

This Side of Paradise

by F. Scott Fitzgerald

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: antagonist, attribute (2), cynical, despair (2), egotistical, intellectual (2), intrinsic, materialistic, melancholy, pedantic, phenomenon, plebeian, resignation (2), supercilious, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

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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. In the book, *Harry Potter*, Voldemort is Harry's **antagonist**.
 - A. partner
 - B. friend
 - C. enemy
2. She described his physical **attributes**.
 - A. characteristics
 - B. strengths
 - C. weaknesses
3. She **attributes** her success to hard work.
 - A. gives money for
 - B. gives credit for
 - C. gives help for
4. Over the years, she has grown **cynical** and unhappy.
 - A. distrustful of others
 - B. trusting of strangers
 - C. envious of friends
5. She rescued me from **despair**.
 - A. fear
 - B. poverty
 - C. hopelessness
6. Don't **despair**--help is on the way!
 - A. lose hope
 - B. be impatient
 - C. cry
7. She has talent, but she is too **egotistical**.
 - A. nervous
 - B. inexperienced
 - C. conceited
8. Einstein's **intellectual** achievements and originality have made the word *Einstein* synonymous with *genius*.
 - A. related to intelligence
 - B. related to science
 - C. related to physics
9. Adam Smith was a leading **intellectual** of his time.
 - A. a highly intuitive person who practices self-expression through art
 - B. a highly educated person interested in learning and exploring ideas
 - C. a person most concerned with experiences of the senses
10. Curiosity is an **intrinsic** part of learning.
 - A. recently added
 - B. easily removed
 - C. built-in
11. I wouldn't describe myself as **materialistic**, but I would like some financial security.
 - A. too concerned with wealth and possessions
 - B. too afraid of risk and uncertainty
 - C. unwilling to spend any money
12. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring,
 - A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing

13. Her essay was filled with creative ideas, but it was vulnerable to **pedantic nitpicking**.
A. of someone too concerned with regional style
B. of someone too concerned with statistical studies
C. of someone too concerned with book learning
14. The **phenomenon** was first noticed by Marie Curie.
A. thing of interest
B. thing that is growing
C. thing that is hidden
15. She dismissed his taste in movies as **plebeian**, preferring obscure foreign films.
A. wealthy or powerful
B. ordinary or unsophisticated
C. secretive or mysterious
16. She said that if I don't **resign**, I will be fired.
A. do better
B. quit
C. renew an agreement
17. She was **resigned** to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
A. putting a stop
B. resistant
C. with acceptance
18. His **supercilious** tone made everyone in the room feel inferior.
A. haughty and disdainful
B. warm and welcoming
C. shy and uncertain
19. The experiment **yielded** data that raised a new set of questions.
A. produced
B. destroyed
C. slowed down
20. After the scandal, she **yielded** to public pressure and resigned her position.
A. added
B. gave in
C. produced

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 BOOK ONE—The Romantic **Egotist** CHAPTER 1.

- A. relating to properties of sound or hearing
- B. something accepted as true (without proof)
- C. someone who is conceited and self-centered

2 *This was fun for a while, but he essayed a cigarette in his exaltation, and succumbed to a vulgar, **plebeian** reaction.*

- A. related to the branch of medicine that deals with the diseases of women -- especially those of the reproductive organs
- B. of or belonging to common people -- often implying a lack of refinement

or:

an ordinary citizen of ancient Rome

- C. the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together

3 *His uncertain fifteen-year-old voice broke in in a **melancholy** strain on Amory's musings: "I'd marry that girl to-night."*

- A. relating to the outside
- B. a sad feeling or manner
- C. about (but not exactly)

4 *The slicker was a definite element of success, differing **intrinsically** from the prep school "big man."*

- A. in a manner that is very bad (deserving no respect)
- B. in a manner that spreads to other parts of the body
- C. in a manner related to the very nature of something

5 *...he scrutinized his room **resignedly**, concluding that it was hopeless to attempt any more inspired decoration...*

- A. in a manner that uses extreme or violent methods to achieve a political goal
- B. the state of being worthy of entry -- especially evidence allowable in court
- C. having accepted something undesirable as the best that can be done

6 *About one-third of the junior class are going to **resign** from their clubs.*

- A. draw
- B. quit
- C. rule

7 *** "PETTING" On the Triangle trip Amory had come into constant contact with that great current American **phenomenon**, the "petting party."*

- A. something that exists or happened -- often of special interest
- B. something that was once small, but is getting very large
- C. something important that is hard to see or sense

8 *The sensations **attributed** to divers on spring-boards, leading ladies on opening nights, and lumpy, husky young men on the day of the Big Game, crowded through her.*

