

The Golden Apples

by Eudora Welty

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: belligerent, contemplate, endure (2), formidable, hideous, impudent, incline, inclined, indelible, infernal, judicious, luminous, nevertheless, obelisk, obscure (2), recital, recollect, revelation



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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 likes to make people lose their cool by starting **belligerent** political arguments.
 - A. hostile or combative
 - B. clever or intelligent
 - C. ridiculous or absurd
2. The philosopher **contemplated** the meaning of life, pondering the big questions of existence.
 - A. wrote about
 - B. read about
 - C. thought about
3. As a soldier, she was prepared to **endure** hardship and even to sacrifice her life for others.
 - A. risk
 - B. suffer through
 - C. cause
4. Over the years, the stories my grandmother told me have **endured** as a source of wisdom in my life.
 - A. stopped acting
 - B. brought suffering
 - C. continued to exist
5. The challenge is **formidable**.
 - A. trivial
 - B. understood
 - C. intimidating
6. He had a **hideous** scar running from his forehead to his jaw.
 - A. barely noticeable
 - B. extremely ugly
 - C. perfectly healed
7. Her **impudent** reply to the manager shocked everyone in the meeting.
 - A. thoughtfully kind
 - B. disrespectfully bold
 - C. extremely quiet
8. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
 - A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending
9. The boat ramp has a steep **incline**.
 - A. slope
 - B. price
 - C. danger
10. That teacher made an **indelible** impression on her students.
 - A. ordinary
 - B. confusing
 - C. lasting
11. That **infernal** alarm clock kept going off every five minutes.
 - A. annoying
 - B. expensive
 - C. antique
12. She chooses her battles **judiciously**.
 - A. in a reckless manner
 - B. with good judgment
 - C. with excessive anger

13. The snow was **luminous** from the moonlight.
- A. soft and silent
 - B. wet and slushy
 - C. bright and glowing
14. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
15. The ancient Egyptians erected **obelisks** as symbols of the sun god Ra, and many of these impressive structures still stand today.
- A. circular stone structures used for astronomical observations
 - B. stone pillars with a pyramidal tops
 - C. life-like statutes made of stone
16. Our view was **obscured** by the smoke.
- A. enhanced
 - B. blocked
 - C. made frightening
17. She left instructions for us, but they are so **obscure** we can't agree on what they are.
- A. unrelated to the subject at hand
 - B. controversial
 - C. not clearly expressed or understood
18. At the poetry **recital**, she recited an original work.
- A. solo performance
 - B. writing workshop
 - C. open discussion
19. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember
20. 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

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 And Plez, of course, he said, "No'm, Mistis, I don't **recollect** one soul pass me, whole way from town."
A. disagree
B. subtract
C. remember
- 2 But he could not tell what it was—a small brown wooden box, shaped like the **Obelisk**.
A. a type of vocal music that originated in African-American churches in the United States
B. a stone pillar with a pyramidal top erected as a monument to remember a person or event
C. related to the smallest part of any material that cannot be broken up by chemical means
- 3 With her gaze at a **judicious** distance from the colors she dipped in, Cassie was now for a little time far away, perhaps up in September in college, where, however, tie-and-dye scarves would be out-of-uniform, though something to unfold and show.
A. exactness or accuracy
B. showing good judgment
C. able to be translated
- 4 So **punctual** and so **formidable** was Miss Eckhart that all the little girls passed, one going and one coming, through the beaded curtains mincing like strangers.
A. the quality of disagreeing
B. the quality of being Dutch
C. intimidating or impressive
- 5 she would dismiss Cassie and **incline** her head toward Virgie,
A. bend (or angle)
B. tell someone about something
C. something repeated regularly
- 6 They weren't very lovingly **inclined** these days, with the heart taken out of them by sorrow;
A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
C. disposed (of that attitude or mood)
- 7 It sounded worse than the **infernal** regions.
A. very bad; or very annoying; or characteristic of hell or the underworld
B. relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
C. strict, firm, or hard (not giving in, not giving way, or not giving up)
- 8 Miss Eckhart had made an exception of Virgie Rainey; she had first respected Virgie Rainey, and now fell humble before her **impudence**.
A. an artists performance of another artist's work that expresses the performer's feelings or ideas about the work
B. improperly bold or disrespectful -- especially toward someone who is older or considered to be of higher status
C. soccer player who typically play in the middle third of the field and who assists with both defense and offense
- 9 it was more **belligerent**;
A. hostile (as though eager to fight)
B. related to intelligence -- such as requiring, appealing to, or possessing intelligence
C. (adjective) designed to stop something OR (noun) something that stops something else
- 10 Just so everybody had a piece to play, and a new dress finished in time, and kept the secrets, there was nothing to do but **endure** May.
A. call -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
B. suffer through
C. communication through gestures and body movements (without words)

