen to them next, but it could not be any worse than what they had **endured**.*
- A. stuck out, attracted more attention than desired, or imposed on others
 - B. suffered through
 - C. not persuaded to want something (often sex or love) through temptation
- 14 *It's **something** to **aspire** to.*
- A. hope to be successful
 - B. decrease in intensity
 - C. express strong regret
- 15 *His mother **whispered** that he "just needed time," but his father grew more **agitated** each day.*
- A. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
 - B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - C. stirred up (emotionally)
- 16 *Now, away from that ocean, in the confines of a hospital bed, his body began to **wither** like a beached fish.*
- A. started (a fire)
 - B. weaken
 - C. restart (a fire)
- 17 *When the meal was finished and some small gifts were given, a final toast was offered and the **accordion** man packed his case.*
- A. characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open
 - B. design based on alphabetic letters; or adding such a design to something
 - C. regular crisscross grid that repeats in a pattern of squares or diamonds
- 18 *8, a horse named Jersey Finch, which isn't a bad gamble, not at four to one, but what Noel has just said about "the kid"—the one Eddie and Marguerite are planning to **adopt**—flushes him with guilt.*
- A. begin fighting again
 - B. recognize difference
 - C. take on as one's own
- 19 *And for the first time in heaven, he **initiated** his contact, he came to her, ignoring the leg, ignoring all the ugly associations he had made about dance and music and weddings, realizing now that they were really about loneliness.*
- A. changed
 - B. forgave
 - C. began
- 20 *They were there, or would be there, because of the simple, **mundane** things Eddie had done in his life,*
- A. ordinary
 - B. the quality or degree of being straightforward or clear (sometimes indicating that truth is not worded carefully to spare feelings or gain advantage)
 - C. the degree to which a performance of or to someone else's work lends itself to the expression of personal artistic ideas or feelings by the performer

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	protrude	Used 2 times in this book.
2	B	engage (<i>as in: engage in conversation</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	A	feigned	Used 3 times in this book.
4	A	pristine	Used 2 times in this book.
5	B	patron (<i>as in: a patron of the arts</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
6	A	foreman	Used 5 times in this book.
7	C	colleague	Used 2 times in this book.
8	C	focus (<i>as in: bring into focus; or out of focus</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
9	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word
11	C	seethe (<i>as in: seething with anger</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
12	A	acquire	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	B	endure (<i>as in: endured the pain</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
14	A	aspire	Used about 4 times per 10 books in our high school library.
15	C	agitate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
16	B	wither (<i>as in: her confidence withered</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
17	A	accordion (<i>as in: an accordion door</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
18	C	adopt	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
19	C	initiate (<i>as in: initiate discussions</i>)	High-utility academic word
20	A	mundane	High-utility academic word