

The Wedding

by Nicholas Sparks

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: adamant, adapt, anecdote, attribute (2), credulous, delude, earnest, evaluate, imply, infer, mischievous, nonchalant, nonetheless, omit, perfunctory, reticent, scrutiny, skeptical, spontaneous



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
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20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The CEO was **adamant** that the company would not compromise on its commitment to sustainability, even if it meant sacrificing short-term profits.
 - A. willing to change a decision based on new information
 - B. uncertain or hesitant about a decision
 - C. determined not to change a decision
2. This passage is **adapted** from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
 - A. copied
 - B. read
 - C. changed
3. 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
4. She described his physical **attributes**.
 - A. characteristics
 - B. strengths
 - C. weaknesses
5. She **attributes** her success to hard work.
 - A. gives money for
 - B. gives credit for
 - C. gives help for
6. She is so **credulous** she believes everything she reads.
 - A. very skeptical
 - B. easily fooled
 - C. deeply thoughtful
7. Do not **delude** yourself into thinking one late apology fixes everything.
 - A. praise
 - B. protect
 - C. deceive
8. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - A. frivolous attitude
 - B. seriousness
 - C. falseness
9. I'm **evaluating** job options.
 - A. considering
 - B. creating
 - C. avoiding
10. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
 - A. hinted
 - B. insisted
 - C. denied
11. The meaning of the word can be **inferred** based on context clues.
 - A. different
 - B. figured out
 - C. converted

12. The **mischievous** children spilled chocolate syrup all over the kitchen.
- A. misbehaving
 - B. careless
 - C. young
13. How could she be so **nonchalant** about making him suffer?
- A. dishonest
 - B. unconcerned
 - C. happy
14. The class was hard. It was **nonetheless** my favorite.
- A. despite that
 - B. because of that
 - C. for that reason
15. She **omitted** a few details to place herself in a more favorable light.
- A. made up
 - B. exaggerated
 - C. left out
16. Her **perfunctory** apology did little to ease my annoyance.
- A. sincere
 - B. superficial
 - C. written
17. Even among friends, Lena was **reticent** about her plans.
- A. eager to argue
 - B. not willing to talk
 - C. ready to celebrate
18. The new policy faced **scrutiny** from independent reviewers.
- A. strong support
 - B. quick approval
 - C. careful examination
19. She is **skeptical** about the project.
- A. doubtful
 - B. keeping silent
 - C. excited
20. The group broke into **spontaneous** laughter.
- A. quiet and polite
 - B. sudden and unplanned
 - C. loud and bothersome

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 No, my sin was a small one in the grand scheme of things, an incident that under different circumstances might have been the subject of a humorous **anecdote** in later years.
 - A. a short story that is true -- often told for amusement or to make a point
 - B. a feeling of anger or unhappiness at having to accept something not liked
 - C. Hitler's fanatical and oppressive political party in World War II Germany
- 2 I hesitated, aware there was more to her question than its innocence **implied**.
 - A. suggested (said indirectly)
 - B. not wanting to do something
 - C. was attractive or desirable
- 3 While he was growing up, I thought him quiet, yet his **reticence**, like Anna's, seemed directed at me in particular.
 - A. the act of stopping a battle or fight
 - B. reluctance -- usually to speak freely
 - C. a short part of a longer written work
- 4 "Sounds like it'll be fun," I called out with what I hoped sounded like **nonchalance**.
 - A. the liquid portion of blood
 - B. calmness and lack of concern
 - C. between daylight and darkness
- 5 Then, with a **mischievous** grin: "Could be worse, though, too."
 - A. playfully causing minor trouble; or describing the smile of someone doing so
 - B. the state or degree of having the ability to change for different situations
 - C. the quality of behaving in an instinctive, uninhibited, and unplanned manner
- 6 We've made love infrequently these last few years, and when we did, it lacked the **spontaneity** and excitement we'd enjoyed in the past.
 - A. the state or character of not finding a condition or substance to be present
 - B. behavior or action that happens naturally without planning or external force
 - C. a common name for tetanus, a serious infection that makes the jaw clamp shut
- 7 Originally from Pollocksville—a small hamlet twelve miles south of New Bern—he'd attended East Carolina University, and during my first year at the firm, he often asked me how I was **adapting** to life in a small town.
 - A. strongly desiring; or a strong desire
 - B. charging (with having broken the law)
 - C. changing to fit a different situation
- 8 I sat in silence as the negotiations began **in earnest**.
 - A. seven wise men of ancient Greece
 - B. serious; or in a serious manner
 - C. real (genuine, true, or sincere)
- 9 Noah once told me why the swan never left, and his explanation was one of the reasons the doctors thought him **delusional**.
 - A. tending to have excessively unfavorable opinions
 - B. the state or degree of criticism or disagreement
 - C. out of touch with reality (having false beliefs)
- 10 I remember marveling at her animated features as she recounted the details of her life growing up in New Bern, and it was the first time I sensed the **attributes** I would always cherish: her intelligence and passion, her charm, the carefree way she seemed to view the world.
 - A. characteristics (of something or someone)
 - B. dreamlike states of altered consciousness
 - C. piles of wood or other burnable materials

