

The Name of the Wind

by Patrick Rothfuss

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: alloy, analytical, ballad, chord, chronicle, composure, disparage, emit, expel, fidget, flippant, grievance, incredulous, nonchalant, patron, reproach, rhetoric, shamble, vary, wry



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The mechanic explained that this wheel was made from a **lightweight alloy**, perfect for racing.
 - A. type of plastic
 - B. pure aluminum
 - C. mixture of metals
2. We have a numbers-tested, **analytical** approach to advertising.
 - A. logical and systematic
 - B. creative and artistic
 - C. loud and aggressive
3. The old **ballad** told the tragic tale of two lovers separated by war.
 - A. traditional short story
 - B. dramatic performance on stage
 - C. song that tells a story
4. The guitarist strummed a complex **chord**, its rich harmony filling the room.
 - A. three or more notes that blend harmoniously
 - B. a single, sustained musical tone
 - C. a repeated rhythmic pattern
5. The book is a **chronicle** of the family's struggles during the Great Depression.
 - A. fictional story
 - B. detailed record
 - C. brief mention
6. She is admired for maintaining her **composure** under even the worse of circumstances.
 - A. calm state of mind
 - B. strong family ties
 - C. clear thought process
7. The victors write the history and **disparage** their enemies.
 - A. criticize
 - B. defeat
 - C. erase from history
8. The plant **emits** a noxious odor.
 - A. produces (sends out)
 - B. questions
 - C. hates or detests
9. If her behavior does not improve, she could face **expulsion** from school.
 - A. having to repeat a grade
 - B. serious punishment
 - C. being forcing to leave
10. She **fidgeted** like a child caught in a lie.
 - A. moved restlessly
 - B. was embarrassed
 - C. cried
11. Her **flippant** joke during the serious meeting upset the group.
 - A. deeply respectful
 - B. not properly serious
 - C. carefully researched
12. It is a long-standing **grievance**.
 - A. complaint
 - B. connection
 - C. agreement

13. At first, she was incredulous--thinking the report was in error.
- A. worried
 - B. confused
 - C. without belief
14. How could she be so nonchalant about making him suffer?
- A. dishonest
 - B. unconcerned
 - C. happy
15. A wealthy patron donated millions to fund young artists in the city.
- A. critic
 - B. supporter
 - C. neighbor
16. Don't reproach yourself for things beyond your control.
- A. congratulate
 - B. criticize
 - C. accept honor for
17. Students analyzed the senator's rhetoric before writing their essays.
- A. persuasive language
 - B. family history
 - C. voting record
18. After the long hike, he shambled into camp, shoulders slumped and feet dragging.
- A. walked in a proud way
 - B. walked in a shuffling way
 - C. walked in a quick way
19. McDonald's menu options vary by location.
- A. are consistent
 - B. are different
 - C. are known
20. Her wry comment made the bad news sound almost funny.
- A. openly cheerful
 - B. dryly humorous
 - C. deeply serious

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 *It made an **alloy** of sorts, a counterpoint.*
 - A. a slight amount; or to contain a slight amount
 - B. something that is necessary for something else
 - C. a metal that consists of more than one element
- 2 *He locked the door and shuttered the wide windows of the inn, as if to distance himself from the stars and all their **varied** names.*
 - A. took on as one's own
 - B. differed; or changed
 - C. began fighting again
- 3 *The sound of it tugged one corner of his mouth into a **wry** smile as he sank into the deep chair in front of the fire.*
 - A. the quality of being clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
 - B. humor -- often understated, sarcastic, or ironic -- often expressed by twisting the face
 - C. the quality of not being clear, easily noticed, or identifiable as different or separate
- 4 *"Oh come now," Bast **reproached**, his smile falling away.*
 - A. translated
 - B. criticized
 - C. subtracted
- 5 *"She's not much of a horse, sir," **Chronicler** said.*
 - A. someone who calls to another -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
 - B. a record of events; or the act of creating such a record or telling others of the events
 - C. someone who avoids or tries to avoid either a responsibility or telling the whole truth
- 6 *Kote shrugged **nonchalantly**, his smile fading an imperceptible amount.*
 - A. in a good or beneficial manner
 - B. calmly (appearing unconcerned)
 - C. in a manner that does not stop
- 7 *"What gives you the slightest impression that I would be here when you came back?" he asked **incredulously**.*
 - A. in a manner that influences reason or general desire to do something
 - B. in a manner that intentionally angers, challenges, or upsets someone
 - C. with disbelief; or with difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 8 *In doing this, let us pass over innumerable boring stories: the rise and fall of empires, sagas of heroism, ballads of tragic love.*
 - A. people who believe that knowledge is acquired primarily by reason rather than by experience
 - B. formulas (mathematical expressions--each of which describe a relationship between variables)
 - C. a song (or poem) that tells a story or expresses strong feelings -- typically slow in tempo
- 9 *I was **expelled** from the University at a younger age than most people are allowed in.*
 - A. translated
 - B. subtracted
 - C. forced out
- 10 *Then he started gathering old faerie stories too, legends about bogies and **shamble**-men.*
 - A. make someone want to do something
 - B. walk in an awkward, shuffling way
 - C. sadness, disappointment, or worry
- 11 *It was **Rhetoric** and Logic, the book Ben had used to teach me argument.*
 - A. the use of (or study of using) words to make a point
 - B. the quality of being very bad (deserving no respect)
 - C. the state or degree of being optimistic or agreeable

