

The Hound of Rowan

by Henry H. Neff

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: analyze, apprentice, beckon, boon, decoy, demonstrate, focus (2), forgery, glower, hallowed, incredulous, inevitable, mystic, ogre, peruse, solemn, tapestry, wary, writhe



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	B
3	B
4	C
5	C
6	B
7	A
8	B
9	C
10	B
11	A
12	C
13	A
14	B
15	A
16	A
17	A
18	C
19	B
20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The coach studied the film to **analyze** the defensive breakdown.
 - A. avoid
 - B. examine
 - C. cause
2. Although she was still an **apprentice**, Clara already had a natural talent for woodworking and carved beautiful details into her projects.
 - A. employee with seniority
 - B. learner on the job
 - C. licensed professional
3. The police officer **beckoned** me to come over.
 - A. considered asking
 - B. called
 - C. prohibited
4. For remote workers, high-speed internet is a real **boon**, making it easier to stay productive from home.
 - A. something that causes great harm
 - B. a source of constant distraction
 - C. something that is of great benefit
5. The detective used a fake wallet as a **decoy** to distract the thief.
 - A. valuable reward
 - B. careful warning
 - C. misleading attraction
6. The medal is given only to a few who have **demonstrated** extraordinary courage while defending their country.
 - A. protested
 - B. shown
 - C. encouraged
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. Experts proved the painting was a clever **forgery**, not the real masterpiece.
 - A. original work of art
 - B. early rough draft
 - C. fake passed off as real
10. She **glowered** at the ref, but she held her tongue.
 - A. winked happily
 - B. stared angrily
 - C. smiled briefly
11. Visitors spoke softly as they entered the **hallowed** memorial.
 - A. deeply respected
 - B. newly repaired
 - C. open to everyone

12. At first, she was **incredulous**--thinking the report was in error.
- A. worried
 - B. confused
 - C. without belief
13. The leaves fall each year with the **inevitable** change of the seasons.
- A. certain to happen
 - B. complete or total
 - C. minor
14. The **mystic** spent years in a remote cave seeking spiritual insight.
- A. wealthy merchant
 - B. spiritual seeker
 - C. trained warrior
15. The **ogre** in the story terrorized travelers passing through his forest.
- A. monster
 - B. princess
 - C. shepherd
16. She **perused** the contract before signing it.
- A. read carefully
 - B. signed quickly
 - C. ignored completely
17. Everyone was **solemn** at the funeral.
- A. serious and dignified
 - B. teary eyed
 - C. dressed in dark colors
18. The **tapestry** depicts the building of the Notre Dame Cathedral.
- A. story
 - B. painting
 - C. artwork
19. She looked **wary** as she reached out to pet her friend's new dog.
- A. determined
 - B. distrustful
 - C. excited
20. She **writhed** on the sidewalk begging that someone call an ambulance.
- A. cried and whimpered
 - B. yelled loudly
 - C. twisted and turned

