

Young Goodman Brown

by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

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PRE-READING ACTIVITY

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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: abashed, aspiration, bewilder, congregation, consort, deemed, hideous, lament, moreover, nevertheless, persevere, pious, revere, scorn, scruples, serpent, venerable, visage, wither, wretched



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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| 1 | A |
| 2 | C |
| 3 | A |
| 4 | B |
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| 6 | A |
| 7 | B |
| 8 | C |
| 9 | B |
| 10 | B |
| 11 | B |
| 12 | C |
| 13 | B |
| 14 | A |
| 15 | A |
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| 17 | B |
| 18 | C |
| 19 | B |
| 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 was **abashed** by the unexpected praise and didn't know what to say.
 - A. embarrassed or unsettled
 - B. delighted and confident
 - C. tired and distracted
2. Her **aspiration** to travel the world was finally realized when she received a job offer from an international company.
 - A. reason
 - B. payment
 - C. desire
3. I am trying to understand her, but I am **bewildered**.
 - A. confused
 - B. bored
 - C. distracted
4. The **congregation** voted to approve appointment of the new minister.
 - A. people who agree
 - B. people who worship together
 - C. people who meet periodically
5. She **consorts** with gang members and criminals.
 - A. associates
 - B. fights
 - C. avoids company
6. The chemical was **deemed** unsafe to use in children's products.
 - A. judged
 - B. manufactured
 - C. tested
7. He had a **hideous** scar running from his forehead to his jaw.
 - A. barely noticeable
 - B. extremely ugly
 - C. perfectly healed
8. We **lamented** our sad circumstances.
 - A. made worse
 - B. improved
 - C. expressed grief about
9. Many graduates have high college debt. **Moreover**, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
 - A. in contrast to that
 - B. in addition to that
 - C. as a result of that
10. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
 - A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
11. Top athletes **persevere** through pain to reach their goals.
 - A. give up at first try
 - B. push on through hardship
 - C. rest before any effort

12. Benjamin Franklin's parents were pious Puritans.
 - A. non-traditional
 - B. traditional
 - C. highly religious
13. She reveres nature and all that is natural.
 - A. dislikes and avoids
 - B. deeply respects
 - C. thoroughly enjoys
14. That coach scorns students who don't have natural ability.
 - A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
15. Her scruples were not so strong as to withstand her friend's arguments.
 - A. principles that discourage certain kinds of action
 - B. known facts
 - C. firmness of purpose
16. What does the serpent represent in the Garden of Eden?
 - A. fig leaf
 - B. snake
 - C. apple
17. Many were surprised that a venerable institution like Bear Stearns could so rapidly go out of business.
 - A. large and successful
 - B. long respected
 - C. popular
18. She gazed at her reflection in the mirror, studying her own visage with a critical eye.
 - A. body
 - B. clothing
 - C. face
19. Without water, the plants in the garden began to wither and die.
 - A. become dormant
 - B. dry out
 - C. grow stronger
20. The photograph showed poor people in a wretched village in East Africa.
 - A. irresponsible
 - B. in terrible condition
 - C. foolish or thoughtless

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 *And yet, though the elder person was as simply clad as the younger, and as simple in manner too, he had an indescribable air of one who knew the world, and who would not have felt **abashed** at the governor's dinner table or in King William's court, were it possible that his affairs should call him thither.*
 - A. embarrassed or self-conscious
 - B. with rises and falls in pitch
 - C. commended or praised publicly
- 2 *But the only thing about him that could be fixed upon as remarkable was his staff, which bore the likeness of a great black snake, so curiously wrought that it might almost be seen to twist and wriggle itself like a living serpent.*
 - A. skill
 - B. snake
 - C. story
- 3 *I have **scruples** touching the matter thou wot'st of.*
 - A. moral principles that discourage certain kinds of action
 - B. moves again into position to work; or starts again
 - C. prepares food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
- 4 *Let us walk on, **nevertheless**, reasoning as we go; and if I convince thee not thou shalt turn back.*
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 5 *Being a stranger to you, she might ask whom I was **consorting** with and whither I was going.*
 - A. spending time together -- especially leisure time with people considered undesirable
 - B. leaping or jumping
 - C. helping make clear
- 6 *They continued to walk onward, while the elder traveller exhorted his companion to make good speed and **persevere** in the path,*
 - A. a slight amount; or to contain a slight amount
 - B. keep working at something
 - C. to write or exchange written letters or emails
- 7 *The moment his fingers touched them they became strangely **withered** and dried up as with a week's sunshine.*
 - A. not accepted as true
 - B. shriveled (wrinkled)
 - C. began fighting again
- 8 *What if a **wretched** old woman do choose to go to the devil when I thought she was going to heaven: is that any reason why I should quit my dear Faith and go after her?*
 - A. not easily identified
 - B. miserable or very bad
 - C. exactness or accuracy
- 9 *Moreover, there is a goodly young woman to be taken into communion.*
 - A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in addition to what has just been said
 - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 10 *Then came a stronger swell of those familiar tones, heard daily in the sunshine at Salem village, but never until now from a cloud of night There was one voice of a young woman, uttering **lamentations**, yet with an uncertain sorrow, and entreating for some favor, which, perhaps, it would grieve her to obtain; and all the unseen multitude, both saints and sinners, seemed to encourage her onward.*
 - A. dreamlike states of altered consciousness
 - B. characteristics (of something or someone)
 - C. passionate expressions of grief or sorrow