- A. not made different; or shown to be different
- B. credited (pointed to as the cause of something)
- C. not changed directly from a solid to a vapor

9 *One afternoon they dipped into a subject that had interested Amory for a long time—the matter of the bearing of physical **attributes** on a man's make-up.*

- A. characteristics (of something or someone)
- B. dreamlike states of altered consciousness
- C. piles of wood or other burnable materials

- 10 *As an actress even in the fullest flush of her own conscious magnetism gets a deep impression of most of the people in the front row, so Isabelle sized up her **antagonist**.*
 A. someone who changes something (upon review)
 B. someone who takes something on as their own
 C. someone who offers opposition or is hostile
- 11 *there was a glance that passed between them--on his side **despair**, on hers regret,*
 A. adjusts a lens to make an image clear
 B. not creating disagreement or struggle
 C. distress (at inability to improve a bad situation)
- 12 *He returned to his contemplation of the outdoors, and began repeating over and over, mechanically, a verse from Browning, which he had once quoted to Isabelle in a letter: "Each life unfulfilled, you see, It hangs still, patchy and scrappy; We have not sighed deep, laughed free, Starved, feasted, **despaired**—been happy."*
 A. lost hope
 B. disagreed
 C. stuck out
- 13 *Somehow the quiet Humbird, and Sloane, with his impatient **superciliousness**, were the centre.*
 A. arrogant (acting as if better, more important, and superior in ideas than others)
 B. not having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 C. able to qualify for regular payments that permit having an income without working
- 14 *Two years more of mere **pedantry** and lying around a club aren't going to help.*
 A. a group formed to discuss or offer insight on a particular topic
 B. to constrain in some way -- such as tie up, require, or obligate
 C. being too concerned with formal rules, details, or book learning
- 15 *He had fallen into a deep **cynicism** over what had crossed his path,*
 A. believing that things usually go poorly and that selfish and insincere
 B. a psychological disorder characterized by excessive distrust of others
 C. one-sided information that is purposefully spread to influence opinions
- 16 *There are times when I think of the men out there as Roman legionaries, miles from their corrupt city, stemming back the hordes...hordes a little more menacing, after all, than the corrupt city...another blind blow at the race, furies that we passed with ovations years ago, over whose corpses we bleated triumphantly all through the Victorian era.... And afterward an out-and-out **materialistic** world—and the Catholic Church.*
 A. too concerned with wealth and possessions
 B. without purpose, job, or natural activity
 C. unable or difficult to meet and talk with
- 17 *...dull men are usually afraid of her cleverness and **intellectual** men are usually afraid of her beauty.*
 A. intelligent
 B. (adjective) designed to stop something OR (noun) something that stops something else
 C. relating to a form of social organization in which men are given more power than women
- 18 *"And like most **intellectuals** who don't find faith convenient," he continued coldly, "like Napoleon and Oscar Wilde and the rest of your type, you'll yell loudly for a priest on your death-bed."*
 A. believers in the religious movement started by Joseph Smith, especially the beliefs and practices of Latter-day Saints
 B. highly educated people
 C. members of the 1960's counterculture associated with long hair, illegal drugs, casual sex, and opposition to violence.
- 19 *Nevertheless, even though it might not **yield** a cent for the next three years, Amory decided with a vague sentimentality that for the present, at any rate, he would not sell the house.*
 A. produce or give
 B. stop (something from happening)
 C. think deeply or carefully about
- 20 *Feeling very much alone, Amory **yielded** to an impulse and set off southward, intending to join Monsignor in Washington.*
 A. with rises and falls in pitch
 B. gave in, gave way, or gave up
 C. embarrassed or self-conscious

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	egotistical	Used 11 times in this book.
2	B	plebeian	Used 4 times in this book.
3	B	melancholy	Used 8 times in this book.
4	C	intrinsic	Used 3 times in this book.
5	C	resignation (<i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i>)	Used 10 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
6	B	resignation (<i>as in: submitted her resignation</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
7	A	phenomenon	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
8	B	attribute (<i>as in: I attribute it to...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	attribute (<i>as in: It is an attribute of...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	C	antagonist (<i>as in: the antagonist in the film</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	C	despair (<i>as in: she felt despair</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	A	despair (<i>as in: do not despair</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	A	supercilious	Used 5 times in this book.
14	C	pedantic	Used 4 times in this book.
15	A	cynical	Used 13 times in this book.
16	A	materialistic	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
17	A	intellectual (<i>as in: intellectual stimulation</i>)	Used 11 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
18	B	intellectual (<i>as in: She is an intellectual.</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.