

The Light of Western Stars

by Zane Grey

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: contrast, covert, deceive, foreman, imperious, impudent, languid, mane, mirth, moreover, nevertheless, peril, poignant, rapt (2), recollect, rouse, scorn, strife, wrath



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	A
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18	A
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20	A

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
2. The government's **covert** funding of foreign rebel groups has been criticized for destabilizing the region.
 - A. secret
 - B. excessive
 - C. inadequate
3. The fake article was written to attract attention and **deceive** readers.
 - A. entertain
 - B. attract
 - C. lie to or mislead
4. If you want to leave early, you have to ask the **foreman**.
 - A. supervisor
 - B. owner
 - C. customer
5. People don't generally warm to her. She comes across as **imperious**.
 - A. ridiculous
 - B. foolish
 - C. arrogant
6. Her **impudent** reply to the manager shocked everyone in the meeting.
 - A. thoughtfully kind
 - B. disrespectfully bold
 - C. extremely quiet
7. She greeted us with a **languid** wave of the hand.
 - A. quick and sharp
 - B. slow and relaxed
 - C. stiff and formal
8. She brushed the horse's tangled **mane** until it flowed smoothly down its neck.
 - A. long curved tail
 - B. thick neck hair
 - C. sharp pointed hoof
9. It was an evening of many stories and great **mirth**.
 - A. warm friendship
 - B. fun and laughter
 - C. fond memories
10. Many graduates have high college debt. **Moreover**, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
 - A. in contrast to that
 - B. in addition to that
 - C. as a result of that
11. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
 - A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
12. The journalist's investigation put her in great **peril**.
 - A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness

13. Have you read MLK's poignant "Letter from Birmingham Jail"?
- A. arousing deep emotion
 - B. logically compelling
 - C. long
14. We all listened with **rapt** attention as she described the accident.
- A. divided
 - B. disciplined
 - C. interested
15. She was **rapt** with love.
- A. lost
 - B. confused
 - C. filled
16. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember
17. The smell of freshly brewed coffee **roused** her from her sleep.
- A. interrupted
 - B. deepened
 - C. awakened
18. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
19. Civil **strife** tore the country apart for nearly a decade before reform began.
- A. joyful celebration
 - B. violent conflict
 - C. quiet agreement
20. She fears the **wrath** of God.
- A. angry punishment
 - B. power
 - C. unpredictable moods

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 This crude cowboy, under the influence of drink, had affronted her; **nevertheless**, whatever was in his mind, he meant no insult.
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)
- 2 But as the clatter increased to a roar, shadows sped by—lean horses, flying **manes** and tails, sombreroed riders, all strange and wild in her sight.
A. portrays or creates something in a particular way OR interprets, translates, or extracts from
B. long coarse hair such as that which grows around a lion's head or on the back of a horse's neck
C. develops or evolves from a latent or potential state OR (more rarely) determines by reasoning
- 3 She had a vague, swiftly flashing **recollection** of Alfred's first letters descriptive of the extravagant fun of cowboys.
A. battle
B. result
C. memory
- 4 She stood quivering and blazing with **wrath**, and watched this savage fight his drunkenness.
A. extreme anger
B. determination
C. use of reason
- 5 There was a revival of pride that made her feel that she ought to **scorn** to think at all about such a man.
A. disrespect or reject as not good enough
B. not answer questions; or block progress
C. move from more general to more specific
- 6 That passed, and then clear and vivid rose memories of the rest that had happened—strange voices betraying fury of men, a deadened report, a moan of mortal pain, a woman's **poignant** cry.
A. sharp or intense
B. able to be found
C. likely to change
- 7 At present I have a few hundred cattle running on Stillwell's range, and I am his **foreman**.
A. a person chosen to lead and speak for a group, especially at work or in a courtroom
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
- 8 How **imperious** you are!
A. ridiculous
B. foolish
C. expecting obedience; or arrogant; or domineering
- 9 Her usual **languid** manner vanished at a touch of the cold water.
A. mental activity of which one is self-aware
B. lacking energy or relaxed or moving slowly
C. without involvement of anything in between
- 10 It appeared to be **impudently** tame, and the horses kicked dust over it as they trotted by.
A. in a manner that uses a scale where each step is a multiple of the prior step rather than a fixed addition to it
B. improperly bold or disrespectful -- especially toward someone who is older or considered to be of higher status
C. in a manner influenced by personal belief, feelings, or preferences (rather than being based purely upon fact)
- 11 "He say he love me," repeated the girl, in a kind of **rapt** awe.
A. excessively noisy and unrestrained
B. deeply disturbed or filled with emotional pain
C. filled with deep pleasure

- 12 *His eyes had the **rapt** stare, the wild fear of a man who saw an apparition, yet who doubted his sight.*
A. noisy and unrestrained
B. accidental or unintentional
C. deep interest and focus
- 13 *Moreover, he was skeptical of any clap-trap thing with wheels and cranks.*
A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
B. in addition to what has just been said
C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 14 *His eyes were **covertly** upon her.*
A. done in a secret or hidden way
B. in a good or beneficial manner
C. in a manner that is misleading
- 15 *Moreover, there was a satiric note in the letter that Madeline did not like, and which **roused** her spirit.*
A. beyond the permitted boundary or limit
B. explains something in a particular way
C. to awaken, make more active, or excite
- 16 *A merry peal of **mirth** greeted Stillwell's solemn assertion.*
A. restart (a fire)
B. fun and laughter
C. started (a fire)
- 17 *For that matter, Madeline observed Helen did not show any marked **contrast** to the others.*
A. come to terms with
B. block or interfere
C. an unmissable difference when compared side-x-side
- 18 *The fierce desert had reached up to meet the magnetic heights where heat and wind and frost and lightning and flood contended in everlasting **strife**.*
A. thing that affects a result or outcome
B. violent conflict or angry disagreement
C. job, reservation, booking, or activity
- 19 *Madeline had to believe that a hard and **perilous** life in a barren and wild country developed great principles in men.*
A. stuck out
B. dangerous
C. bent down
- 20 *His cool, easy speech, his familiar swagger, the smile with which he regarded her did not in the least **deceive** Madeline.*
A. tell (a story)
B. bad or harmful
C. lie or mislead

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
2	B	mane	Used 11 times in this book.
3	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
4	A	wrath	Used 9 times in this book.
5	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 19 times in this book.
6	A	poignant	Used 4 times in this book.
7	A	foreman	Used 13 times in this book.
8	C	imperious	Used 9 times in this book.
9	B	languid	Used 8 times in this book.
10	B	impudent	Used 6 times in this book.
11	C	rapt (<i>as in: rapt with love</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	rapt (<i>as in: rapt attention</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
13	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
14	A	covert (<i>as in: a covert plan</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
15	C	rouse	Used 10 times in this book.
16	B	mirth	Used 10 times in this book.
17	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	B	strife	Used 9 times in this book.
19	B	peril	Used 11 times in this book.
20	C	deceive	Used 8 times in this book.