

The Perks of Being a Wallflower

by Stephen Chbosky

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: analysis, auspicious, bias, context, convention, corpulent, differentiate, discredit, flaunt, incidental, initiate, morbid, nostalgia, paranoid (2), perspective (2), prudent, sober up, theme



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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2	A
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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. The police are waiting for an **analysis** of the DNA.
 - A. psychiatric treatment
 - B. sample
 - C. detailed examination
2. Clear skies and a warm breeze made for an **auspicious** start to the journey.
 - A. favorable and promising
 - B. dull and ordinary
 - C. ominous and dark
3. She has a **bias** against young people.
 - A. statistical analysis
 - B. personal preference
 - C. standing rule
4. In most countries, the **convention** is to shake the head to indicate "no", but in Bulgaria that indicates "yes".
 - A. movement
 - B. agreement
 - C. normal behavior
5. Many old portraits show wealthy nobles as **corpulent** figures.
 - A. heavy and stout
 - B. thin and slender
 - C. tall and lanky
6. The software does a good job of **differentiating** between real messages and spam.
 - A. including everything
 - B. recognizing difference
 - C. rapidly switching
7. Russian TV is famous for inventing stories to **discredit** those who disagree with Russian interests.
 - A. anger
 - B. convince
 - C. damage the reputation of
8. She **flaunts** her wealth.
 - A. shows off
 - B. hides
 - C. enjoys
9. Travel costs were the main expense; meals were just **incidental**.
 - A. minor and secondary
 - B. central and primary
 - C. carefully planned
10. My mother couldn't attend my Honor Society initiation ceremony.
 - A. graduation
 - B. joining
 - C. convention
11. In 2014, the European Union first recognized **morbid** obesity as a disability.
 - A. minor
 - B. long-term
 - C. related to a serious health problem
12. My parents are sometimes **nostalgic** about their college days.
 - A. secretive
 - B. longing
 - C. bitter

13. She quoted him out of context.
- A. in a misleading manner
 - B. in a convincing manner
 - C. in a respectful manner
14. He grew **paranoid** that his coworkers were secretly plotting against him.
- A. deeply grateful to friends
 - B. overly suspicious of others
 - C. completely unaware of trouble
15. Excessive or prolonged use of the drug can cause **paranoid** delusions.
- A. excessive fear of others
 - B. excessive belief in one's importance
 - C. excessive need to do repeat actions
16. Also, try to see it from her **perspective** before you make up your mind.
- A. timeframe
 - B. education level
 - C. way of looking at things
17. Attending a funeral helps me to put life into **perspective** and to separate the important things from those that are less important.
- A. a sensible view
 - B. a positive view
 - C. a limited view
18. Courage is dangerous without **prudence**.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
19. Talk to me after you **sober up**.
- A. become less angry
 - B. become less drunk
 - C. become less tired
20. What is the **theme** of your essay?
- A. basic idea
 - B. grammatical voice
 - C. narrative point of view

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 He is always making mix tapes for my sister with very specific **themes**. One was called "Autumn Leaves."
 - A. an idea that is unifying or recurrent
 - B. (noun) strips of hair that are lighter in color OR (verb) makes strips of hair lighter in color
 - C. changes the direction of a light wave (or other wave) by passing an opaque edge or narrow opening
- 2 I think I will stop putting quotation marks around Nothing's name because it is annoying and disrupting my flow. I hope you do not find this difficult to follow. I will make sure to **differentiate** if something comes up.
 - A. begin fighting again
 - B. recognize difference
 - C. take on as one's own
- 3 The nice thing was my Aunt Helen was never on a diet. And my Aunt Helen was "**corpulent**."
 - A. excessively fat
 - B. good or beneficial
 - C. not representative
- 4 And I listened to his play-by-play **analysis**.
 - A. the state or character of being absolutely sure of something
 - B. to again think carefully and make a judgment about something
 - C. detailed thinking to better understand
- 5 Bob actually looked a little nervous, which I was later told was **paranoia**.
 - A. a psychological disorder characterized by excessive distrust of others
 - B. believing that things usually go poorly and that selfish and insincere
 - C. one-sided information that is purposefully spread to influence opinions
- 6 I don't think that kind of thing matters, but supposedly Alice was **paranoid** about it all night.
 - A. the practice or tendency to be critical--especially in a non-helpful manner
 - B. excessively fearful
 - C. the quality of using extreme or violent actions to achieve a political goal
- 7 Dear **Prudence** by the Beatles
 - A. good sense and caution
 - B. not easily set on fire
 - C. surrounding conditions
- 8 They spent the rest of the afternoon playing old video games like Donkey Kong and feeling **nostalgic**, which as a general statement, I found sad and sweet.
 - A. able to be stopped from happening
 - B. with a longing for something past
 - C. feeling reluctant to do something
- 9 [regarding his laughing so much as a child] It seems like a rather "**auspicious**" beginning.
 - A. favorable; or suggestive of good things to come
 - B. the degree to which something can be translated
 - C. not able to change to fit a different situation
- 10 I don't know if you've ever felt like that. That you wanted to sleep for a thousand years. Or just not exist. Or just not be aware that you do exist. Or something like that. I think wanting that is very **morbid**, but I want it when I get like this.
 - A. disbelief
 - B. important
 - C. unhealthy (perhaps an interest suggesting death)
- 11 Craig said the problem with things is that everyone is always comparing everyone with everyone and because of that, it **discredits** people, like in his photography classes.
 - A. gradually adds or removes
 - B. changes through evolution
 - C. damages the reputation of