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 Was it a pretty **tapestry**?
 - A. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
 - B. admit ceremoniously into an organization or position
 - C. rug-like artwork -- often hung on a wall for display
- 2 Max's eyes followed the brilliant oranges and yellows that **writhed** about the logs.
 - A. examined in detail to better understand
 - B. tension from opposing ideas or feelings
 - C. moved in a twisting or contorted motion
- 3 Max **glowered** and flicked a crumb off the table.
 - A. not controlled
 - B. stared angrily
 - C. told (a story)
- 4 We needed to stay as consistent as possible with the others--those **decoys**--that preceded you.
 - A. tries to make profit--typically by making a risky investment
 - B. makes uncomfortable (weighs heavily on the senses or spirit)
 - C. someone or something used for trickery -- especially to lure
- 5 Max **nodded solemnly** and shook Nigel's hand.
 - A. with seriousness and dignity
 - B. in a manner that finds fault
 - C. in a manner that is not good
- 6 As **Apprentices**, you will not yet take Devices, but during the school year you may have occasion to visit.
 - A. injures the ligaments of a joint by stretching them too far (ligaments are the tough, fibrous bands that connect bones across joints)
 - B. person who learns a trade or skill through hands-on experience under a skilled worker; or (as a verb) performance of that kind of work
 - C. a means of control -- most commonly the straps attached to a bit in a horse's mouth that are used to control it OR restrains or controls
- 7 Yes, I know what some of you have read about ogres, but our Bob is a reformed **ogre** and has been with us for almost sixty years.
 - A. a frightening giant from fairy tales, especially one who eats people; or a cruel or terrifying person
 - B. someone who persuades someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - C. an elected government representative who (with fellow representatives) has the power to create laws
- 8 They are **wary**, Director.
 - A. able to be taken on as one's own
 - B. careful, nervous, or distrustful
 - C. indicating approval or agreement
- 9 Hearing an urgent whisper behind him, he turned to see Lucia **beckoning** from the doorway.
 - A. providing evidence of something -- especially oral evidence in court
 - B. calling -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
 - C. convincing (someone) that an idea previously believed is not correct
- 10 When each of you completed the Standard Series of Tests for Potentials, you **demonstrated** a capacity for Mystics.
 - A. traded
 - B. showed
 - C. copied
- 11 The recommendations listed below are pretty generic--they'll be more meaningful once the Course has more of your performances to **analyze**.
 - A. restore
 - B. examine
 - C. predict

- 12 *Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to this year's All Hallows' Eve match between Rowan's young Apprentices!*
- A. treated as sacred or greatly respected
 - B. says (or makes a sound) with the voice
 - C. moves into position to work; or starts
- 13 *Rolf mentioned something about "pride" and "they're only a year older," but Max's main focus was on trying to overcome his nerves.*
- A. calculating or judging too high
 - B. where attention is concentrated or directed
 - C. the ability to take on or adopt
- 14 *Max focused his attention on the bully whom he held like a rag doll.*
- A. concentrated
 - B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - C. began speaking with someone about something
- 15 *Mystics and math were tough.*
- A. people who share professional opinions in a specific field
 - B. [studying] people said to comprehend reality using supernatural means
 - C. title for the heads of a government body in some countries
- 16 *...and perusing the newspaper.*
- A. reading or examining
 - B. working or operating
 - C. trying or attempting
- 17 *Max was incredulous; he could not imagine anyone wanting to hunt or hurt or kill anything so graceful and giving.*
- A. not capable of being better understood through detailed examination
 - B. clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
 - C. unbelieving; or having difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 18 *Miss Boon smiled at him; she always seemed pleased when she knew something that someone else did not.*
- A. something that causes great harm
 - B. a traditional practice or custom
 - C. something that is of great benefit
- 19 *Two of the four paintings are actually forgeries—the Enemy has already stolen them.*
- A. laws developed by governmental groups in contrast to common law (based on custom and precedent)
 - B. someone who was bound by a signed or forced contract to work without wages for a period of time
 - C. things that are represented as real even though they are fake; or the making of such fake items
- 20 *He braced himself for the inevitable blow that caught him a nanosecond later.*
- A. certain to happen
 - B. size or dimension
 - C. circular movement

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	tapestry (<i>as in: the tapestry hangs in the museum</i>)	Used 26 times in this book.
2	C	writhe	Used 8 times in this book.
3	B	glower	Used 7 times in this book.
4	C	decoy	Used 4 times in this book.
5	A	solemn	Used 8 times in this book.
6	B	apprentice	Used 15 times in this book.
7	A	ogre	Used 18 times in this book.
8	B	wary	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
9	B	beckon	Used 9 times in this book.
10	B	demonstrate (<i>as in: It demonstrates my point.</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
11	B	analyze	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
12	A	hallowed	Used 7 times in this book.
13	B	focus (<i>as in: The focus of our study is...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	mystic	Used 33 times in this book.
16	A	peruse	Used 7 times in this book.
17	C	incredulous	Used 12 times in this book.
18	C	boon	Used 116 times in this book.
19	C	forgery	Used 5 times in this book.
20	A	inevitable	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.