

The Man of the Forest

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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: agitate, aloof, dubious, eloquent, juncture, nevertheless, peril, perplex, poignant, precede, prostrate, ravine, remonstrate, resolute, retort, rouse, scorn, serene, strident, strife



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
3	A
4	A
5	C
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8	C
9	A
10	C
11	C
12	B
13	B
14	B
15	A
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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. She gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
 - A. calm and thoughtful
 - B. gloomy (sad)
 - C. emotionally disturbed
2. She missed their warm relationship and was saddened by his **aloofness**.
 - A. lack of respect
 - B. lack of concentration
 - C. lack of interest
3. She gave a **dubious** look when he claimed to have met the president.
 - A. doubtful
 - B. polite
 - C. joyful
4. She is the most **eloquent** speaker at the school.
 - A. well-spoken
 - B. experienced
 - C. popular
5. At that **junction** I didn't know what to do.
 - A. difficult point
 - B. new point
 - C. point
6. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
 - A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
7. The journalist's investigation put her in great **peril**.
 - A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness
8. I am **perplexed** by her sudden change of mind on this important issue.
 - A. amused
 - B. annoyed
 - C. confused
9. Have you read MLK's **poignant** "Letter from Birmingham Jail"?
 - A. arousing deep emotion
 - B. logically compelling
 - C. long
10. In English, most adjectives **precede** the noun they modify.
 - A. follow
 - B. describe
 - C. go before
11. He lay **prostrate** on the floor after collapsing from exhaustion.
 - A. curled up tightly
 - B. sitting upright
 - C. lying face-down
12. I was afraid that if we climbed into the ravine, we might be caught in a flood before we could get out.
 - A. a hole so deep the bottom cannot be seen
 - B. deep, narrow, steep-sided valley
 - C. a large, fast-moving river

13. The lawyers will **remonstrate** that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
- A. promise
 - B. protest
 - C. explain
14. Despite the criticism, she remained **resolute** in her decision to speak out.
- A. hopeful
 - B. determined and unwavering
 - C. out of touch with reality
15. She **retorted**, "Takes one to know one."
- A. quickly replied
 - B. insulted back
 - C. joyfully laughed
16. The smell of freshly brewed coffee **roused** her from her sleep.
- A. interrupted
 - B. deepened
 - C. awakened
17. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
18. She remained **serene** even when he was yelling at her.
- A. unmoved
 - B. calm
 - C. aggressive
19. The protesters' **strident** chants could be heard from blocks away.
- A. forceful or loud and harsh
 - B. unexpected or non-typical
 - C. calm and composed
20. Civil **strife** tore the country apart for nearly a decade before reform began.
- A. joyful celebration
 - B. violent conflict
 - C. quiet agreement

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 To Dale's keen ear these sounds were all they should have been, betokening an unchanged **serenity** of forestland.
 - A. relative amount
 - B. untroubled calm
 - C. in disagreement
- 2 At the **juncture** Moze returned.
 - A. something exclusive to (someone or some group) -- such as an activity or place
 - B. a rough substance that can be rubbed against something else to polish or clean
 - C. where things come together -- especially a point in time with a critical event
- 3 *ejaculated* Anson, **dubiously**.
 - A. doubtfully or suspiciously
 - B. not capable of being found
 - C. not in a self-aware manner
- 4 He who had little to do with the **strife** of men, and nothing to do with anger, felt his blood grow hot at the cowardly trap laid for an innocent girl.
 - A. thing that affects a result or outcome
 - B. violent conflict or angry disagreement
 - C. job, reservation, booking, or activity
- 5 "No, I ain't seen them an' don't want to," she **retorted**.
 - A. quickly replied
 - B. said indirectly
 - C. greatly annoyed
- 6 But on the instant, perhaps, some instinct was born, or he divined an antagonism in Dale that was both surprising and **perplexing**.
 - A. treating as if of low worth
 - B. delaying until a later time
 - C. confusing due to complexity
- 7 "But, Al—be reasonable," **remonstrated** Dale.
 - A. selected (on a computer screen)
 - B. argued in protest or opposition
 - C. took up or received into heaven
- 8 And, when temper was succeeded by genuine anger, she could have laughed to **scorn** this Harve Riggs and his schemes, whatever they were.
 - A. disrespect or reject as not good enough
 - B. not answer questions; or block progress
 - C. move from more general to more specific
- 9 It was there; the open, the wild, the beautiful, the lonely land; and she felt the **poignant** call of blood in her—to seek, to strive, to find, to live.
 - A. sharp or intense
 - B. able to be found
 - C. likely to change
- 10 Helen had never seen a face like that, which at first glance appeared darkly bronzed and hard, and then became clear, cold, **aloof**, still, intense.
 - A. not clear or easily identifiable
 - B. indicating approval or agreement
 - C. socially distant or uninterested
- 11 Bo gave her an **eloquent** glance.
 - A. powerful use of language
 - B. able to take on or adopt
 - C. the state of being awake

- 12 *The forest that he struck into seemed ribbed like a washboard with deep **ravines** so steep of slope as to make precarious travel.*
- A. private, non-profit organizations working for member goals at the international level
 - B. a deep, narrow, steep-sided gorge or valley -- especially one formed by running water
 - C. tries to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuades
- 13 *Nevertheless, he started down, dismounting after a little way.*
- 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)
- 14 *But she saw instead a deer lying **prostrate** with tongue out and sightless eyes and bloody hair.*
- A. spend time with; or someone with whom a person spends a lot of time
 - B. an overwhelming amount; or to overwhelm -- especially said of water
 - C. lying down - typically face downward on the ground as in submission
- 15 *This was uttered in an **agitated** whisper.*
- A. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
 - B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - C. not calm; or stirred up (often emotionally)
- 16 *Helen loved to watch her on one of those fiery little mustangs, but the sight was likewise given to **rousing** apprehensions.*
- A. beyond the permitted boundary or limit
 - B. explains something in a particular way
 - C. to awaken, make more active, or excite
- 17 *Then Helen applied herself **resolutely** to her books until a rapid clatter of hoofs out in the court caused her to jump up and hurry to the porch.*
- A. in a strongly biased manner
 - B. with firm purpose or belief
 - C. in a morally correct manner
- 18 *His loud voice, hoarse with passion, **preceded** the scrape and crack of hoofs.*
- A. wrongly understood
 - B. influenced opinion
 - C. went or was before
- 19 *This significant speech thrilled Helen with its assurance of hope, and made her blood curdle at the implied **peril** awaiting the hunter.*
- A. useful
 - B. danger
 - C. allows
- 20 *"Swallow that!" yelled Las Vegas, with terrible **strident** ferocity.*
- A. unpleasantly forceful when expressing opinions; or loud and harsh
 - B. clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
 - C. not capable of being better understood through detailed examination

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	serene	Used 7 times in this book.
2	C	junction	Used 6 times in this book.
3	A	dubious	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
4	B	strife	Used 8 times in this book.
5	A	retort (<i>as in: quick retort</i>)	Used 26 times in this book.
6	C	perplex	Used 7 times in this book.
7	B	remonstrate	Used 6 times in this book.
8	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
9	A	poignant	Used 6 times in this book.
10	C	aloof	Used 7 times in this book.
11	A	eloquent	Used 9 times in this book.
12	B	ravine	Used 13 times in this book.
13	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
14	C	prostrate	Used 4 times in this book.
15	C	agitate	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
16	C	rouse	Used 10 times in this book.
17	B	resolute	Used 7 times in this book.
18	C	precede	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
19	B	peril	Used 9 times in this book.
20	A	strident	Used 4 times in this book.