

Walden

by Henry David Thoreau

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: adapt, adapted, correspond, cultivate, endeavor, incline, inclined, indigenous, inhabitant, luxuriant, moreover, phenomenon, pious, precept, proportional, strata, superfluous, trivial, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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2	A
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17	C
18	C
19	A
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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. This passage is **adapted** from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
 - A. copied
 - B. read
 - C. changed
2. The human spine is not as **well adapted** to walking upright as we would like.
 - A. well suited
 - B. known widely
 - C. insured
3. The bones in a bat's wing exactly **correspond** to those in a human forearm.
 - A. are equivalent
 - B. are opposite
 - C. are unrelated
4. Creativity can be **cultivated**.
 - A. useful
 - B. developed or grown
 - C. risky or dangerous
5. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
 - A. not be able
 - B. promise
 - C. try
6. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
 - A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending
7. The boat ramp has a steep **incline**.
 - A. slope
 - B. price
 - C. danger
8. The museum showcased art from **indigenous** peoples of the Americas.
 - A. foreign to a place
 - B. native to a place
 - C. extinct in a place
9. The **inhabitants** of the village were very friendly.
 - A. tourists
 - B. residents
 - C. visitors
10. Beavers were hunted nearly to extinction for their **luxuriant** fur.
 - A. thick and abundant
 - B. scarce (rare)
 - C. dark brown
11. Many graduates have high college debt. **Moreover**, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
 - A. in contrast to that
 - B. in addition to that
 - C. as a result of that
12. The **phenomenon** was first noticed by Marie Curie.
 - A. thing of interest
 - B. thing that is growing
 - C. thing that is hidden

13. Benjamin Franklin's parents were **pious** Puritans.
- A. non-traditional
 - B. traditional
 - C. highly religious
14. It became a **precept** of U.S. foreign policy.
- A. sign
 - B. rule
 - C. problem
15. This diagram is like a map that draws states **proportional** to their population rather than their geographic size.
- A. with color according
 - B. in order according
 - C. related in size
16. She is investigating the rock **strata** to better understand the Antarctic ice sheet.
- A. layers
 - B. erosion
 - C. hardness
17. Everyone liked the idea. The arguments I prepared to support it were **superfluous**.
- A. appreciated
 - B. important
 - C. unnecessary
18. I have heard only **trivial** objections.
- A. convincing
 - B. exaggerated
 - C. unimportant
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 Most men ... are so occupied with the ... **superfluously** coarse labors of life that its finer fruits cannot be plucked by them.
 - A. in a manner that is not easily identified
 - B. in a way that is good at solving problems
 - C. (extra) more than is needed
- 2 Nature is as **well adapted** to our weakness as to our strength.
 - A. well suited
 - B. restraining
 - C. surrendered
- 3 Man is an animal who more than any other can **adapt** himself to all climates and circumstances.
 - A. to spread one-sided information to influence opinions
 - B. alter the regular state of an otherwise stable system
 - C. change to fit a different situation; or make suitable
- 4 I am **inclined** to answer her with equal mystery,
 - A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
 - C. in the mood (with a tendency to)
- 5 sitting on a ladder sunning themselves, with their bodies **inclined** forward
 - A. bent (or angled)
 - B. told (a story)
 - C. lied or misled
- 6 Shall the respectable citizen thus gravely teach, by **precept** and example, the necessity of the young man's providing a certain number of superfluous glow-shoes, and umbrellas, and empty guest chambers for empty guests, before he dies?
 - A. wrong understanding
 - B. a rule for behavior
 - C. act of hiring again
- 7 I got out several cords of stumps in plowing, which supplied me with fuel for a long time, and left small circles of virgin mould, easily distinguishable through the summer by the greater **luxuriance** of the beans there.
 - A. characterized by growing well or being richly thick or abundant -- as of vegetation or hair

or (more rarely):

characterized by luxury (very comfortable or extravagant)

 - B. a person with or something related to an eating disorder in which overeating is followed by guilt and unhealthy attempts at correction -- especially self-induced vomiting
 - C. a musical play with orchestra in which most of the dialogue is sung (or the art form that consists of such musicals; or describing something as related to that art form)
- 8 I give the Latin on account of the savoriness of the **trivial** name.
 - A. not sincere
 - B. intentional
 - C. unimportant
- 9 Undoubtedly, in this case, what is true for one is truer still for a thousand, as a large house is not **proportionally** more expensive than a small one, since one roof may cover, one cellar underlie, and one wall separate several apartments.
 - A. in a manner that is not sexually attractive, or persuasively tempting
 - B. in a manner that is extremely sad or miserable--often with loneliness
 - C. in a manner that is appropriate or related in size, amount, or degree

- 10 Moreover, I have tried it fairly, and, strange as it may seem, am satisfied that it does not agree with my constitution.
- A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in addition to what has just been said
 - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 11 The words which express our faith and **piety** are not definite;
- A. a substance that stimulates the production of antibodies to protect against a disease
 - B. a shop that offers loans to individuals who use their personal property as collateral
 - C. religious or moral belief
- 12 But I retained the landscape, and I have since annually carried off what it **yielded** without a wheelbarrow.
- A. with rises and falls in pitch
 - B. gave in, gave way, or gave up
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 13 They told me that in a good day they could get out a thousand tons, which was the **yield** of about one acre.
- A. production
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 14 He is more **indigenous** even than the natives.
- A. strongly biased
 - B. of local origin
 - C. material wealth
- 15 It would be better if there were but one **inhabitant** to a square mile, as where I live.
- A. someone who stops something from happening
 - B. person that lives in a particular place
 - C. someone who waves or makes a showy gesture
- 16 It was the only open and **cultivated** field for a great distance on either side of the road,
- A. a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
 - B. developed for growing crops
 - C. not found guilty or forced into a bad situation
- 17 It is commonly higher in the winter and lower in the summer, though not **corresponding** to the general wet and dryness.
- A. connected or fitting together by being equivalent, proportionate, or matched
 - B. drying out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight; or making very thirsty
 - C. sticking out, attracting more attention than desired, or imposing on others
- 18 When you invert your head, it looks like a thread of finest gossamer stretched across the valley, and gleaming against the distant pine woods, separating one **stratum** of the atmosphere from another.
- A. layers
- or:
- levels, classes, or groups into which people or other things are divided
 - B. one who believes that knowledge is acquired primarily by reason rather than by experience
 - C. a hollow muscular organ in the pelvic cavity of females which can hold a developing fetus
- 19 This was probably the same **phenomenon** to which I have referred, which is especially observed in the morning, but also at other times, and even by moonlight.
- 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
- 20 Let every one mind his own business, and **endeavor** to be what he was made.
- A. a slight amount; or to contain a slight amount
 - B. to write or exchange written letters or emails
 - C. try or attempt

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	superfluous	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
2	A	adapted (<i>as in: the species is well adapted for</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	A	incline (<i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	B	precept	Used 3 times in this book.
7	A	luxuriant	Used 6 times in this book.
8	C	trivial	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
9	C	proportional	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
10	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
11	C	pious (<i>as in: a good, pious woman</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	B	indigenous	Used 3 times in this book.
15	B	inhabitant	Used 28 times in this book.
16	B	cultivate	High-utility academic word; used 30 times in this book.
17	A	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding time period</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
18	A	strata	Used 4 times in this book.
19	A	phenomenon	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
20	C	endeavor	Used 23 times in this book.