

Wish You Well

by David Baldacci

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: abundant, amiable, barter, bewilder, bushel, competent, conciliatory, conflict, evaluate, fickle, fidget, foal, imply, indignant, optimistic, ponder, revere, serpent, supple, testify



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	A
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10	C
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20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The region has **abundant** natural resources, from oil to fresh water.
 - A. extremely scarce
 - B. highly disputed
 - C. widely available
2. It was an **amiable** gathering of old friends.
 - A. friendly
 - B. rare
 - C. emotional
3. The IRS is investigating a **barter** exchange we joined.
 - A. stock
 - B. trade
 - C. internet
4. I am trying to understand her, but I am **bewildered**.
 - A. confused
 - B. bored
 - C. distracted
5. We had **bushels** of fun.
 - A. measured in hours
 - B. shared by everyone
 - C. a large amount
6. She is **competent** on both violin and piano.
 - A. below average
 - B. sufficiently capable
 - C. outstanding
7. She sent a **conciliatory** note after the argument, hoping they could talk calmly.
 - A. meant to restore peace
 - B. meant to assign blame
 - C. meant to delay action
8. The Israeli-Palestinian **conflict** flared up again in Jerusalem.
 - A. agreement
 - B. border
 - C. struggle
9. I'm **evaluating** job options.
 - A. considering
 - B. creating
 - C. avoiding
10. We got the independent vote last time, but the independent vote is notoriously **fickle**.
 - A. hard to get
 - B. small
 - C. quick to change
11. She **fidgeted** like a child caught in a lie.
 - A. moved restlessly
 - B. was embarrassed
 - C. cried
12. The mare gave birth to a healthy foal in the spring meadow.
 - A. young horse
 - B. metal gate
 - C. wooden saddle

13. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
A. hinted
B. insisted
C. denied
14. She was **indignant**, but she agreed to be searched when they accused her of shoplifting.
A. annoyed at something unjust
B. surprised at the unexpected
C. defensive about being suspected
15. She keeps telling me her chances of dying in a car accident are 1 in 150, but I keep telling her that's too **optimistic** if she drives after drinking.
A. hopeful
B. gloomy
C. simplistic
16. We **pondered** our fate.
A. thought about
B. feared for
C. actively changed
17. She **reveres** nature and all that is natural.
A. dislikes and avoids
B. deeply respects
C. thoroughly enjoys
18. What does the **serpent** represent in the Garden of Eden?
A. fig leaf
B. snake
C. apple
19. She is as **supple** as a gymnast.
A. hard working
B. energetic
C. moves and bends easily
20. She **testified** that he struck her.
A. said
B. hid
C. lied

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 *After meeting Oz Cardinal, one came away convinced that he was a little boy with a heart as big and giving as God could bestow on lowly, **conflicted** mortals.*
 - A. examined in detail to better understand
 - B. moved into position to work; or started
 - C. tension from opposing ideas or feelings
- 2 *Amanda glanced at Lou, but even as she tried to think of something **conciliatory** to say, her daughter proved swifter.*
 - A. intended to end bad feelings or build trust
 - B. the quality of being able to stop something
 - C. able to change to fit a different situation
- 3 *Oz **pondered** this.*
 - A. thought deeply or carefully about
 - B. was overly unhappy and unsociable
 - C. not limited or without boundaries
- 4 *Lou stood and **fidgeted**, but finally could not take this foolishness any longer.*
 - A. made small restless movements
 - B. with rises and falls in pitch
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 5 *The Appalachians might pale in size if leveled against the upstart Rockies, but to the Cardinal children they seemed **abundantly** tall enough.*
 - A. not done on purpose
 - B. with polite respect
 - C. with great quantity
- 6 *"Excuse me?" she said with **indignation**.*
 - A. anger or annoyance at something unjust or wrong
 - B. surprise as something unexpected
 - C. acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 7 *Oz answered yes very solemnly, as though he was **testifying** in court.*
 - A. providing evidence of something -- especially oral evidence in court
 - B. calling -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
 - C. convincing (someone) that an idea previously believed is not correct
- 8 *Weather so **fickle**, like it break your heart 'bout the time it do your back.*
 - A. the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together
 - B. related to the branch of medicine that deals with the diseases of women -- especially those of the reproductive organs
 - C. quick to change

(such as a person quick to change their mind, or the weather in a region where it changes suddenly)
- 9 *Oz held it **reverently**.*
 - A. in a manner that is not appropriate or different than would be expected in size, amount, or degree
 - B. with feelings of deep respect and admiration -- sometimes with a mixture of wonder and awe or fear
 - C. with nervousness or discomfort felt by someone due to concern about what others will think of them
- 10 *This came from Oz, who was so excited the boy seemed to float above the **supple** grass like a tethered bubble.*
 - A. clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate -- sometimes to indicate a difference that is excellent
 - B. using passive (sometimes subtle) resistance in interpersonal or occupational situations while avoiding direct confrontation
 - C. moving and bending easily -- sometimes used figuratively to indicate mental flexibility when adapting to different conditions

- 11 *Louisa looked bewildered.*
A. confused
B. restored
C. collided
- 12 *Oz took this in stride, his optimism barely tarnished.*
A. a tendency to expect and see the best in all things
B. a particular way of seeing or thinking about things
C. collection of star systems held together by gravity
- 13 *Pay their legal bills in barter.*
A. delay
B. trade
C. adapt
- 14 *"Thirty bushels of corn an acre is what we want," she said.*
A. scales where each step is a multiple of the prior step rather than a fixed addition to it
B. fellow workers -- especially in a respected profession such as teaching, medicine, or law
C. a large amount
- or:

a unit of measure used for dry goods (filling an 8 gallon container)
- 15 *She had not mentioned the threat of serpents to Oz, because she figured if he knew, she'd end up carrying her brother on her back.*
A. copies
B. snakes
C. enters
- 16 *"Tote all my friends here," he said amiably and then looked to the sky.*
A. in a friendly way
B. in a pleasing way
C. in a skillful way
- 17 *Lou and Oz rode Sue every day and had gotten to the point where Louisa had proclaimed them good, competent riders.*
A. sincerity (realness)
B. sufficiently capable
C. sensible and careful
- 18 *Gotta mare gonna drop its foal.*
A. a young horse; or giving birth to a young horse
B. mark important text; or the text that is marked
C. give an opinion of what is wrong with something
- 19 *I don't like what you're implying!*
A. suggesting (saying indirectly)
B. going back to a previous state
C. acting in an official capacity
- 20 *I've taught courses in mental evaluation at the Medical College in Richmond, and at the University of Virginia.*
A. the process of thinking carefully and making a judgment about something
B. the act of finding fault and telling others; or a description of faults
C. an international boundary or a wilderness at the edge of a settled area

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	conflict	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
2	A	conciliatory	Used 3 times in this book.
3	A	ponder	Used 6 times in this book.
4	A	fidget	Used 6 times in this book.
5	C	abundant	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
6	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
7	A	testify	Used 6 times in this book.
8	C	fickle	Used 2 times in this book.
9	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
10	C	supple	Used 3 times in this book.
11	A	bewilder	Used 4 times in this book.
12	A	optimistic	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
13	B	barter	Used 4 times in this book.
14	C	bushel	Used 2 times in this book.
15	B	serpent	Used 5 times in this book.
16	A	amiable	Used 4 times in this book.
17	B	competent	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
18	A	foal	Used 3 times in this book.
19	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	A	evaluate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.