- 12 *Nobody can be as big as the Beatles because the Beatles already gave it a "context." The reason they were so big is that they had no one to compare themselves with ... nowadays a band or someone would compare themselves to the Beatles...*
- A. a historical situation
 - B. the act of interacting or getting interested again
 - C. an image (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
- 13 *All night, he kept yelling, "Flaunt it, baby!"*
- A. show it off
 - B. well suited
 - C. restraining
- 14 *I think this is the initiation for new cast members.*
- A. submissiveness -- often an attitude of someone who is so submissive or eager to serve and please that they seem to lack self-respect
 - B. ceremony (to accept new members)
 - C. a government policy in which significantly less money is spent than normal; or any notable absence of luxury, comfort, or decoration
- 15 *But not in an unconventional way.*
- A. consistent or the same
 - B. not aware of something
 - C. unusual
- 16 *After we sobered up a bit with coffee and Mini Thins, Patrick drove me home.*
- A. injured muscles or tendons (despite calling it muscle)
 - B. became less drunk
 - C. the idea that anything that can go wrong will go wrong
- 17 *Incidentally, I finished The Fountainhead.*
- A. of something that comes with something else, but is less important than it
 - B. a trance-like state of focused concentration and heightened suggestibility
 - C. in a way that suppresses (prevents something or decreases its development)
- 18 *And maybe I'm biased, but when my sister quoted a pop song and talked about the future, it seemed great.*
- A. related to intelligence -- such as requiring, appealing to, or possessing intelligence
 - B. showing favoritism (under the influence of a personal preference that prevents being objective)
 - C. (adjective) designed to stop something OR (noun) something that stops something else
- 19 *Just like what my sister said when I had been in the hospital for a while. She said that she was really worried about going to college, and considering what I was going through, she felt really dumb about it. ... Maybe it's good to put things in perspective, but sometimes, I think that the only perspective is to really be there.*
- A. a sensible view
 - B. made by taking on as one's own
 - C. relating to the chest (thorax)
- 20 *Maybe it's good to put things in perspective, but sometimes, I think that the only perspective is to really be there.*
- A. collection of star systems held together by gravity
 - B. resulting from God's intervention or plan; or lucky
 - C. way of seeing and thinking about things

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	theme (<i>as in: theme of the novel</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
2	B	differentiate (<i>as in: differentiate between right/wrong</i>)	High-utility academic word
3	A	corpulent	Used 3 times in this book.
4	C	analysis (<i>as in: analysis of relevant data</i>)	High-utility academic word
5	A	paranoid (<i>used clinically</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	B	paranoid (<i>used casually</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
7	A	prudent	High-utility academic word
8	B	nostalgia	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	A	auspicious	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
10	C	morbid (<i>as in: morbidly obese</i>)	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
11	C	discredit	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
12	A	context	High-utility academic word
13	A	flaunt	Used 2 times in this book.
14	B	initiate (<i>as in: initiate into the fraternity</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	C	convention (<i>as in: conventional behavior</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
16	B	sober up (<i>as in: I need to sober up.</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
17	A	incidental (<i>as in: an incidental expense</i>)	Used 14 times in this book.
18	B	bias	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	A	perspective (<i>as in: Keep it in perspective</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	C	perspective (<i>as in: Look at it from her perspective</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.