

The Rainbow Trail

by Zane Grey

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: agitate, aloof, approach (2), austere, constrained, creed, deceive, earnest, fugitive, inquire, mane, mishap, nevertheless, peril, perjury, poignant, revelation, somber, venerable



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
3	A
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10	C
11	B
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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. She missed their warm relationship and was saddened by his **aloofness**.
 - A. lack of respect
 - B. lack of concentration
 - C. lack of interest
3. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
4. I **approached** three bankers about a loan.
 - A. avoided
 - B. complained to
 - C. asked
5. The monk's room was **austere**, with only a bed, a small table, and a wooden chair.
 - A. lavishly decorated
 - B. plain and without luxury
 - C. warm and welcoming
6. Congressional power is **constrained** by the court.
 - A. restricted
 - B. enforced
 - C. threatened
7. She lived by the simple creed that honesty is always the best policy.
 - A. quotation
 - B. misunderstanding
 - C. set of beliefs
8. The fake article was written to attract attention and **deceive** readers.
 - A. entertain
 - B. attract
 - C. lie to or mislead
9. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - A. frivolous attitude
 - B. seriousness
 - C. falseness
10. The **fugitive** fled to Venezuela.
 - A. person on vacation
 - B. rebel
 - C. person running from the law
11. I am here to **inquire** about the job.
 - A. answer questions
 - B. ask about
 - C. perform a task
12. She brushed the horse's tangled mane until it flowed smoothly down its neck.
 - A. long curved tail
 - B. thick neck hair
 - C. sharp pointed hoof

13. Barbless hooks are much easier to remove from the fish (and the person fishing, in the event of a mishap).
- A. reversal of fortunes
 - B. violent argument
 - C. minor accident
14. She loves him. Nevertheless, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
15. The journalist's investigation put her in great peril.
- A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness
16. She signed a written declaration under penalty of perjury.
- A. the criminal offense of lying
 - B. the criminal offense of disrespecting the court
 - C. the criminal offense of ignoring a subpoena
17. Have you read MLK's poignant "Letter from Birmingham Jail"?
- A. arousing deep emotion
 - B. logically compelling
 - C. long
18. I was leaning toward voting for her, but her stance on education policy was a revelation to me.
- A. something surprising and previously unknown
 - B. something that made a decision easy
 - C. something that reversed a previous decision
19. She exhibited a somber mood.
- A. happy
 - B. curious
 - C. cheerless
20. Many were surprised that a venerable institution like Bear Stearns could so rapidly go out of business.
- A. large and successful
 - B. long respected
 - C. popular

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 *"That fellow left—rather abruptly," said Shefford, **constrainedly**.*
 - A. in a way that is restricted; or lacking in spontaneity
 - B. expressed in a manner that shows approval or agreement
 - C. in a manner that is aware or concerned about something
- 2 *"How so?" **inquired** the other.*
 - A. limited or with boundaries
 - B. asked about or looked into
 - C. gradually added or removed
- 3 *Nevertheless, it made his blood run cold.*
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 4 *Memory was too **poignant**; the past was too close; he wanted to forget until he had toiled into the heart of this forbidding wilderness—until time had gone by and he dared to face his unquiet soul.*
 - A. sharp or intense
 - B. able to be found
 - C. likely to change
- 5 *Would they be there, those lost **fugitives** whose story had thrilled him?*
 - A. males, females, or various trans categories
 - B. jobs, reservations, bookings, or activities
 - C. people hiding from law enforcement officers
- 6 *They were wild, shaggy, with long **manes** and tails.*
 - A. portrays or creates something in a particular way OR interprets, translates, or extracts from
 - B. long coarse hair such as that which grows around a lion's head or on the back of a horse's neck
 - C. develops or evolves from a latent or potential state OR (more rarely) determines by reasoning
- 7 *Then a strange, slow-coming cold **agitation** possessed Shefford.*
 - 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 *So far as he knew, Whisner was the first man of that **creed** he had ever met, and he could scarcely hide his eagerness.*
 - A. a basic building block for proteins
 - B. someone who believe in a single God
 - C. any system of principles or beliefs
- 9 *Withers suddenly showed a semblance of the **aloofness** Shefford had observed in Whisner.*
 - A. the degree to which something is able to change or is different
 - B. not trustworthy, or improper, or attracting unwelcome attention
 - C. the quality or degree of being socially distant or uninterested
- 10 *Why was the very mention of Mormons attended by something **austere** and secret?*
 - A. relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
 - B. a notable absence of luxury, comfort, or decoration; or stern in manner
 - C. rude or unfriendly because of using too few words or moving too quickly
- 11 *Remembering Withers's **revelation** about the Navajo, Shefford scarcely knew how to approach him now.*
 - A. something previously unknown; or making such a thing known
 - B. a large, elongated gland located behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin
 - C. of the philosophical & religious system based on the teachings of Laozi (also spelled Taoist)
- 12 *Remembering Withers's revelation about the Navajo, Shefford scarcely knew how to **approach** him now.*
 - A. did not find a condition or substance to be present
 - B. to support by providing money or other economic aid
 - C. begin communication with

- 13 *The mule showed his cunning and always appeared to present his heels to Withers, who tried to approach him with a pack-saddle.*
A. get near
B. create dramatic change
C. mirror back (an image)
- 14 *One of them appeared to be very old and venerable, and walked with a stick.*
A. relating to understanding or explaining something in a particular way
B. respected (worthy of respect) -- typically because of age or position
C. [of food] able to be prepared in a manner that keeps it from spoiling
- 15 *"Except to Indians, it seems to be a secret so far," replied the trader, earnestly.*
A. in a self-aware manner
B. sincerely or seriously
C. finally; or in the end
- 16 *Withers rode off, with a parting word to Shefford, and finally Joe somberly mounted his bay and trotted down the valley.*
A. in a manner that influences reason or general desire to do something
B. with disbelief; or with difficulty accepting something so unexpected
C. solemnly (in a manner that is serious--not cheerful or lighthearted)
- 17 *Thus many mishaps were Shefford's fortune.*
A. things that stand out
B. shows or demonstrates
C. unfortunate accidents
- 18 *What a hellish thing to make that pure girl a liar—a perjurer!*
A. someone who breaks the law by telling lies after formally promising to tell the truth
B. a doctor who tests eyesight and provides glasses or contact lenses to improve vision
C. someone from outside a group, who helps the group to discuss issues and find solutions
- 19 *Danger, steep walls, perilous heights, night, and black canyon the same—these he never thought of.*
A. stuck out
B. dangerous
C. bent down
- 20 *Had he embarked yet on the river—did that blue line, so faint, so deceiving, hold him and the boat?*
A. influencing opinion
B. continuing to exist
C. lying or misleading

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	constrained	Used 4 times in this book.
2	B	inquire	Used 14 times in this book.
3	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
4	A	poignant	Used 8 times in this book.
5	C	fugitive (<i>as in: she is a fugitive</i>)	Used 22 times in this book.
6	B	mane	Used 12 times in this book.
7	C	agitate	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
8	C	creed	Used 12 times in this book.
9	C	aloof	Used 9 times in this book.
10	B	austere	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
11	A	revelation	Used 11 times in this book.
12	C	approach (<i>as in: approached her with the proposal</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
13	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 13 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
14	B	venerable	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
15	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 14 times in this book.
16	C	somber (<i>as in: a somber mood</i>)	Used 36 times in this book.
17	C	mishap	Used 4 times in this book.
18	A	perjury	Used 4 times in this book.
19	B	peril	Used 13 times in this book.
20	C	deceive	Used 12 times in this book.