Touching Spirit Bear

by Ben Mikaeslen

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Contents & Printing Notes

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PRE-READING ACTIVITY

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OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

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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: acknowledge, banish, consequence, contract, demonstrate, devour (2), incessant, mock, parole, persistent, positive (2), stifle (2), sullen, trace (2), treacherous, waver

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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
3	A
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6	B
7	B
8	B
9	C
10	B
11	B
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16	B
17	A
18	A
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She **acknowledged** her mistake and apologized.
   A. admitted
   B. minimized
   C. exaggerated

2. I tried to **banish** the thought from my mind.
   A. understand
   B. collect
   C. send away

3. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
   A. result
   B. unimportant part
   C. important part

4. A lot of people get into trouble by signing **contracts** they don't understand.
   A. written agreement with much small print
   B. written agreements that is enforceable by law
   C. written agreements with terms that are not specified

5. The medal is given only to a few who have **demonstrated** extraordinary courage while defending their country.
   A. protested
   B. shown
   C. encouraged

6. The lions **devoured** the antelope.
   A. killed
   B. ate
   C. caught

7. Over a thousand acres of the forest was **devoured** by the flames.
   A. spared
   B. destroyed
   C. endangered

8. Night and day we live with the **incessant** noise of the city.
   A. loud
   B. continuous
   C. pleasant

9. American's have a hard time understanding that to **mock** Islam is to invite violence.
   A. discriminate against
   B. not believe in
   C. make fun of

10. She was imprisoned for life without the possibility of **parole**.
    A. appeal to a higher court
    B. early release from prison
    C. transfer to a new prison

11. The **persistent** rain finally stopped after flooding streets for a full week.
    A. quickly ending
    B. continuing steadily
    C. suddenly starting

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12. I'm **positive** our team will win on Friday.
    A. happy
    B. pretty sure
    C. certain

13. Volunteering had a **positive** impact on the whole neighborhood.
    A. good or beneficial
    B. harmful or damaging
    C. minor and unnoticed

14. She had to **stifle** a laugh during the somber funeral service.
    A. let out freely
    B. hold back
    C. loudly announce

15. The heat and humidity are **stifling**.
    A. summertime events
    B. not bad
    C. uncomfortable

16. A **sullen** crowd watched the execution.
    A. excited
    B. unhappy
    C. celebrating

17. The study found **traces** of cocaine on most $20 bills used in large cities of the United States and Canada.
    A. tiny quantities
    B. various types of
    C. large amounts

18. She used a stick to **trace** a mysterious symbol on the sand.
    A. draw
    B. erase
    C. uncover

19. It's a gorgeous beach, but the waves make swimming **treacherous**.
    A. exciting
    B. impossible
    C. dangerous

20. We will never **waver** in our commitment to provide the best education possible.
    A. speak forcefully
    B. grow rapidly
    C. be unsteady

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 *Even jail can be* positive *if you go in with a good heart.*
A. good or beneficial
B. not representative
C. impossible to find

2 *We'll be staying until we're* positive *that he's safe.*
A. outside
B. various
C. certain

3 *In the summer's* stifling *heat, the room seemed airless and threatening.*
A. developing or evolving from a latent or potential state OR (more rarely) determining by reasoning
B. directing energy from a negative (unacceptable) impulse or urge into a positive or acceptable action
C. so hot and humid that breathing is more difficult

4 *Panicking, Cole* stifled *a cough—he didn't dare cough.*
A. provided investment funds for something -- such as a business
B. suppressed (held back)
C. wanting to do something; or made someone want to do something

5 *Inch by inch the billowing flames* devoured *the supplies and the shelter.*
A. played cheerful and lively music
B. destroyed (completely burned up)
C. caused something to move forward

6 *Cole squirted on a glob of ketchup, then* devoured *the hot dog.*
A. limited or with boundaries
B. ate rapidly and completely
C. gradually added or removed

7 *His wild laughter* mocked *the world and everyone he had ever known.*
A. hired again
B. briefly saw
C. made fun of

8 *As the Circle sat down, the Keeper drew in a deep slow breath, looking around to* acknowledge *each person.*
A. express recognition of
B. remember
C. give a warning look to

9 *...we feel he should be released to* parole *and to the supervision of one of his parents.*
A. "spiritually renew" (a person) in a Christian ceremony OR initiate or purify by a challenging experience
B. early release from prison (as long as he complies with special conditions)
C. treat something in an educated, intellectual way -- often excluding emotional or practical considerations

10 *As he* wavered *on his weakened legs...*
A. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
B. made appropriate in size, amount, or degree
C. moved back and forth (from weakness or uncertainty)

11 *You do know that* banishment *is much harder than any jail cell, don't you?*
A. hard labor required as punishment
B. freedom in uncertain times
C. being forced to leave a community and not return

12 *The* incessant *rain made the fire sputter and send up whiffs of smoke with a sweet burnt smell.*
A. poor ability to make a decision
B. continuous
C. non-traditional or non-standard

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13 *Life is made up of* consequences, *and you've sure made some bad choices.*
A. results from actions
B. memories and dreams
C. rules or beliefs

14 *He broke his* contract *with the Circle, and he violated our trust.*
A. suntanned; or reddish-brown or yellowish-brown in color
B. formal agreement
C. view in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion

15 *Can I ask Cole to help me with a* demonstration?
A. untied or released
B. display (of a principle)
C. easily set on fire

16 *He picked up a small stick and* traced *in the dirt.*
A. drew
B. quit
C. paid

17 "*Next year, every* trace *of your existence here will be removed from the island,*" *Edwin said.*
A. slight indication or sign
B. reason (for doing something)
C. the sacred writings of Islam

18 *Walking over the frosty rocks along the streambed became too* treacherous.
A. painful
B. slow
C. dangerous

19 *Peter returned to being* sullen, *refusing to talk.*
A. exactness or accuracy
B. showing a gloomy or bad mood (often by not interacting with others in a friendly way)
C. not easily identified

20 "*My mouse dance taught me that a mouse is* persistent *and bold,*" *he said.*
A. tendency to be direct in a disagreeable, insensitive manner
B. (of a nature to) continue its efforts despite difficulties
C. the degree or quality of being exactly vertical or straight

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	positive *(as in: had a positive effect)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	C	positive *(as in: I'm absolutely positive!)*	2 meanings in this book.
3	C	stifle *(as in: the heat is stifling)*	2 meanings in this book.
4	B	stifle *(as in: stifling the urge)*	2 meanings in this book.
5	B	devour *(as in: devoured by flames)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	B	devour *(as in: devoured three sandwiches)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	mock *(as in: don't mock me)*	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
8	A	acknowledge *(as in: acknowledge her or the truth)*	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	B	parole *(as in: released on parole)*	Used 6 times in this book.
10	C	waver	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
11	C	banish	Used 14 times in this book.
12	B	incessant	Used 2 times in this book.
13	A	consequence *(as in: a direct consequence of)*	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
14	B	contract *(as in: legal contract)*	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
15	B	demonstrate *(as in: It demonstrates my point.)*	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
16	A	trace *(as in: trace a picture or outline)*	2 meanings in this book.
17	A	trace *(as in: found a trace of)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	C	treacherous *(as in: the road is steep and treacherous)*	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	B	sullen *(as in: a sullen mood)*	Used 5 times in this book.
20	B	persistent	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.

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