

This Lullaby

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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: accompany, analytical, chord, commotion, cynical, dispute, engrossed, equilibrium, factor, however (2), incarnate, incredulous, increment, indignant, nostalgia, refute, repercussions, skeptical, technique



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	A
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17	C
18	A
19	A
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The exact numbers are shown in the **accompanying** table.
 - A. provided together
 - B. informative
 - C. previously published
2. We have a numbers-tested, **analytical** approach to advertising.
 - A. logical and systematic
 - B. creative and artistic
 - C. loud and aggressive
3. The guitarist strummed a complex **chord**, its rich harmony filling the room.
 - A. three or more notes that blend harmoniously
 - B. a single, sustained musical tone
 - C. a repeated rhythmic pattern
4. Her entrance created quite a **commotion**.
 - A. disturbance
 - B. outburst of laughter
 - C. accident
5. Over the years, she has grown **cynical** and unhappy.
 - A. distrustful of others
 - B. trusting of strangers
 - C. envious of friends
6. She **disputes** his claim.
 - A. supports
 - B. accepts
 - C. challenges
7. She was so **engrossed** in a conversation that she didn't see me.
 - A. interested
 - B. bored
 - C. angry
8. In the field of economics, market **equilibrium** is achieved when supply meets demand, resulting in stable prices and satisfied consumers.
 - A. conflict
 - B. disparity
 - C. balance
9. In the second paragraph, the narrator's focus shifts from **factors** making her unhappy to identification of possible solutions to her unhappiness.
 - A. things that are unfair
 - B. things (that influence an outcome)
 - C. examples of illnesses
10. 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
11. However safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how

12. Tolkien referred to his *Lord of the Rings* character, Gandalf, as an *angel* incarnate.
- A. in a human body
 - B. in training
 - C. in evil surroundings
13. At first, she was **incredulous**--thinking the report was in error.
- A. worried
 - B. confused
 - C. without belief
14. The table shows the amount of tax based on \$1,000 increments in income.
- A. subsidies
 - B. increases
 - C. regulations
15. 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
16. My parents are sometimes **nostalgic** about their college days.
- A. secretive
 - B. longing
 - C. bitter
17. He **refuted** the argument.
- A. avoided
 - B. complained about
 - C. argued against
18. Cheating on the test brought severe **repercussions** for the students.
- A. consequences
 - B. rewards
 - C. celebrations
19. She is **skeptical** about the project.
- A. doubtful
 - B. keeping silent
 - C. excited
20. One **technique** I use for dealing with anger is to wait ten seconds before responding.
- A. way of doing something
 - B. habit
 - C. solution to anger

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 hour of his time, just a few **chords**, two verses and a chorus.*
 - A. a combination of three or more notes that blend harmoniously when sounded together; or figuratively to express harmonious blending or clashing
 - B. (verb) intentionally angers, challenges, or upsets someone OR (noun) insults or other actions intended to anger, challenge, or upset someone
 - C. items characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open -- such as a door or musical instrument with that characteristic
- 2 *I looked up at him, still **incredulous**.*
 - A. not capable of being better understood through detailed examination
 - B. clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
 - C. unbelieving; or having difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 3 *"I am the queen of relationships," I said **indignantly**.*
 - A. with anger or annoyance at something unjust or wrong
 - B. with surprise as something unexpected
 - C. with acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 4 *I could feel the trampoline easing up and down, moved by our own breathing, bringing us in small **increments** up and back from the sky as the colors faded, slowly, and the stars began to show themselves.*
 - A. acts or processes of stopped something from happening
 - B. a series of increases; or the amount of the increases
 - C. psychologists who emphasize internal mental processes
- 5 *I'd learned, over the years, that there was a range of **techniques** involved in breaking up with someone.*
 - A. ways of doing things
 - B. wrong understandings
 - C. acts of hiring again
- 6 *And we instituted this new policy, so the **repercussions** for being late are brutal.*
 - A. indirect or secondary effects of an action -- typically negative effects
 - B. non-doctors who practice the profession of assisting women in childbirth
 - C. dark, suspenseful stories that often include mystery or the supernatural
- 7 *All these years Chris was the only one who'd ever shared my sick, **cynical** view on love.*
 - A. someone who expects the worst -- especially of people (such as expecting them to be selfish and lie)
 - B. characterized by recurrent and persistent thoughts and feelings and repetitive, ritualized behaviors
 - C. related to the change of a light wave (or other wave) when it passes an opaque edge or narrow opening
- 8 *It didn't help that I was so drunk that my balance was off, my **equilibrium** shot.*
 - A. thought
 - B. payment
 - C. balance
- 9 *That was Adrian, the bouncer, too late as usual for the real **commotion** but always up for a chance to throw his little bit of power around.*
 - A. noisy disturbance
 - B. circular movement
 - C. size or dimension
- 10 *Living off beans, however, is reminiscent of a more slang culture, realistic, and a lower class, which is indicative of both the speaker in the song and the music that **accompanies** it.*
 - A. is provided with (to make it better)
 - B. gives an opinion of what is wrong with something
 - C. interferes in other people's affairs or business
- 11 *I really did hope this was my mother's last marriage: I wasn't sure she, or I, could take another **incarnation**.*
 - A. embodiment
 - B. difference
 - C. thigh bone

