

Wide Sargasso Sea

by Jean Rhys

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: attribute (2), bewilder, cease, conceit, contempt, discreet, emancipated, forsake, haughty, hypocrite, indifferent, infamous, magistrate, malice, massacre, meddle, obstinate, perpetual, persistent



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	B
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20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She described his physical **attributes**.
 - A. characteristics
 - B. strengths
 - C. weaknesses
2. She **attributes** her success to hard work.
 - A. gives money for
 - B. gives credit for
 - C. gives help for
3. I am trying to understand her, but I am **bewildered**.
 - A. confused
 - B. bored
 - C. distracted
4. The injunction requires that they **cease** all activity on the site.
 - A. stop
 - B. record
 - C. permit
5. Her **conceit** showed in the way she interrupted others and assumed she was always the smartest person in the room.
 - A. ignorance
 - B. arrogance
 - C. encouragement
6. He was impolite. She pretended not to notice except that she treated him with **contempt**.
 - A. great annoyance
 - B. lack of respect
 - C. impatience
7. I will be **discreet** in my investigation.
 - A. thorough
 - B. quick
 - C. subtle
8. The new law **emancipated** thousands of laborers from forced servitude.
 - A. punished harshly
 - B. trained as servants
 - C. freed from bondage
9. In the third year of their brutal civil war, moderates feel **forsaken** by the west.
 - A. abandoned
 - B. respected
 - C. defeated
10. She has that **haughty**, rich and entitled attitude.
 - A. wealthy
 - B. arrogant
 - C. optimistic
11. She may be a **hypocrite**, but at least she knows the difference between right and wrong.
 - A. ethical hero
 - B. harsh critic
 - C. moral pretender

12. She was **indifferent** to his anger.
- A. without interest
 - B. with fear
 - C. with anger
13. She mentioned Nixon's **infamous** firing of the Attorney General.
- A. famous (for something clever)
 - B. famous (for something bad)
 - C. famous (for something daring)
14. The **magistrate** set bail at \$10,000.
- A. attorney
 - B. queen or king
 - C. judge
15. Words can be like baseball bats when used **maliciously** against someone who is sensitive.
- A. carelessly
 - B. mockingly
 - C. evilly
16. The village suffered a **brutal massacre** during the long civil war.
- A. mass slaughter
 - B. tense standoff
 - C. quiet retreat
17. Don't **meddle** in my affairs!
- A. interfere
 - B. pretend to understand
 - C. offer sympathy
18. He is **obstinate** as a mule and refuses to change his mind.
- A. cheerful
 - B. stubborn
 - C. graceful
19. He has a **perpetual** fear of forgetting important deadlines.
- A. joyful
 - B. constant
 - C. secret
20. The **persistent** rain finally stopped after flooding streets for a full week.
- A. quickly ending
 - B. continuing steadily
 - C. suddenly starting

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 Still waiting for this compensation the English promised when the **Emancipation** Act was passed.
A. "spiritually renew" in a Christian ceremony OR initiate or purify by a challenging experience
B. a sexually transmitted disease that, if treated early, can be completely cured with antibiotics
C. the act of being released from slavery or servitude; or (metaphorically) from social restraints
- 2 The old **hypocrite**, 'she kept saying.
A. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
B. found a condition or substance to be present
C. someone who violates claimed moral standards
- 3 **Persistently**.
A. in a manner that shows bad taste (crude, offensive, or unsophisticated)
B. in a continuing manner -- especially despite difficulties or opposition
C. in a manner based on speech sounds (rather than on dictionary spelling)
- 4 Let **perpetual** light shine on them.
A. having the characteristics of a *monk* (often inclined toward self-denial)
B. continuing forever without change; or occurring so frequently it seems constant
C. about things beyond the physical world, such as existence, reality, or the soul
- 5 But another one knew about Heaven and the **attributes** of the blessed, of which the least is transcendent beauty.
A. characteristics (of something or someone)
B. dreamlike states of altered consciousness
C. piles of wood or other burnable materials
- 6 Cases of sudden or mysterious death are **attributed** to a poison known to the negroes which cannot be traced.
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
- 7 And who was **massacred** here?
A. the savage and excessive killing of many people
B. (verb) showed, demonstrated, proved, or caused acceptance OR (adjective) proven, known, accepted/trusted/successful
C. accepted someone's membership through a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
- 8 Her expression was so full of delighted **malice**, so intelligent, above all so intimate that I felt ashamed and looked away.
A. not adjusting a lens to create a clear image
B. the quality of lacking exactness or accuracy
C. desire to see others suffer
- 9 Mr Fraser is an Englishman, a retired **magistrate**, and he insisted on telling me at length about some of his cases.
A. someone who shows
B. people who attack
C. judge
- 10 If she was a child she was not a stupid child but an **obstinate** one.
A. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
B. stubbornly not doing what others want
C. able to be delayed until a later time
- 11 Reality might disconcert her, **bewilder** her, hurt her, but it would not be reality.
A. confuse
B. restore
C. examine

- 12 *So quickly now I draw to a close and **cease** my task.*
A. stop or discontinue
B. influence or effect
C. gain advantage from
- 13 *Bad, bad trouble come when beke **meddle** with that.*
A. interfere (in another's affairs or business); or handle (something that shouldn't be handled)
B. separate two things to prevent passage of something such as heat, cold, noise, or electricity
C. feelings of deep respect and admiration -- sometimes with a mixture of wonder and awe or fear
- 14 *I never put my eyes on a man **haughty** and proud like that — he walk like he own the earth.*
A. absolute
B. arrogant
C. pleasing
- 15 *That my mother was mad and an **infamous** woman and that my little brother who died was born a cretin, an idiot, and that I am a mad girl too.*
A. lacking a reason for doing something
B. having an exceedingly bad reputation
C. inconspicuousness or trustworthiness
- 16 *'I will not **forsake** her,' I said wearily.*
A. abandon or give up on
B. not easily identified
C. able to be translated
- 17 *I also told them to engage a staff of servants whom I was prepared to pay very liberally — so long as they keep their mouths shut, I thought — provided that they are **discreet**, I wrote.*
A. related to the setting or situation in which something occurs
B. showing a lack of respect for things respected by most people
C. trustworthy with secrets
- 18 *He nodded **indifferently**. A hundred years, a thousand all the same to...*
A. without interest
B. in a manner that is likely to change
C. in a manner that does not find fault
- 19 *He spoke politely enough, but I could feel his dislike and **contempt**.*
A. frustration at being treated unfairly
B. lack of respect
C. prejudice or unfair treatment
- 20 *I disliked their laughter and their tears, their flattery and envy, **conceit** and deceit.*
A. help make clear
B. excessive pride
C. work or operate

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	emancipated	Used 3 times in this book.
2	C	hypocrite	Used 3 times in this book.
3	B	persistent	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
4	B	perpetual	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
5	A	attribute (<i>as in: It is an attribute of...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	B	attribute (<i>as in: I attribute it to...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	massacre	Used 7 times in this book.
8	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	C	magistrate	Used 5 times in this book.
10	B	obstinate	Used 3 times in this book.
11	A	bewilder	Used 4 times in this book.
12	A	cease	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	A	meddle	Used 4 times in this book.
14	B	haughty	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	B	infamous	Used 3 times in this book.
16	A	forsake	Used 5 times in this book.
17	C	discreet (<i>as in: discreet-- not showy or gossipy</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
18	A	indifferent	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
19	B	contempt (<i>as in: feels contempt towards her</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
20	B	conceit (<i>as in: confident, but not conceited</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.