

Year of Wonders

by Geraldine Brooks

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: afflict, agitate, agony, censure, confide, convey, deemed, deference, disparage, emulate, however (2), mortified, notwithstanding, parish, peril, pestilence, salve, wrath, wrest



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
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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. She has been **afflicted** with migraines since childhood.
 - A. worried about
 - B. surprised by
 - C. made to suffer
2. She gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
 - A. calm and thoughtful
 - B. gloomy (sad)
 - C. emotionally disturbed
3. She cried out in **agony**.
 - A. sudden surprise
 - B. intense anger
 - C. intense suffering
4. In spite of the **censure** of her colleagues, she believed she had done the right thing.
 - A. criticism
 - B. anger
 - C. disinterest
5. She **confided** in her parents.
 - A. trusted
 - B. didn't trust
 - C. was proud
6. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
 - A. express
 - B. accept
 - C. understand
7. The chemical was **deemed** unsafe to use in children's products.
 - A. judged
 - B. manufactured
 - C. tested
8. Out of **deference** to the Hindu visitors, they did not serve beef.
 - A. open dislike
 - B. loud praise
 - C. polite respect
9. The victors write the history and **disparage** their enemies.
 - A. criticize
 - B. defeat
 - C. erase from history
10. The young artist tried to **emulate** the style of her favorite painter without directly copying it.
 - A. imitate
 - B. criticize
 - C. eliminate
11. I hope to take the ACT just once. However, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
 - A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and

12. However safe we make it, there will always be risk.
- A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
13. She felt mortified after tripping onstage during the awards ceremony.
- A. great relief
 - B. exceedingly embarrassed
 - C. severe pain
14. The budget was approved, notwithstanding the loud protests from the opposition.
- A. in spite of
 - B. as a result of
 - C. in addition to
15. Our parish raised funds to repair the old chapel's leaking roof and bell tower.
- A. large city government
 - B. private school district
 - C. local church community
16. The journalist's investigation put her in great peril.
- A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness
17. The plague was a terrible pestilence that killed millions of people.
- A. widespread disease
 - B. antibiotic-resistant bacteria
 - C. famine-causing drought
18. The salve also acts as a moisturizer.
- A. humidity
 - B. cream
 - C. nutrient
19. She fears the wrath of God.
- A. angry punishment
 - B. power
 - C. unpredictable moods
20. They wrested power from the old government.
- A. gave
 - B. took
 - C. understood

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 Perhaps **wrath** could rouse him where charity had not.
 - A. extreme anger
 - B. determination
 - C. use of reason
- 2 And surely the poor man looked **mortified** the next day, afraid that he had irrevocably offended me.
 - A. hid something by making it blend in with its surroundings; or hid the truth
 - B. extremely embarrassed and ashamed—so humiliated that pride feels wounded.
 - C. not having been assigned a value, or not having been considered as to worth
- 3 But he was smiling his big open smile, and he looked down **deferentially** when he grasped my mortified state.
 - A. not done on purpose
 - B. in a specific order
 - C. with polite respect
- 4 I had been at my father's croft when Anys had come with a **salve** for the sticky-eye, which all the young ones were catching at the time.
 - A. to expression feelings or thoughts enthusiastically OR to squirt or give off (typically under pressure such as blood or leaking gas)
 - B. a cream or liquid put onto skin to make it feel better or heal

or:

