

The Pregnancy Project

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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: abortion, comprehensive, controversial, critique, decoy, habitat, however (2), immigrate, irresponsible, mentor, migrant, motivation, negative, perpetuate, positive (2), scrutiny, variable, vulnerable



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	B
3	C
4	C
5	C
6	B
7	A
8	A
9	A
10	A
11	B
12	B
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17	A
18	C
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. Abortion is a highly controversial and divisive issue, with people holding strong opinions on both sides of the debate.
 - A. intentionally preventing pregnancy
 - B. intentionally ending pregnancy
 - C. planned adoption before birth
2. The book provides a **comprehensive** history of the revolution.
 - A. modern
 - B. complete
 - C. early
3. The school reached a **controversial** decision on affirmative action.
 - A. final after a long period of indecision
 - B. difficult due to complexity
 - C. tending to arouse strong disagreement
4. Her **critique** of the editorial prompted a spirited discussion about economic policy.
 - A. approval and recommendation
 - B. reading aloud
 - C. analysis and judgment
5. The detective used a fake wallet as a **decoy** to distract the thief.
 - A. valuable reward
 - B. careful warning
 - C. misleading attraction
6. They are found in the marine **habitat** of the kelp forest of southern California.
 - A. feeding routine
 - B. natural environment
 - C. breeding season
7. 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
8. However we get there, the main thing is to be absolutely sure we're not late.
 - A. whatever way
 - B. even if in a non-standard manner
 - C. to whatever degree
9. At that time, most of the people who immigrated to the United States came from Latin America and Asia.
 - A. relocated
 - B. exported goods
 - C. visited
10. Her **irresponsible** spending habits led to significant credit card debt.
 - A. careless
 - B. careful
 - C. thoughtful
11. The famous professor mentored her during her years in graduate school.
 - A. graded essays by
 - B. personally advised
 - C. lectured to

12. The crops won't be picked without **migrant** workers.
- A. hard-working
 - B. from elsewhere
 - C. low-wage
13. I can describe her actions but not her **motivation**.
- A. history
 - B. reason
 - C. future
14. Higher gasoline prices **negatively** affected fast food sales.
- A. in a helpful manner
 - B. surprisingly
 - C. in a harmful manner
15. Repeating the false rumor would only **perpetuate** the misunderstanding.
- A. prove to be true
 - B. cause to continue
 - C. bring to an end
16. I'm **positive** our team will win on Friday.
- A. happy
 - B. pretty sure
 - C. certain
17. Volunteering had a **positive** impact on the whole neighborhood.
- A. good or beneficial
 - B. harmful or damaging
 - C. minor and unnoticed
18. The new policy faced **scrutiny** from independent reviewers.
- A. strong support
 - B. quick approval
 - C. careful examination
19. Her mood was **variable** throughout the day, sometimes cheerful and at other times noticeably quiet.
- A. consistent
 - B. changing
 - C. improving
20. The team's preferred style of defense is **vulnerable** to good outside shooters.
- A. designed to stop
 - B. easily hurt by
 - C. dependent upon

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 worked in the fields driving tractors and trucks, a job that usually went to illegal **immigrants**, though he was a citizen.
A. people who came to live in a new country
B. acts of taking something on as one's own
C. oxygen-carrying parts of red blood cells
- 2 The most concerning part, though, was finding Jessica, who she felt would be the most **vulnerable**, especially because she was separated from her siblings.
A. having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
B. easily hurt or in need of help; or easily influenced or subject to temptation
C. suffering from too few red blood cells

