

Winter Dreams

by F. Scott Fitzgerald

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: accentuate, agony, beckon, contempt, convention, discretion, ecstatic, fleeting, fluctuate, imply, indifferent, integral, malice, melancholy, perturb, poignant, precarious, prosper, sufficient, vary



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The dark frame helped **accentuate** the bright colors in the painting.
 - A. emphasize
 - B. hide
 - C. weaken
2. She cried out in **agony**.
 - A. sudden surprise
 - B. intense anger
 - C. intense suffering
3. The police officer **beckoned** me to come over.
 - A. considered asking
 - B. called
 - C. prohibited
4. He was **impolite**. She pretended not to notice except that she treated him with **contempt**.
 - A. great annoyance
 - B. lack of respect
 - C. impatience
5. 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
6. I count on her **discretion** to recommend sound investments.
 - A. communication skills
 - B. good judgment
 - C. information sources
7. She was **ecstatic** when her team won the championship.
 - A. exhausted
 - B. thrilled
 - C. furious
8. Youth is **fleeting**.
 - A. short-lived
 - B. reckless
 - C. troubled
9. The stock market **fluctuates**.
 - A. frustrates people
 - B. alternately increases and decreases
 - C. rises in the long run
10. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
 - A. hinted
 - B. insisted
 - C. denied
11. She was **indifferent** to his anger.
 - A. without interest
 - B. with fear
 - C. with anger
12. The National Guard is an **integral** part of U.S. armed services.
 - A. essential
 - B. unimportant
 - C. additional

13. Words can be like baseball bats when used maliciously against someone who is sensitive.
- A. carelessly
 - B. mockingly
 - C. evilly
14. This weather makes me melancholy. I can't wait for spring,
- A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing
15. She was perturbed by the criticism, but resolved to continue.
- A. unaffected
 - B. disturbed
 - C. challenged
16. Have you read MLK's poignant "Letter from Birmingham Jail"?
- A. arousing deep emotion
 - B. logically compelling
 - C. long
17. It is a precarious political situation.
- A. exciting
 - B. complex
 - C. dangerous
18. She is prospering in business.
- A. struggling
 - B. starting
 - C. doing well
19. Is there sufficient cause for a search warrant?
- A. adequate (enough)
 - B. clear or obvious
 - C. dangerous
20. McDonald's menu options vary by location.
- A. are consistent
 - B. are different
 - C. are known

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 *At these times the country gave him a feeling of profound **melancholy***
 - A. relating to the outside
 - B. sadness
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 2 *the elements of the comedy were **implied** in the scene,*
 - A. suggested (said or known indirectly)
 - B. not wanting to do something
 - C. was attractive or desirable
- 3 *But he had received a strong emotional shock, and his **perturbation** required a violent and immediate outlet.*
 - A. the act of forgiving
 - B. anxiety (uneasiness)
 - C. excessively enjoying
- 4 *NOW, OF COURSE, the quality and the seasonability of these winter dreams **varied**, but the stuff of them remained.*
 - A. took on as one's own
 - B. differed; or changed
 - C. began fighting again
- 5 *They persuaded Dexter several years later to pass up a business course at the State university—his father, **prospering** now, would have paid his way—for the precarious advantage of attending an older and more famous university in the East, where he was bothered by his scanty funds.*
 - A. unwrapping
 - B. satisfying
 - C. doing well
- 6 *his father, prospering now, would have paid his way--for the **precarious** advantage of attending an older and more famous university in the East, where he was bothered by his scanty funds.*
 - A. likely to change
 - B. able to be found
 - C. unsure
- 7 *It was a curious day, slashed abruptly with **fleeting**, familiar impressions.*
 - A. lasting a short time
 - B. sensible and careful
 - C. not demonstrative of
- 8 *She wore a blue gingham dress, rimmed at throat and shoulders with a white edging that **accentuated** her tan.*
 - A. emphasized or drew attention to
 - B. selected (on a computer screen)
 - C. learned, discovered, or decided
- 9 *The color in her cheeks was centered like the color in a picture—it was not a "high" color, but a sort of **fluctuating** and feverish warmth, so shaded that it seemed at any moment it would recede and disappear.*
 - A. giving an opinion of what is wrong with something
 - B. alternately increasing and decreasing in quantity
 - C. expressing regret for having done something wrong
- 10 *Though he was by no means an **integral** part of the stag-lines at these clubs, he managed to be on hand at dances where Judy Jones was likely to appear.*
 - A. an essential part or characteristic
 - B. extra
 - C. unimportant

- 11 *She had treated him with interest, with encouragement, with malice, with indifference, with contempt.*
- A. frustration at being treated unfairly
 - B. disrespect and dislike
 - C. prejudice or unfair treatment
- 12 *She had beckoned him and yawned at him and beckoned him again and he had responded often with bitterness and narrowed eyes.*
- A. showed something -- such as demonstrated, expressed, or represented
 - B. called -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
 - C. provided evidence of something -- especially oral evidence in court
- 13 *She had brought him ecstatic happiness and intolerable agony of spirit.*
- A. deeply disappointed
 - B. intense happiness
 - C. intensely concerned
- 14 *She had brought him ecstatic happiness and intolerable agony of spirit.*
- A. size or dimension
 - B. circular movement
 - C. intense feelings of suffering
- 15 *May one year back had been marked by Judy's poignant, unforgivable, yet forgiven turbulence—it had been one of those rare times when he fancied she had grown to care for him.*
- A. sharp or intense
 - B. able to be found
 - C. likely to change
- 16 *She had said, in effect, that she found such a thing impossible to believe, that if it were true he had merely committed a childish indiscretion-- and probably to show off.*
- A. two successive lines of poetry; usually rhymed
 - B. behavior that displays a lack of good judgment
 - C. the main building (or buildings) of government
- 17 *Then a perfect wave of emotion washed over him, carrying off with it a sediment of wisdom, of convention, of doubt, of honor.*
- A. reason (for doing something)
 - B. small quantity or indication
 - C. what is normal or typical; or a bias in favor of what is normal
- 18 *There was nothing sufficiently pictorial about Irene's grief to stamp itself on his mind.*
- A. adequately (in a manner that provides enough -- often without being more than is needed)
 - B. done in a rude or unfriendly manner because of using too few words or moving too quickly
 - C. in a manner that relates to questions that cannot be answered with the scientific method
- 19 *He was completely indifferent to popular opinion.*
- A. unconcerned (without interest)
 - B. likely to change
 - C. able to be found
- 20 *Nor, when he had seen that it was no use, that he did not possess in himself the power to move fundamentally or to hold Judy Jones, did he bear any malice toward her.*
- A. not adjusting a lens to create a clear image
 - B. the quality of lacking exactness or accuracy
 - C. desire to see someone suffer

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	melancholy	Used 2 times in this book.
2	A	imply	High-utility academic word
3	B	perturb (<i>as in: she was perturbed</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
4	B	vary	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
5	C	prosper	Used 2 times in this book.
6	C	precarious	Used 3 times in this book.
7	A	fleeting	Used 2 times in this book.
8	A	accentuate	Used 3 times in this book.
9	B	fluctuate	High-utility academic word
10	A	integral (<i>as in: integral part</i>)	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
11	B	contempt (<i>as in: feels contempt towards her</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
12	B	beckon	Used 2 times in this book.
13	B	ecstatic	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	agony	Used 3 times in this book.
15	A	poignant	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
16	B	discretion (<i>as in: Parental discretion advised.</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
17	C	convention (<i>as in: conventional behavior</i>)	High-utility academic word
18	A	sufficient	High-utility academic word
19	A	indifferent	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
