

The Stranger

by Albert Camus

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

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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: alternative, amiable, condemn, convey (2), cordial, gaudy, grievance, however (2), indignant, inquire, interpret, irrevocable, magistrate, odious, omit, plausible, preside, sufficient



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
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11	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. Can anyone think of a better **alternative**?
 - A. job
 - B. reason
 - C. possibility
2. It was an **amiable** gathering of old friends.
 - A. friendly
 - B. rare
 - C. emotional
3. He was **condemned** to ten years in prison.
 - A. expecting punishment
 - B. spared punishment
 - C. given punishment
4. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
 - A. express
 - B. accept
 - C. understand
5. We hired a carriage to **convey** us to the city.
 - A. give service of
 - B. explain
 - C. transport
6. The professor greeted each student **cordially** as they entered.
 - A. in a hurried manner
 - B. in a friendly manner
 - C. in a clumsy manner
7. The actor wore a **gaudy** jacket covered with bright sequins and gold trim.
 - A. tastelessly showy
 - B. plain and modest
 - C. old and worn
8. It is a long-standing **grievance**.
 - A. complaint
 - B. connection
 - C. agreement
9. 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
10. However safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
11. 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

12. I am here to **inquire** about the job.
- A. answer questions
 - B. ask about
 - C. perform a task
13. How will a court **interpret** the word *careless* if there is a lawsuit?
- A. understand
 - B. insist on
 - C. ignore
14. If you agree to the terms, you give them **irrevocable** permission to share your comments with others on their site.
- A. easy to reverse later
 - B. unable to be undone
 - C. needing court approval
15. The **magistrate** set bail at \$10,000.
- A. attorney
 - B. queen or king
 - C. judge
16. The poll tax was designed as a particularly **odious** violation of civil rights.
- A. extremely devious
 - B. harmful and hidden
 - C. extremely dislikable
17. She **omitted** a few details to place herself in a more favorable light.
- A. made up
 - B. exaggerated
 - C. left out
18. Her theory was neat, **plausible**, and wrong.
- A. reasonable
 - B. praiseworthy
 - C. foolish
19. The student body president **presides** over student council meetings.
- A. regularly attends
 - B. officially leads
 - C. casually observes
20. Is there **sufficient** cause for a search warrant?
- A. adequate (enough)
 - B. clear or obvious
 - C. dangerous

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 An Arab woman—a nurse, I supposed—was sitting beside the bier; she was wearing a blue smock and had a rather **gaudy** scarf wound round her hair.
 - A. tastelessly showy
 - B. not demonstrating
 - C. able to challenge
- 2 I did want to know, but I hadn't thought of asking her, and I guessed she was making a **grievance** of it.
 - A. complaint
 - B. main road
 - C. hard work
- 3 However, when I was brought before the examining **magistrate** a week later, I noticed that he eyed me with distinct curiosity.
 - A. someone who shows
 - B. people who attack
 - C. judicial official
- 4 Then he **inquired** if I had chosen a lawyer to defend me.
 - A. limited or with boundaries
 - B. asked
 - C. gradually added or removed
- 5 After a while, **however**, once I'd learned the trick of remembering things, I never had a moment's boredom.
 - 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)
- 6 Mother used to say that **however** miserable one is, there's always something to be thankful for.
 - 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
- 7 At the same time I forced myself to keep my inventory in mind from start to finish, in the right order and **omitting** no item.
 - A. telling someone about something
 - B. commending or praising publicly
 - C. to exclude or neglect something
- 8 In one way it sounded most unlikely; in another, it was **plausible** enough.
 - A. reasonable
 - B. in a manner that takes on or adopts
 - C. full of strong desire for something
- 9 When, one morning, the jailer informed me I'd now been six months in jail, I believed him--but the words **conveyed** nothing to my mind.
 - A. communicated or expressed
 - B. was abundant or plentiful
 - C. thought -- possibly aloud
- 10 They came for me at half-past seven in the morning and I was **conveyed** to the law courts in a prison van.
 - A. briefly saw
 - B. hired again
 - C. transported
- 11 The Judge questioned me quite calmly and even, I thought, with a hint of **cordiality**.
 - A. psychiatrist
 - B. friendliness
 - C. satisfaction

- 12 At a sign from the **presiding** judge, one of the court officers led her away,
A. entering another's property without right or permission
B. in charge (with highest authority)
C. catching in; or twisting together into a confusing mass
- 13 And what made it even more **odious** was the personality of the prisoner, an inhuman monster wholly without a moral sense.
A. the degree to which something is able to change or is different
B. not trustworthy, or improper, or attracting unwelcome attention
C. extremely unpleasant, disgusting, dislikable, or worthy of hate
- 14 ...the natural and righteous **indignation** I feel at the sight of a criminal devoid of the least spark of human feeling.
A. anger or annoyance at something unjust or wrong
B. surprise as something unexpected
C. acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 15 It seemed to me then that I could **interpret** the look on the faces of those present; it was one of almost respectful sympathy.
A. understand
B. excessively examine in an attempt to better understand
C. become less drunk (or get completely past drunkenness)
- 16 But technical books dealing with this subject must certainly exist; only I'd never felt **sufficiently** interested to look them up.
A. adequately (in a manner that provides enough -- often without being more than is needed)
B. done in a rude or unfriendly manner because of using too few words or moving too quickly
C. in a manner that relates to questions that cannot be answered with the scientific method
- 17 But, all things considered, even this luxury was forbidden me; I was caught in the rattrap **irrevocably**.
A. separately in the specified order
B. in a manner that cannot be undone
C. in the manner of an investigation
- 18 I gave myself leave, to consider the other **alternative**; that my appeal was successful. And then the trouble was to calm down that sudden rush of joy racing through my body and even bringing tears to my eyes.
A. a mental disorder characterized by alternating episodes of major depression and abnormally elevated mood
B. acts to tendency to engage in acts that resist government authority or attempt to overthrow a government
C. possible outcome (something available as another possibility)
- 19 I refused--not because I had anything against him; he seemed a mild, **amiable** man.
A. friendly, agreeable, and likable
B. important, serious, or dangerous
C. not clear or easily identifiable
- 20 "It wasn't because I'd been **condemned** to death," he said,
A. treated in a manner that demonstrated a sense of superiority, but was supposed to seem kind OR acted like a patron (supported someone or something; or was a customer)
B. examined carefully for accuracy with the intent of verification -- especially an inspection of a company's accounting procedures and records by a trained accountant
C. legally sentenced (to punishment)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	gaudy	Used 2 times in this book.
2	A	grievance	Used 2 times in this book.
3	C	magistrate	Used 16 times in this book.
4	B	inquire	Used 5 times in this book.
5	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
7	C	omit	High-utility academic word
8	A	plausible	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	convey (<i>as in: convey her safely to</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	B	cordial (<i>as in: a cordial reception</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
12	B	preside	Used 6 times in this book.
13	C	odious	Used 4 times in this book.
14	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
15	A	interpret (<i>as in: her interpretation of the data</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
16	A	sufficient	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
17	B	irrevocable	Used 2 times in this book.
18	C	alternative (<i>as in: an alternative plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	A	amiable	Used 5 times in this book.
20	C	condemn (<i>as in: was condemned to life in prison</i>)	Used 7 times in this book.