

The Nose

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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: accustom, acquaint, adorn, agitate, allude, anecdote, bailiff, beckon, copious, enhance, exasperated, however (2), imply, indignant, inquiry, moreover, phenomenon, scoundrel, swindle



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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19	A
20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. Actors and politicians are **accustomed** to less privacy than the rest of us.
 - A. used to
 - B. happy with
 - C. paid for
2. One of the objectives in my literature class is to **acquaint** my students with different cultures.
 - A. make surprised
 - B. make a list for
 - C. make familiar
3. Flowers **adorned** all the tables.
 - A. decorated
 - B. obscured (hid)
 - C. grew under
4. She gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
 - A. calm and thoughtful
 - B. gloomy (sad)
 - C. emotionally disturbed
5. She didn't mention any names, but everyone knew she was **alluding** to the President.
 - A. being discouraging
 - B. indirectly referring
 - C. not talking
6. She is good at making a point in an interesting and memorable way with an **anecdote**.
 - A. short true story
 - B. long boring lecture
 - C. detailed research report
7. The **bailiff** was accused of making prejudicial statements to the jury.
 - A. court officer
 - B. defense lawyer
 - C. prosecutor
8. The police officer **beckoned** me to come over.
 - A. considered asking
 - B. called
 - C. prohibited
9. The chef served **copious** amounts of food at the wedding reception.
 - A. small in amount
 - B. rare and unusual
 - C. large in quantity
10. The stunning victory over the Blue Devils **enhanced** the Bulldogs' image as title contenders.
 - A. damaged
 - B. questioned
 - C. improved
11. My little brother can be **exasperating**. He's always testing his boundaries.
 - A. very active
 - B. endearing (lovable)
 - C. greatly annoying

12. 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
13. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
- A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
14. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
- A. hinted
 - B. insisted
 - C. denied
15. She was **indignant**, but she agreed to be searched when they accused her of shoplifting.
- A. annoyed at something unjust
 - B. surprised at the unexpected
 - C. defensive about being suspected
16. The official **inquiry** has ended, but the press continues to ask questions.
- A. story
 - B. statement
 - C. investigation
17. 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
18. The **phenomenon** was first noticed by Marie Curie.
- A. thing of interest
 - B. thing that is growing
 - C. thing that is hidden
19. He is the most intolerable **scoundrel** on the face of the earth.
- A. person without moral principles
 - B. apparently reasonable, but unproven
 - C. without pattern or planning
20. Scammers often **swindle** people through fake phone calls.
- A. warn or protect
 - B. pay back fully
 - C. cheat or defraud

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 A nose, an actual nose; and, **moreover**, it seemed to be the nose of an acquaintance!
 - 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
- 2 You **scoundrel**!
 - A. someone without moral principles
 - B. the condition of being different
 - C. important, serious, or dangerous
- 3 He intended to lose it somewhere—either at somebody's door, or in a public square, or in a narrow alley; but just then, in order to complete his bad luck, he was met by an acquaintance, who showered **inquiries** upon him.
 - A. social events or ceremonies
 - B. reasons for doing something
 - C. questions or investigations
- 4 He nearly fainted; but the police inspector **beckoned** to him with his hand and said, "Come here, my dear sir."
 - A. showed something -- such as demonstrated, expressed, or represented
 - B. called (to come nearer by using a hand gesture)
 - C. provided evidence of something -- especially oral evidence in court
- 5 Kovaloff had been a Caucasian committee-man two years previously, and could not forget that he had occupied that position; but in order to **enhance** his own importance, he never called himself "committee-man" but "Major."
 - A. gain advantage from
 - B. influence or effect
 - C. increase or improve
- 6 He had come to St Petersburg with the view of obtaining some position corresponding to his rank, if possible that of vice-governor of a province; but he was prepared to be content with that of a **bailiff** in some department or other.
 - A. court officer responsible for keeping order in the court including custody of the jury, and custody of prisoners while in court
 - B. a person who formally does not vote either "yes" or "no"; or who voluntarily doesn't do something -- such as not drinking alcohol
 - C. math: the order in which two numbers are added or multiplied does not change their sum or product ($2+3=3+2$) and ($4\times 7=7\times 4$)
- 7 The hat, **adorned** with a plume, showed that it held the rank of a state-councillor.
 - A. decorated
 - B. disagreed
 - C. postponed
- 8 Kovaloff was so **agitated** that he could decide on nothing, and looked for the nose everywhere.
 - A. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
 - B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - C. not calm; or stirred up (often emotionally)
- 9 An old apple-woman on the Ascension Bridge may carry on her business without one, but since I am on the look out for a post; besides in many houses I am **acquainted** with ladies of high position—Madame Tchektyriev, wife of a state-councillor, and many others.
 - A. not having taken power or responsibility
 - B. compensated for a loss; or paid a reward
 - C. familiar with OR a friend or associate

