

Zeitoun

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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: anarchy, approach (2), blithe, congregation, context, debris, equilibrium, exasperated, fluctuate, imam, imply, incarcerate, misdemeanor, omit, parish, personnel, profound, resignation (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
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10	A
11	A
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17	A
18	A
19	B
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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. I don't like enforcing that law, but I prefer it to **anarchy**.
 - A. being fired
 - B. criminal activity
 - C. absence of order
2. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
3. I **approached** three bankers about a loan.
 - A. avoided
 - B. complained to
 - C. asked
4. She was her usual unworried, **blithe** self.
 - A. carefree and happy
 - B. sleepy
 - C. busy and distracted
5. The **congregation** voted to approve appointment of the new minister.
 - A. people who agree
 - B. people who worship together
 - C. people who meet periodically
6. Crews spent hours clearing **debris** from the highway after the crash.
 - A. intact structures
 - B. valuable items
 - C. scattered wreckage
7. In the field of economics, market **equilibrium** is achieved when supply meets demand, resulting in stable prices and satisfied consumers.
 - A. conflict
 - B. disparity
 - C. balance
8. My little brother can be **exasperating**. He's always testing his boundaries.
 - A. very active
 - B. endearing (lovable)
 - C. greatly annoying
9. The stock market **fluctuates**.
 - A. frustrates people
 - B. alternately increases and decreases
 - C. rises in the long run
10. He was chosen as **imam** because of his knowledge and good character.
 - A. Muslim leader
 - B. politician
 - C. federal judge
11. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
 - A. hinted
 - B. insisted
 - C. denied

12. By then, it cost California about \$50,000 a year to incarcerate a prisoner in a state prison.
- A. reimburse victims from
 - B. put on trial
 - C. imprison
13. She was charged with a misdemeanor for throwing an egg at her neighbor's door.
- A. a court complaint filing
 - B. a minor criminal offense
 - C. a binding legal contract
14. She omitted a few details to place herself in a more favorable light.
- A. made up
 - B. exaggerated
 - C. left out
15. She quoted him out of context.
- A. in a misleading manner
 - B. in a convincing manner
 - C. in a respectful manner
16. 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
17. Hospital personnel practiced the emergency drill before the storm arrived.
- A. staff members
 - B. medical supplies
 - C. building repairs
18. It was a profound spiritual experience that changed her life.
- A. intense
 - B. common
 - C. traditional
19. She said that if I don't resign, I will be fired.
- A. do better
 - B. quit
 - C. renew an agreement
20. She was resigned to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
 - B. resistant
 - C. with acceptance

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 She was one of them, really, **blithe** and girlish in her manner and her tastes—video games, Harry Potter, the baffling pop music they listened to.
A. carefree and happy
B. good or beneficial
C. able to get nearer
- 2 She had been chubby as a child, at least to some eyes, and in her teens her weight **fluctuated** wildly.
A. a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
B. alternately increased and decreased in quantity
C. not found guilty or forced into a bad situation
- 3 The student filed a lawsuit against him, and his termination was recommended by the Jefferson **Parish** School District superintendent.
A. someone who abandoned their religion or separated from others with whom they used to share firmly held beliefs
B. an artists performance of another artist's work that expresses the performer's feelings or ideas about the work
C. a local church community

or in some places including Louisiana: a jurisdiction of government like a county
- 4 In his children he was trying to instill a sense of the value of work, the value of whatever came into their house, but he knew that much would be lost in the **context**, the waste and excess of the culture at large.
A. the setting or situation in which something occurs
B. the act of interacting or getting interested again
C. an image (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
- 5 The roads would be covered with **debris**, impassable for days.
A. the act of treating or preparing food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
B. passages food and drink follow between the back of mouths and the stomachs
C. pieces of something that has been destroyed; or trash that is lying around
- 6 Kathy watched him **approach**.
A. get near
B. create dramatic change
C. mirror back (an image)
- 7 Any way he **approached** the question, he couldn't see the logic in prohibiting calls.
A. thought carefully and made a judgment about
B. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
C. thought about
- 8 She was given a microphone and she spoke into it, telling the **congregation** what she'd told the reverend, that she had been investigating Islam, and that— The preacher cut her off.
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
- 9 "Only God knows this," the **imam** would tell her.
A. Islamic religious leader
B. social event or ceremony
C. a negatively charged ion
- 10 Kathy liked to act **exasperated**, but Zeitoun's romantic side was central to why she loved him.
A. said indirectly
B. came or arrived
C. annoyed

- 11 *He felt some relief in knowing that it would likely remain there, or even drop a foot once it reached an equilibrium with Lake Pontchartrain.*
- A. thought
 - B. payment
 - C. balance
- 12 *Mohammed's accomplishments implied—proved, really—that the Zeitouns were extraordinary.*
- A. suggested (said indirectly)
 - B. not wanting to do something
 - C. was attractive or desirable
- 13 *It was chaos, anarchy.*
- A. a hollow muscular organ in the pelvic cavity of females which can hold a developing fetus
 - B. one who believes that knowledge is acquired primarily by reason rather than by experience
 - C. the complete absence of political authority; or more generally, complete absence of order
- 14 *She seemed to swing between worry and fatalistic resignation.*
- A. the act of finding fault and telling others; or a description of faults
 - B. the process of thinking carefully and making a judgment about something
 - C. accepted something undesired as unavoidable
- 15 *He had resigned in 2005, a few months after the storm.*
- A. drew
 - B. quit (his job)
 - C. paid
- 16 *From: CapZeton Date: Sun, 11 Sep 2005 02:01:34 +0200 To: [name omitted]@wafb.com Subject: New Orleans Hurricane-impacted areas Dear Sires, As I informed from some friends in Baton Rouge, that you have on Sept. 5th a meeting with my brother: Name Abdulrahman Zeitoun, 47 years old, at New Orleans effected zone 4649 Dart St. LA 70125-2716 where he stay, our friend saw him on your TV WAFB CH9 on Sept. 6th.*
- A. learned, discovered, or decided
 - B. took up or received into heaven
 - C. to exclude or neglect something
- 17 *And so they came to know the strange rules of their incarceration.*
- A. psychiatrist
 - B. postponement
 - C. captivity (or imprisonment)
- 18 *The guilt Zeitoun now felt was profound and growing.*
- A. of greatest intensity or emotional depth
 - B. without a tendency to be full of thought
 - C. lacking a tendency to be full of thought
- 19 *The usual bail for such a misdemeanor would be \$500.*
- A. particles emitted by nuclear decay
 - B. a crime less serious than a felony
 - C. a central open space in a building
- 20 *Each day he met with other law-enforcement personnel, and they would map out a plan of action.*
- A. the people expected to obey orders in an organization
 - B. the state or degree of being able to be taken on as one's own
 - C. not trustworthy with secrets, and/or conspicuous or obtrusive

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	blithe	Used 2 times in this book.
2	B	fluctuate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	C	parish	Used 7 times in this book.
4	A	context	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
5	C	debris	Used 7 times in this book.
6	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 23 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	approach (<i>as in: approached her with the proposal</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
8	B	congregation (<i>as in: the congregation voted</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
9	A	imam	Used 4 times in this book.
10	C	exasperated	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
11	C	equilibrium	Used 2 times in this book.
12	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
13	C	anarchy	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	resignation (<i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	resignation (<i>as in: submitted her resignation</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
16	C	omit	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
17	C	incarcerate	Used 12 times in this book.
18	A	profound (<i>as in: profound sadness</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
19	B	misdemeanor	Used 3 times in this book.
20	A	personnel	Used 14 times in this book.