or (less commonly): lacking vitality
- 3 Just about all of my friends have parents who work **migrant** jobs, and that means that none of us are living much over the poverty line.
A. someone who makes or manufactures things
B. one who moves from one place to another
C. someone who blocks (prevents) an action
- 4 What was the difference among women who had **abortions**; women who abandoned, neglected, or abused their kids; and women who waited until they were ready and loved their kids?
A. shows or demonstrates
B. ending of pregnancies
C. things that stand out
- 5 The **mentor** could not be a family member.
A. to gradually destroy or change the purpose of something -- such as a government, institution, or rule
B. someone who guides and advises another who is less experienced
C. a beam, bracket, or other structure supported only on one side; or to support something in that manner
- 6 Generation after generation **perpetuates** the bad things their families have modeled.
A. gains advantage from
B. to cause to continue
C. boundaries or limits
- 7 The funny thing is that I'd been in classes with Saida since freshman year; we'd even **critiqued** each other's writing in class.
A. not having taken power or responsibility
B. compensated for a loss; or paid a reward
C. an examination and judgment of something
- 8 I knew that he could have easily just flat-out refused to let me do this, because the subject and method were so **controversial**.
A. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
B. expressing or arousing sensual desire
C. tending to arouse strong disagreement
- 9 I can't believe she was so **irresponsible**.
A. careless or reckless
B. careful or cautious
C. thoughtful or considerate
- 10 It was hard feeling insecure all the time, realizing that people were **scrutinizing** everything about me, from my looks to my behaviors.
A. requesting or challenging
B. mirroring back (an image)
C. looking at very carefully

- 11 Saida took it personally when people said **negative** things about me, and I once had to really calm her down when she wanted to go after someone who had insulted me and said I was becoming "annoying" now that I was pregnant.
- A. tell (a story)
 - B. begin fighting
 - C. bad or harmful
- 12 For my **decoy** project, I wanted to job-shadow a social worker, which the Senior Boards committee approved.
- A. point to differences between; or compare to show differences
 - B. provide investment funds for something -- such as a business
 - C. someone or something used for trickery -- especially to lure
- 13 I wanted to join my friends in the leadership group when they volunteered to help build a **Habitat** for Humanity house, but Mrs. Dorr told me I should wait for a more suitable project.
- A. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
 - B. the type of environment in which an organism or group normally lives
 - C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 14 After several seconds, he said, "The scientist in me thinks you ran a great experiment and you had to control your **variables**, but the human in me feels lied to."
- A. someone who disturbs or annoys
 - B. things that are able to change
 - C. calculating or judging too low
- 15 He was **positive** that I'd had an abortion and just made up the whole senior project as a way to cover it up.
- A. outside
 - B. various
 - C. certain
- 16 I plan to go back to my high school for their special events, like the annual talent show and the Mr. Toppenish show, and to keep up with the teachers who have had such a **positive** impact on my life.
- A. good or beneficial
 - B. not representative
 - C. impossible to find
- 17 As I tried to pull myself together, Mr. Greene told me that he would help me **however** he could, and that I didn't need to worry about everything at once.
- A. in whatever way
 - B. starts fighting
 - C. starts (a fire)
- 18 **However**, the day after the school's superintendent declared her valedictorian, the principal announced that she was going to have to share the honors—he was appointing a covaledictorian who had a slightly lower GPA.
- 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)
- 19 Did they really think they understood my character and **motivations** based on two sentences?
- A. things taken on or adopted
 - B. reason for doing something
 - C. sound quality or its study
- 20 As an advocate for **comprehensive** sex education and support for women, [I want to say] your experiment definitely opened the eyes for many concerning this issue.
- A. capable of being better understood through detailed examination
 - B. large in scope
 - C. the degree to which something is able to change or is different

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	immigrate	Used 2 times in this book.
2	B	vulnerable	Used 2 times in this book.
3	B	migrant	Used 3 times in this book.
4	B	abortion (<i>as in: have an abortion</i>)	Used 14 times in this book.
5	B	mentor	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
6	B	perpetuate	Used 2 times in this book.
7	C	critique	High-utility academic word
8	C	controversial	High-utility academic word
9	A	irresponsible	Used 4 times in this book.
10	C	scrutiny	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
11	C	negative (<i>as in: had a negative effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
12	C	decoy	Used 2 times in this book.
13	B	habitat	Used 2 times in this book.
14	B	variable	Used 2 times in this book.
15	C	positive (<i>as in: I'm absolutely positive!</i>)	Used 7 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	positive (<i>as in: had a positive effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	B	motivation	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	B	comprehensive	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.