- 11 *The whole forest was peopled with frightful sounds—the creaking of the trees, the howling of wild beasts, and the yell of Indians; while sometimes the wind tolled like a distant church bell, and sometimes gave a broad roar around the traveller, as if all Nature were laughing him to scorn.*
- A. disrespect or reject as not good enough
 - B. not answer questions; or block progress
 - C. move from more general to more specific
- 12 *The fiend in his own shape is less hideous than when he rages in the breast of man.*
- A. the characteristic of demonstrating something
 - B. extremely ugly, offensive, and/or frightening
 - C. the quality of not being sensible and careful
- 13 *Good old Deacon Gookin had arrived, and waited at the skirts of that venerable saint, his revered pastor.*
- A. relating to understanding or explaining something in a particular way
 - B. respected
 - C. [of food] able to be prepared in a manner that keeps it from spoiling
- 14 *his revered pastor*
- A. understood completely
 - B. deeply respected and admired
 - C. disliked and avoided
- 15 *these grave, reputable, and pious people*
- A. not able to be translated
 - B. able to be disagreed with
 - C. highly religious and moral
- 16 *The four blazing pines threw up a loftier flame, and obscurely discovered shapes and visages of horror on the smoke wreaths above the impious assembly.*
- A. circular movements around something
 - B. short parts of longer written works
 - C. someone's face or facial expression
- 17 *Ye deemed them holier than yourselves, and shrank from your own sin, contrasting it with their lives of righteousness and prayerful aspirations heavenward.*
- A. believed or judged
 - B. wrongly understood
 - C. not disagreed with
- 18 *Ye deemed them holier than yourselves, and shrank from your own sin, contrasting it with their lives of righteousness and prayerful aspirations heavenward.*
- A. battles
 - B. results
 - C. desires
- 19 *The next morning young Goodman Brown came slowly into the street of Salem village, staring around him like a bewildered man.*
- A. confused
 - B. restored
 - C. collided
- 20 *On the Sabbath day, when the congregation were singing...*
- A. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 - B. people who worship together in the same building
 - C. a general feeling of not being as good as others

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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| # | KEY | WORD | NOTE |
|----|-----|---|---|
| 1 | A | abashed | Used 2 times in this story. |
| 2 | B | serpent | Used 3 times in this story. |
| 3 | A | scruples | Used about once per 10 books in our high school library |
| 4 | B | nevertheless | High-utility academic word |
| 5 | A | consort (<i>as in: consort together</i>) | Used 2 times in this story. |
| 6 | B | persevere | Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library. |
| 7 | B | wither (<i>as in: wither on the vine</i>) | Used 2 times in this story. |
| 8 | B | wretched | Used 2 times in this story. |
| 9 | B | moreover | High-utility academic word |
| 10 | C | lament | High-utility academic word |
| 11 | A | scorn | High-utility academic word |
| 12 | B | hideous | Used 2 times in this story. |
| 13 | B | venerable | High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this story. |
| 14 | B | revere | High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this story. |
| 15 | C | pious (<i>as in: a good, pious woman</i>) | Used 6 times in this story. |
| 16 | C | visage | Used 2 times in this story. |
| 17 | A | deemed | Used 2 times in this story. |
| 18 | C | aspiration | Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library. |
| 19 | A | bewilder | Used 2 times in this story. |
| 20 | B | congregation (<i>as in: the congregation voted</i>) | High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this story. |