

The Memory Keeper's Daughter

by Kim Edwards

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, amicable, candid, conjecture, exasperated, fleeting, focus (2), glimmer (2), however (2), intricate, pragmatic, tentative, trace (2), vertigo, waver, yearn



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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 gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
 - A. calm and thoughtful
 - B. gloomy (sad)
 - C. emotionally disturbed
2. Although we disagree, I think we can reach an **amicable** compromise.
 - A. quick
 - B. friendly
 - C. temporary
3. These are **candid** pictures from last night's party.
 - A. with many people
 - B. portrait-style
 - C. unposed
4. It is important to distinguish between **conjecture** and fact.
 - A. fantasy
 - B. theory
 - C. popularity
5. My little brother can be **exasperating**. He's always testing his boundaries.
 - A. very active
 - B. endearing (lovable)
 - C. greatly annoying
6. Youth is **fleeting**.
 - A. short-lived
 - B. reckless
 - C. troubled
7. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
8. The discussion brought into **focus** an important difference of opinion.
 - A. hiding
 - B. conflict
 - C. view
9. Even in the midst of despair, she held onto that **glimmer** of faith that things would get better.
 - A. optimistic
 - B. encouraging
 - C. slight feeling
10. In the pitch-black cave, the faint **glimmer** from our torch was the only source of light.
 - A. reddish-yellow
 - B. undependable
 - C. dim, wavering light
11. I hope to take the ACT just once. However, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
 - A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and

12. However safe we make it, there will always be risk.
- A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
13. The law in that area is intricate. I suggest you talk with a lawyer.
- A. outdated
 - B. predictable
 - C. complicated
14. Successful politicians are pragmatists. Compromise is built into the system.
- A. practical
 - B. personable
 - C. busy
15. She took a tentative step to see if her injured ankle would support her weight.
- A. careful
 - B. brave
 - C. confident
16. The study found traces of cocaine on most \$20 bills used in large cities of the United States and Canada.
- A. tiny quantities
 - B. various types of
 - C. large amounts
17. She used her finger to trace a route on the map.
- A. find an indication of
 - B. follow
 - C. hide
18. She suffers vertigo from an inner ear infection.
- A. pain
 - B. congestion
 - C. dizziness
19. We will never waver in our commitment to provide the best education possible.
- A. speak forcefully
 - B. grow rapidly
 - C. be unsteady
20. I yearn for more independence.
- A. fear
 - B. desire
 - C. work

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 *There was a single car in the clinic parking lot, the nurse's powder-blue Fairlane, conservative and **pragmatic** and newer than his own.*
 - A. practical
 - B. worn and broken down by hard use
 - C. inexpensive
- 2 *A passing image, perhaps a memory, but one that filled him simultaneously with sadness and with **yearning**.*
 - A. changing to fit a different situation
 - B. strongly desiring; or a strong desire
 - C. charging (with having broken the law)
- 3 *When Phoebe stirred, **however**, sometime in the middle of the night, Caroline was on her feet in an instant.*
 - A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though, in spite of that, in contrast, nevertheless*, etc.
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 4 *But **however** hard he worked to make Paul's life smooth and easy, the fact remained that David had built that life on a lie.*
 - A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
 - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
 - C. regardless of how
- 5 *She did not remember hitting the windshield, but it looked like a spiderweb, the **intricate** lines fanning out, delicate, beautiful, and precise.*
 - A. long or big
 - B. frightening
 - C. numerous and complexly arranged
- 6 *What would happen, they **conjectured**, if they simply went on assuming their children would do everything.*
 - A. moved again into position to work; or started again
 - B. concluded or guessed based on inconclusive evidence
 - C. not examined in an attempt to improve understanding
- 7 *He had read it only once, swiftly, putting it away as Norah came in, trying to conceal his **agitation**.*
 - A. officially telling someone about something; or something that contains the message
 - B. formula (a mathematical expression that describe a relationship between variables)
 - C. the act of stirring up (emotionally or physically); or a state of emotional unrest
- 8 *He took a deep breath, fighting a wave of **vertigo**, afraid even to glance at Norah.*
 - A. a feeling of anger
 - B. a feeling of sadness
 - C. a dizzy sensation
- 9 *He wanted to reach out and **trace** the delicate curved bones of her ribs; he wanted to kiss her at the point the bones met, stretching away like wings.*
 - A. find through research
 - B. track or follow (with his finger)
 - C. draw a picture
- 10 *The car he'd stolen had been found deserted on a side street in Louisville last night, but there had been no **trace** of Paul.*
 - A. indication or sign
 - B. picture or outline
 - C. following

- 11 She turned to see Kay Marshall, dressed in slim pink pants and a cream and pink sweater, gold leather flats, and **glimmering** gold earrings.
- A. metal
 - B. almost too small to see
 - C. shining (with a wavering or reflected light)
- 12 A **glimmer** of regret flashed through his weariness: this would be a good photo, but he'd left his camera in the hotel safe.
- A. genetic change through evolution
 - B. interact again or interest again
 - C. slight indication
- 13 Through the **wavering** air she saw Bree, moving along the perimeter of the crowd near the building, passing out leaflets.
- A. thinking carefully and making a judgment about
 - B. returning to an undesirable previous condition
 - C. moving back and forth; or being unsure or weak
- 14 You couldn't blame him, no, you couldn't fault him for wanting to go deeper into every **fleeting** moment, to study its mystery, to shout against loss and change and motion.
- A. lasting a short time
 - B. important
 - C. wonderful
- 15 David must have been testing the range of his camera, keeping the subject the same and varying the **focus**, the aperture, the available light.
- A. mental concentration
 - B. lighting
 - C. lens adjustment
- 16 His father had delivered his own twins in the middle of an unexpected storm, following the steps he knew by heart, keeping his **focus** on the pulse and heart rate of the woman on the table, the taut skin, the crowning head.
- A. concentration
 - B. image clarity
 - C. camera lens
- 17 Their conversation had begun **amicably** enough, a simple discussion of who would take care of the cat while they were both out of town: she in Indianapolis for a concert, he in Lexington to help his mother.
- A. in a simple manner
 - B. in a friendly manner
 - C. in an unremarkable manner
- 18 She gave a sound of **exasperation**.
- A. relative amount
 - B. in disagreement
 - C. great annoyance
- 19 Paul took them and stared from one to the other: a posed picture of a girl, smiling, and then a **candid** shot of her shooting a basket.
- A. thought
 - B. loyalty
 - C. unposed
- 20 This, finally, was what had pained his mother most, the lost years standing between them, their words so **tentative** and formal where ease and love should have been.
- A. cautious
 - B. bitter
 - C. cold

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	pragmatic	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
2	B	yearn	Used 12 times in this book.
3	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
5	C	intricate	Used 8 times in this book.
6	B	conjecture	Used 3 times in this book.
7	C	agitate	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
8	C	vertigo	Used 4 times in this book.
9	B	trace (<i>as in: traced a path</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
10	A	trace (<i>as in: found a trace of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	glimmer (<i>as in: glimmering lights</i>)	Used 7 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	glimmer (<i>as in: a glimmer of hope</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
13	C	waver	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
14	A	fleeting	Used 7 times in this book.
15	C	focus (<i>as in: bring into focus; or out of focus</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	B	amicable	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
18	C	exasperated	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
19	C	candid (<i>as in: a candid photograph</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	A	tentative (<i>as in: said it tentatively</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.