

We Beat the Street

by Sampon Davis, et. al.

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: approach (2), bravado, capricious, commotion, exult, focus (2), genuine, highlight, laboratory, mentor, motivation, negative (2), pact, positive (2), principal, rigorous



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	B
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5	A
6	B
7	A
8	B
9	A
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11	C
12	B
13	B
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16	A
17	A
18	C
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20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
2. We need to **approach** this problem in a new way.
 - A. avoid
 - B. think about
 - C. assign
3. His confident speech was mostly **bravado**; he was nervous before the debate.
 - A. quiet act of kindness
 - B. false show of courage
 - C. careful use of facts
4. The court overturned the ruling--describing it as having been made in a **capricious** manner.
 - A. biased
 - B. impulsive
 - C. harmful
5. Her entrance created quite a **commotion**.
 - A. disturbance
 - B. outburst of laughter
 - C. accident
6. They **exulted** in the victory.
 - A. finally rested
 - B. felt extreme happiness
 - C. sang
7. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
8. The **focus** of this class is classic American Literature.
 - A. hardest part
 - B. area where attention is concentrated
 - C. prerequisite (understanding required to enroll)
9. She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
 - A. sincere (real)
 - B. fake
 - C. generous (giving)
10. The mayor **highlighted** positive developments in the city.
 - A. encouraged
 - B. searched for
 - C. emphasized
11. She is working in the **laboratory**.
 - A. manufacturing workplace
 - B. repair workplace
 - C. science workplace
12. The famous professor **mentored** her during her years in graduate school.
 - A. graded essays by
 - B. personally advised
 - C. lectured to

13. I can describe her actions but not her **motivation**.
A. history
B. reason
C. future
14. Higher gasoline prices **negatively** affected fast food sales.
A. in a helpful manner
B. surprisingly
C. in a harmful manner
15. I need a break from her **negative** attitude.
A. too serious
B. pessimistic
C. silly
16. Under the **pact**, North Korea agreed to stop producing weapons-grade uranium.
A. agreement
B. threat
C. plan
17. Volunteering had a **positive** impact on the whole neighborhood.
A. good or beneficial
B. harmful or damaging
C. minor and unnoticed
18. I appreciate your **positive** attitude.
A. patient
B. open-minded
C. optimistic
19. The **principal** reason for the delay was bad weather.
A. final
B. main
C. stated
20. Navy SEALs go through an incredibly rigorous qualification and training program.
A. up-to-date
B. fun and energetic
C. difficult and demanding

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 For the third time that week, he sat in the "Oh-man-you-in-trouble-now" chair in the **principal's** office and waited for the nun to come out and yell at him once more.
 - A. serving to help explain or demonstrate something
 - B. most important; or person that is most important
 - C. the state or degree of criticism or disagreement
- 2 It took me some time to get used to this more peaceful **approach**, but once I did, I actually liked it.
 - A. change the direction of something or the purpose for which it is used
 - B. technique (way of doing something)
 - C. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
- 3 A police officer **approached** the cell.
 - A. moved toward
 - B. made possible
 - C. not satisfied
- 4 I do all that I can to help young people to believe in themselves and strive toward a **positive** future.
 - A. good or beneficial
 - B. not representative
 - C. impossible to find
- 5 But we managed, through patience, perseverance, and **positive** thinking, to grow from scrawny teenagers with doubtful futures to become medical professionals highly respected in our community.
 - A. unable to get closer to
 - B. not sensible or careful
 - C. optimistic (focusing on good things)
- 6 The dogs barked loudly and ferociously at all the screaming and **commotion** in front of them.
 - A. noisy disturbance
 - B. circular movement
 - C. size or dimension
- 7 He rode in his grandmother's red Chevy **Caprice** Classic, a long and comfortable car that perfectly fit her style.
 - A. someone who expresses disapproval
 - B. impulsiveness or unpredictability
 - C. purpose, job, or natural activity
- 8 He looked around in **genuine** surprise as the police officers jumped out of their car and grabbed him.
 - A. real
 - B. city
 - C. lazy
- 9 Shawn, who had done time in juvenile detention, as had Marley, said with **bravado**, "We goin' down to Arlington Avenue and whip somebody's butt!"
 - A. related to or causing dramatic change; of a supporter of the change
 - B. a bold manner or show of bravery -- often hiding fear or insecurity
 - C. a basic building block of matter that makes up protons and neutrons
- 10 He was reaching a point in life where the despair and **negativity** were threatening to take over his life.
 - A. arousing or inspiring again
 - B. pessimism
 - C. someone else with that name
- 11 It took a long time for me to learn that inappropriate activities always brought **negative** consequences.
 - A. tell (a story)
 - B. begin fighting
 - C. bad or harmful