- 12 *Denna looked down at her hands, **fidgiting** with a ring on her finger, twisting it.*
- A. making small restless movements
 - B. telling someone about something
 - C. commending or praising publicly
- 13 *I moved my hands again and the lute made two **chords** whispering against each other.*
- A. a combination of three or more notes that blend harmoniously when sounded together; or figuratively to express harmonious blending or clashing
 - B. (verb) intentionally angers, challenges, or upsets someone OR (noun) insults or other actions intended to anger, challenge, or upset someone
 - C. items characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open -- such as a door or musical instrument with that characteristic
- 14 *"Two **grievances** are recorded against Kvothe by Master Hemme," The Chancellor said sternly, not taking his eyes away from me.*
- A. complaints
 - B. sympathies
 - C. main roads
- 15 *As I was deep into the Heart of Stone, all I felt was a slight **analytical** curiosity about what it would be like to be publicly whipped.*
- A. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
 - B. the state or degree of being pessimistic or disagreeable
 - C. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
- 16 *Hemme maintained more **composure** than I would have if I had been faced with twenty stone of furious, bellowing artificer.*
- A. calm state of mind
 - B. wrongly translates
 - C. restarted (a fire)
- 17 *But you can use it to make a different type of **emitter** for sympathy lamps.*
- A. something that sends something out
 - B. someone who criticizes or condemns
 - C. someone who does without something
- 18 *She made a **flippant** gesture.*
- A. the state or degree of agreeing or approving
 - B. showing an inappropriate lack of seriousness
 - C. designed to be useful; or capable of working
- 19 *She sighed **disparagingly**.*
- A. with criticism or in a manner that makes something seem less important
 - B. aka analytically -- in a manner that relates to a theory of psychiatry
 - C. in a manner that impacts the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
- 20 *I'm thinking someone's **patron** might have been roughing it last night with a cheery little campfire....*
- A. someone who speaks in an ambiguous manner that does not clearly express an opinion or decision
 - B. a regular customer; or someone who gives money or support to an organization, cause, or person
 - C. someone with delusions of grandeur (the belief that they are much more important than they are)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	alloy	Used 6 times in this book.
2	B	vary	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
3	B	wry	Used 11 times in this book.
4	B	reproach	Used 11 times in this book.
5	B	chronicle	Used 332 times in this book.
6	B	nonchalant	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
7	C	incredulous	Used 17 times in this book.
8	C	ballad	Used 5 times in this book.
9	C	expel	Used 31 times in this book.
10	B	shamble (<i>as in: she shambled along</i>)	Used 12 times in this book.
11	A	rhetoric	High-utility academic word; used 16 times in this book.
12	A	fidget	Used 12 times in this book.
13	A	chord (<i>as in: piano chord</i>)	Used 16 times in this book.
14	A	grievance	Used 15 times in this book.
15	A	analytical	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
16	A	composure (<i>as in: regained her composure</i>)	Used 15 times in this book.
17	A	emit	Used 12 times in this book.
18	B	flippant	Used 6 times in this book.
19	A	disparage	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	B	patron (<i>as in: a patron of the arts</i>)	Used 34 times in this book.