- 11 *The lapse must have **endured** for a solid minute or two, and afterwards he could recollect it.*
 A. took on or adopted
 B. previously created
 C. lasted (continue to exist)
- 12 *But **recital** night was Virgie's night, whatever else it was.*
 A. a performance of music
 B. storyteller
 C. translation
- 13 *She stamped her foot, nothing happened, then she approached softly, and down on hands and knees **contemplated** him.*
 A. restarted (a fire)
 B. wrongly translates
 C. consider or ponder
- 14 *The reason orphans were the way they were lay first in nobody's watching them, Nina thought, for she felt **obscurely** like a trespasser.*
 A. in concise (said in few words) manner that is full of meaning
 B. not in a manner intended to attract notice and impress others
 C. in a manner that is not clearly understood
- 15 *Standing in the brown that cut them off where they waited, ankle-deep, waist-deep, knee-deep, chin-deep, they made a little V, with Miss Moody in front and partly **obscuring** their vision with her jerky butterfly cap.*
 A. changing to fit a different situation
 B. blocking (making less visible)
 C. strongly desiring; or a strong desire
- 16 *Nevertheless, standing there with the tent slanting over him and his arm knobby as it reached up and his head bent a little, he looked rather at loose ends.*
 A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 C. therefore (for that reason)
- 17 *If some **indelible** red false-fronts joined one to the other like a little toy train went by, I didn't think of my childhood any more.*
 A. a hollow muscular organ in the pelvic cavity of females which can hold a developing fetus
 B. one who believes that knowledge is acquired primarily by reason rather than by experience
 C. impossible to remove, forget, or erase -- can refer to physical marks or lasting memories
- 18 *He clung to one small **revelation**: that today he was not able to take those watches apart.*
 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)
- 19 *The Spaniard, when Eugene looked to him, was making a **hideous** face over the lighting of another cigarette.*
 A. the characteristic of demonstrating something
 B. extremely ugly, offensive, and/or frightening
 C. the quality of not being sensible and careful
- 20 *Virgie looked at the naked, **luminous**, complicated flower, large and pale as a face on the dark porch.*
 A. able to be persuaded to do something by tempting with pleasure or something desired
 B. relating to one-sided information that is purposefully spread to influence opinions
 C. glowing (or perhaps beautiful)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
2	B	obelisk	Used 7 times in this book.
3	B	judicious	Used 2 times in this book.
4	C	formidable	Used 4 times in this book.
5	A	incline (<i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	infernal	Used 3 times in this book.
8	B	impudent	Used 3 times in this book.
9	A	belligerent	Used 2 times in this book.
10	B	endure (<i>as in: endured the pain</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	endure (<i>as in: endure through the ages</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
12	A	recital	Used 25 times in this book.
13	C	contemplate	Used 4 times in this book.
14	C	obscure (<i>as in: the view or directions are obscure</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
15	B	obscure (<i>as in: it obscured my view</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
16	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
17	C	indelible	Used 2 times in this book.
18	A	revelation	Used 4 times in this book.
19	B	hideous	Used 5 times in this book.
20	C	luminous	Used 5 times in this book.