- 10 *If he was, it would not be such a great swindle!*
A. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
B. make one's home in; or live in; or stay (in a place)
C. tricking or cheating someone -- usually to get money
- 11 *"However, if you lay so much stress on it, you should apply to someone who has a skilful pen, so that he may describe it as a curious, natural freak, and publish the article in the Northern Bee" (here he took another pinch) "for the benefit of youthful readers" (he wiped his nose), "or simply as a matter worthy of arousing public curiosity."*
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)
- 12 *But however often he tried, all his efforts were in vain.*
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
- 13 *This act, quite innocent in itself, exasperated Kovaloff.*
A. said indirectly
B. came or arrived
C. greatly annoyed
- 14 *The last allusion was too direct.*
A. a nerve or brain cell
B. an indirect reference
C. long eventful journey
- 15 *If you intend to imply by that that I wished to snub you, i.e. to meet you with a refusal, I am very astonished because, as you well know, I was quite of the opposite mind.*
A. suggest (say indirectly)
B. struggle or disagreement
C. include consideration of
- 16 *A high-born lady wrote to the keeper of the gardens asking him to show her children this rare phenomenon, and to give them some suitable instruction on the occasion.*
A. something that exists or happened -- often of special interest
B. something that was once small, but is getting very large
C. something important that is hard to see or sense
- 17 *All these incidents were eagerly collected by the town wits, who just then were very short of anecdotes adapted to amuse ladies.*
A. short, true stories
B. sizes or dimensions
C. outward appearances
- 18 *One gentleman asserted with great indignation that he could not understand how in our enlightened age such absurdities could spread abroad, and he was astonished that the Government did not direct their attention to the matter.*
A. anger or annoyance at something unjust or wrong
B. surprise as something unexpected
C. acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 19 *Jakovlevitch tied a napkin under his chin, and in the twinkling of an eye covered his beard and part of his cheeks with a copious creamy lather.*
A. able to accept as true (without proof)
B. able to be protected or kept unchanged
C. abundant (large in quantity or number)
- 20 *On the way he said to himself, "If the Major does not burst into laughter at the sight of me, that is a most certain sign that everything is in its accustomed place."*
A. used to (adapted to something, so it seems normal)
B. prepared food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
C. supported by providing money or other economic aid

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
2	A	scoundrel	Used 6 times in this book.
3	C	inquiry	High-utility academic word
4	B	beckon	Used 2 times in this book.
5	C	enhance	High-utility academic word
6	A	bailiff	Used 2 times in this book.
7	A	adorn	Used 2 times in this book.
8	C	agitate	High-utility academic word
9	C	acquaint	Used 2 times in this book.
10	C	swindle	Used 2 times in this book.
11	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
13	C	exasperated	High-utility academic word
14	B	allude	High-utility academic word
15	A	imply	High-utility academic word
16	A	phenomenon	High-utility academic word
17	A	anecdote	High-utility academic word
18	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	C	copious	High-utility academic word
20	A	accustom	Used 4 times in this book.