

Unwind

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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: accompany, alternative, convention, convey, despair, determine, determined, direct (3), imply, integrity, interstate, naive, passage, resolve (2), stigma, tithe, tone



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
3	C
4	A
5	C
6	A
7	C
8	B
9	A
10	B
11	A
12	B
13	C
14	C
15	B
16	A
17	B
18	A
19	C
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. Will you accompany her to the party?
A. follow
B. precede
C. go with
2. Can anyone think of a better alternative?
A. job
B. reason
C. possibility
3. In most countries, the convention is to shake the head to indicate "no", but in Bulgaria that indicates "yes".
A. movement
B. agreement
C. normal behavior
4. Please convey my gratitude for her hospitality.
A. express
B. accept
C. understand
5. She rescued me from despair.
A. fear
B. poverty
C. hopelessness
6. She is determined to find a cure for the disease.
A. firmly planning
B. hoping
C. without hope
7. She determined that there was an error in the calculation.
A. insisted stubbornly
B. incorrectly believed
C. discovered
8. I would like to speak directly to the manager.
A. formally
B. personally
C. when convenient
9. She is easy to work with. She is direct in her communications and expectations.
A. straightforward
B. considerate
C. humble
10. The judge directed the jury to ignore the question.
A. asked
B. ordered
C. understood
11. She implied that she would vote with us.
A. hinted
B. insisted
C. denied
12. Real integrity is doing the right thing when nobody's going to know whether you did it or not.
A. sacrifice
B. morality
C. foolishness

13. We'll make good time once we're on the interstate.
- A. train
 - B. plane
 - C. freeway
14. Being naive, she is too quick to believe what people say.
- A. honest
 - B. a pleaser
 - C. too trusting
15. After reading each passage, choose the best answer to each question.
- A. article
 - B. short part of a longer work
 - C. route to get somewhere
16. She is testing my resolve to keep a good attitude.
- A. determination
 - B. ability
 - C. optimism
17. This feud will never be resolved with violence.
- A. properly considered
 - B. settled or solved
 - C. reduced or understood
18. We are working to eliminate the stigma of getting psychiatric counseling.
- A. shaming
 - B. expenses
 - C. waiting times
19. After saving 10% of my income, paying taxes and tithing, I don't have that much to spend.
- A. paying for housing
 - B. paying insurance charges
 - C. donating 10% of income to a church
20. Would you describe the author's tone as more optimistic or more pessimistic?
- A. supporting characters
 - B. expressed mood
 - C. logical argument

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 *The yellow copy would accompany Connor to his end, and the pink would stay with his parents, as evidence of what they'd done.*
 - A. speed
 - B. instruct
 - C. go with
- 2 *Ariana's house is a twenty-minute walk, if you take the conventional route.*
 - A. straightest
 - B. scenic
 - C. normal
- 3 *Suburban Ohio neighborhoods never have streets that go in straight lines, so instead he takes the more direct route, through the woods, and makes it there in ten.*
 - A. difficult
 - B. straight
 - C. scenic
- 4 *There's grumbling, but no direct defiance.*
 - A. clear
 - B. dangerous
 - C. hidden
- 5 *Connor's shots had been very precise; they were low, and directed at a corner of the crate.*
 - A. landed
 - B. aimed
 - C. bounced
- 6 *The look of despair on Andy's face is suddenly replaced by a steely resolve bordering on triumph.*
 - A. firmness of purpose
 - B. physical strength
 - C. frozen smile
- 7 *Two years and six court dates later, it still wasn't resolved.*
 - A. started
 - B. settled
 - C. understood
- 8 *It wasn't the story but the tone of his voice that mattered, a gentle baritone rumble as calming as waves breaking on a shore.*
 - A. volume of voice expressing a feeling
 - B. quality of voice expressing a feeling
 - C. logical argument supporting a belief
- 9 *And he's determined to have the best time of his life.*
 - A. firmly planning
 - B. unreasonably demanding
 - C. humbly asking
- 10 *They even all have the same last name, and she silently curses whoever it was who determined that they should all be named Ward—as if being one weren't enough of a stigma.*
 - A. researched
 - B. learned
 - C. decided
- 11 *He was so freaked out at having tranq'd a cop with his own weapon, he just dropped it and ran—just as he dropped his backpack on the interstate so he could carry Lev.*
 - A. road that stays in a single state
 - B. road that runs east/west
 - C. road that goes through multiple states

- 12 *Risa is careful not to struggle because struggling gives him the advantage. She lets her tone of voice convey all the weight. "Let go of me."*
- A. express
 - B. approve
 - C. question
- 13 *Clearly offended, Lev says, "Tithing's in the Bible; you're supposed to give 10 percent of everything."*
- A. supporting those who are weaker
 - B. helping those who are sick
 - C. donating 10% of income to the church
- 14 *Risa knows he didn't want it, but he had been willing to take it when the alternative was a miserable life with a miserable family.*
- A. standard possibility
 - B. frightening possibility
 - C. other possibility
- 15 *The simple fact that he has a destination is enough for Lev. It's more than Lev has. Destination implies a future.*
- A. suggests
 - B. eliminates
 - C. quickens
- 16 *But each time a new group of kids shows up and Lev isn't among them, a sense of despair worms its way through Connor's gut.*
- A. annoyance
 - B. happiness
 - C. distress
- 17 *Maybe this kid isn't as naive as he looks.*
- A. sophisticated
 - B. pessimistic
 - C. inexperienced
- 18 *They even all have the same last name, and she silently curses whoever it was who determined that they should all be named Ward—as if being one weren't enough of a stigma.*
- A. something looked down upon by society
 - B. something that is distressing
 - C. something that makes success difficult
- 19 *Hayden once said that Connor had integrity.*
- A. superior intelligence
 - B. strong moral principles
 - C. a strong work ethic
- 20 *He also keeps his silence when Bible passages become shredded to justify unwinding, and kids start to see the face of God in the fragments.*
- A. routes between two locations
 - B. short parts of a longer work
 - C. instances of passing of time

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	accompany (as in: accompany on the journey)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
2	C	convention (as in: conventional behavior)	High-utility academic word
3	B	direct (as in: directly above; or buy direct)	3 meanings in this book.
4	A	direct (as in: gave a direct answer)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
5	B	direct (as in: direct a question; or direct a film)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
6	A	resolve (as in: Her resolve weakened.)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
7	B	resolve (as in: How was the problem resolved?)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
8	B	tone (as in: the tone of the essay)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	determined (as in: is determined to succeed)	Used 9 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	determine (as in: determined she is guilty)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	interstate (as in: interstate commerce)	Used 9 times in this book.
12	A	convey (as in: convey her thoughts)	High-utility academic word
13	C	tithe	Used 81 times in this book.
14	C	alternative (as in: an alternative plan)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
16	C	despair (as in: she felt despair)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
17	C	naive	Used 5 times in this book.
18	A	stigma (as in: suffered the stigma of...)	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
19	B	integrity (as in: a person of high integrity)	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
20	B	passage (as in: In lines 1-9 of the passage...)	High-utility academic word