- 12 Monkey, **however**, sitting between us in a plastic baby pool up to his haunches in cold water, was totally content.
- 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)
- 13 But even there, locked in the stall, I could still hear it going, those notes I'd known by heart for as long as I could remember, now twisted and different, with another man I hardly knew who had some claim to me, **however** small, singing the words.
- 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
- 14 It was quiet as Ted and Dexter exchanged a **skeptical** look, not unnoticed by John Miller, who sighed loudly, shaking his head.
- A. doubtful (that something is true or worthwhile)
- or more rarely:
- generally tending to doubt what others believe
 - B. the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together
 - C. related to the branch of medicine that deals with the diseases of women -- especially those of the reproductive organs
- 15 I could feel John Miller looking at me, even as I pretended to be completely **engrossed** in a news story about structural problems with the new county dam.
- A. with all attention focused
 - B. gradually added or removed
 - C. limited or with boundaries
- 16 To them it was just old and sappy enough now to be **nostalgic**, a song their parents might have listened to.
- A. able to be stopped from happening
 - B. with a longing for something past
 - C. feeling reluctant to do something
- 17 I wanted to tell her that this, at least in my experience, wasn't as big of a **factor** in a relationship as you'd think, but decided against it.
- A. job, reservation, booking, or activity
 - B. thing that affects a result or outcome
 - C. something that is made or manufactured
- 18 Chloe turned down the radio as I twisted in my seat, already wondering what I'd say when Dexter asked why I was leaving, what was the deal, how exactly I could **refute** that automatic assumption that this was just jealous girlfriend behavior.
- A. find, search, or research
 - B. being a boundary or limit
 - C. disprove or argue against
- 19 It seemed surreal to be discussing the previous night in such **analytical** terms, as if it had happened to someone else and we were just off to the side, doing the play-by-play.
- A. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
 - B. the state or degree of being pessimistic or disagreeable
 - C. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
- 20 I am new to this, I'm not **disputing** that.
- A. emphasizing (drawing attention to something)
 - B. a non-doctor assisting a women in childbirth
 - C. disagreeing with (or arguing about)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	chord (<i>as in: piano chord</i>)	Used 20 times in this book.
2	C	incredulous	Used 5 times in this book.
3	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
4	B	increment	Used 2 times in this book.
5	A	technique	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
6	A	repercussions	Used 3 times in this book.
7	A	cynical	Used 7 times in this book.
8	C	equilibrium	Used 3 times in this book.
9	A	commotion	Used 5 times in this book.
10	A	accompany (<i>as in: the accompanying chart</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	A	incarnate	Used 3 times in this book.
12	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
13	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
14	A	skeptical	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
15	A	engrossed (<i>as in: engrossed in the book</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
16	B	nostalgia	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
17	B	factor (<i>as in: It was the deciding factor.</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
18	C	refute	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	A	analytical	High-utility academic word
20	C	dispute (<i>as in: She disputes his claim.</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.