- 12 Rameck, you forgot that these **lab** reports must be turned in with writing only on the front of the paper.
- A. soccer: a foul kick taken from 12 yards in front of the goal and defended only by the goalkeeper who cannot advance beyond the goal line until the shot is taken
 - B. an index of all main words in a book or body of work along with the immediate contexts where each word is found and/or an indication of where to find the context
 - C. a workplace where people do scientific or medical research, or produce drugs or chemicals (also used figuratively) OR (as an adjective) related to such a place
- 13 He often had write-ups in the local paper, **highlighting** his playing performance: "Davis goes three for four, with four RBIs, while pitching a four-hitter as University tops Shabazz 6-5."
- A. a non-doctor assisting a women in childbirth
 - B. challenging, arguing about, or fighting over
 - C. emphasizing (drawing attention to)
- 14 *The Beginning of the Pact.*
- A. an agreement between parties
 - B. reason (for doing something)
 - C. small quantity or indication
- 15 They split the money four ways and **exulted** in the ease and glory of it all.
- A. considered (for affect on a result or outcome)
 - B. felt or expressed extreme happiness or elation
 - C. held together (connected or united) or wrapped
- 16 Sampson had once asked George, who always seemed **focused** on the goal of making it to college, how he did it.
- A. concentrating
 - B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - C. began speaking with someone about something
- 17 Our **focus** is Health, Education, Leadership, and Mentoring.
- A. calculating or judging too high
 - B. place where attention is directed
 - C. the ability to take on or adopt
- 18 George, Sampson, and Rameck now felt a lot more confident about facing the **rigors** of college work and thankful that their parents and teachers could once again applaud for them as they reached another milestone.
- A. periods of time when someone exhibits unusual behavior
 - B. formal expressions of opinion arrived at by group vote
 - C. difficulties (things that are difficult and demanding)
- 19 Our focus is Health, Education, Leadership, and Mentoring.
- A. working or operating
 - B. guiding and advising
 - C. artificially joining
- 20 We hope you share this book with others, use it as a tool for inspiration and **motivation**, and make all your dreams come true.
- A. a drug that calms or puts to sleep; or describing something as calming
 - B. the reason for doing something; or the level of desire to do something
 - C. a serious mental disorder in which people interpret reality abnormally

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	principal	Used 16 times in this book.
2	B	approach (as in: use the best approach)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	approach (as in: approached the city)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
4	A	positive (as in: had a positive effect)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	C	positive (as in: a positive attitude)	2 meanings in this book.
6	A	commotion	Used 4 times in this book.
7	B	capricious	Used 3 times in this book.
8	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
9	B	bravado	Used 2 times in this book.
10	B	negative (as in: a negative attitude)	2 meanings in this book.
11	C	negative (as in: had a negative effect)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	laboratory	Used 4 times in this book.
13	C	highlight (as in: highlight the main findings)	High-utility academic word
14	A	pact	Used 12 times in this book.
15	B	exult	Used 2 times in this book.
16	A	focus (as in: Turn your focus to question #2.)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	B	focus (as in: The focus of our study is...)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	C	rigorous (as in: a rigorous math class)	Used 3 times in this book.
19	B	mentor	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	B	motivation	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.