anything that eases pain or anxiety; or the act of doing such

 - C. the act of hiding something by making it blend in with its surroundings; or hiding the truth; or something that hides or deceives
- 5 I feared that this **agitation** would kill him in his weakened state, and so I picked up the ruined bedding and left him.
 - A. officially telling someone about something; or something that contains the message
 - B. formula (a mathematical expression that describe a relationship between variables)
 - C. the act of stirring up (emotionally or physically); or a state of emotional unrest
- 6 Anyone who had placed a deposit on work from Mr. Viccars would want whatever of that work he had accomplished, and **notwithstanding** Mr. Mompellion's injunction, I had no right to withhold it from them.
 - A. used to show that something remains true even though something else seems to go against it
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 7 The nettle beer, **however**, was new to me.
 - A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though*, *in spite of that*, *in contrast*, *nevertheless*, etc.
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 8 **However** little you know, it's more than I do, who never has labored myself nor even birthed any livestock.
 - A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
 - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
 - C. regardless of how
- 9 It was this habit, I suppose, that led me into the account I made her then, a bawdy confession of my own lust, which I had the right to **confide** to her, and then that which I did not: the news I'd just learned of Anys's sport with my lodger.
 - A. place trust (in someone) by talking about private things
 - B. aka analyze -- analyze based upon a theory of psychiatry
 - C. search for and discover through persistent investigation

- 10 Since then, he had never let pass an opportunity to **disparage** her connections or slight her understanding.
- A. criticizing or making seem less important
 - B. stop interacting; or stop having interest
 - C. to spoil something so it is not desirable
- 11 Those who must move through the poorer **parishes** cover their faces in herb-stuffed masks contrived like the beaks of great birds.
- A. atoms that are different from other atoms of the same element because they have a different number of neutrons
 - B. threadlike structures in the cell nucleus that carry genes in a linear order that determine biological traits
 - C. a local church community
- or in some places including Louisiana: a jurisdiction of government like a county
- 12 So how could he have been touched by the city's **pestilence**?
- A. widespread disease (usually severe); or any severely harmful or evil influence that is hard to get rid of
 - B. a South African whose first language is Afrikaans -- typically descendants of 17th century Dutch settlers
 - C. something that is not obvious, but noticeable by someone with adequate sensitivity and relevant knowledge
- 13 Colonel Bradford turned to him with a raised eyebrow, as if to **censure** rudeness.
- A. harsh or formal criticism
 - B. find, search, or research
 - C. being a boundary or limit
- 14 For if one speaks 'religiously,' then one must recall that God has the power to keep you safe in **peril**, or to bring peril to overtake you, no matter how far or fast you run.
- A. useful
 - B. danger
 - C. allows
- 15 Where Mr. Viccars's sore had erupted near his neck, Jamie's rose in his armpit, and he cried piteously from the **agony** of it, holding his slender little arm far out to his side so as not to hurt himself by the pressure of his own flesh.
- A. size or dimension
 - B. circular movement
 - C. intense suffering
- 16 Here, we poor souls of this village may **emulate** Our Blessed Lord.
- A. imitate (copy or match)
 - B. gradually add or remove
 - C. feel sadness and regret
- 17 You know that many backs broke to **wrest** that soil from clutching root and stubborn stump; you know that hands bled, dragging forth the rocks that sit arrayed now as the fence that mark out worked land from wilderness.
- A. protect something or keep it as it is
 - B. obtain with difficult effort or force
 - C. a quick look or partial understanding
- 18 Mr. Mompellion, too, was there, directing Mr. Milne, and when he **deemed** the holes sufficiently deep he filled each with vinegar and placed the coins inside.
- A. believed or judged
 - B. wrongly understood
 - C. not disagreed with
- 19 For all of you who love your children know that **affliction**, too, can be a means of evidencing your care for them.
- A. worry or concern about what will happen
 - B. the study of the origin of the universe
 - C. something that causes ongoing suffering
- 20 I had no idea what it was that Mr. Mompellion was trying to **convey** to the old man.
- A. communicate or express
 - B. create dramatic change
 - C. mirror back (an image)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	wrath	Used 12 times in this book.
2	B	mortified (<i>as in: felt mortified</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
3	C	deference	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
4	B	salve	Used 15 times in this book.
5	C	agitate	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
6	A	notwithstanding	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
7	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
9	A	confide	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
10	A	disparage	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	C	parish	Used 9 times in this book.
12	A	pestilence	Used 4 times in this book.
13	A	censure	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
14	B	peril	Used 6 times in this book.
15	C	agony	Used 8 times in this book.
16	A	emulate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
17	B	wrest	Used 3 times in this book.
18	A	deemed	Used 10 times in this book.
19	C	afflict	Used 7 times in this book.
20	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.