- 11 *Her siblings are the same way, and I **attribute** that to Noah and Allie.*
A. say something or make a sound with the voice
B. credit (point to as the source of something)
C. move out of an interacting position; or stop
- 12 *Even though I realized that it might be only temporary, it **nonetheless** stoked the small flame of hope I had begun to nurture in secret.*
A. in spite of that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
C. therefore (for that reason)
- 13 *Logic seemed to **infer** it was the latter, yet it nonetheless pained me to realize that her levity would be gone the moment she hung up the phone.*
A. take up or receive into heaven
B. conclude or guess by reasoning
C. hire, reserve, book, or occupy
- 14 *Jane was the oldest of her siblings—only seven years separated the four of them—and I could tell from their faces when we arrived that they were still **evaluating** me.*
A. thinking carefully and making a judgment about
B. returning to an undesirable previous condition
C. moving back and forth; or being unsure or weak
- 15 *She eyed me **skeptically**.*
A. in a doubtful manner (regarding the truth of something)
B. in a manner that is open to arguments, ideas, or change
C. inadequately (in a manner that does not provide enough)
- 16 *"Next time we will," I agreed in a **perfunctory** way.*
A. (adjective) designed to stop something OR (noun) something that stops something else
B. done without much interest or effort -- especially as when dispensing with a formality
C. related to intelligence -- such as requiring, appealing to, or possessing intelligence
- 17 *I would have tried, but he was so **adamant**.*
A. the characteristic of demonstrating something
B. the quality of not being sensible and careful
C. determined not to change a decision or belief
- 18 *She tilted her head, **scrutinizing** me.*
A. requesting or challenging
B. mirroring back (an image)
C. looking at very carefully
- 19 *"Hello, Noah," I said, but instead of responding with his usual greeting, he turned toward me with a look of **incredulity**.*
A. social event or ceremony
B. a state of not believing
C. Islamic religious leader
- 20 *More often than I would ever have believed possible, I've been pulled aside by a husband asking whether he was legally obligated to leave something to his wife or whether he could **omit** her entirely in favor of his mistress.*
A. stop (something from happening)
B. fulfill one's highest potential
C. to exclude or neglect something

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	anecdote	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
2	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	B	reticent	Used 3 times in this book.
4	B	nonchalant	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
5	A	mischievous	Used 6 times in this book.
6	B	spontaneous	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
7	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
8	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	C	delude	Used 5 times in this book.
10	A	attribute (<i>as in: It is an attribute of...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	B	attribute (<i>as in: I attribute it to...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	A	nonetheless	Used 9 times in this book.
13	B	infer	High-utility academic word
14	A	evaluate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	A	skeptical	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
16	B	perfunctory	Used 2 times in this book.
17	C	adamant	Used 3 times in this book.
18	C	scrutiny	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
19	B	credulous	Used 2 times in this book.
20	C	omit	High-utility academic word