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## **Catholic National Reader Book Four**

### **Answer Key**

#### **P. 19: Explain the expressions:**

1. “buried out of sight” - covered with water so that it is no longer seen
2. “nestled close” - pressed close for comfort and affection
3. “the swash of water” - movement or splashing of water
4. “Paschal candle” - the candle blessed on Holy Saturday and burned in the sanctuary from Easter to Ascension Thursday, which symbolizes the presence of Christ on earth for forty days after His Resurrection.
5. “uttered an exclamation of surprise” - a word or words spoken in astonishment
6. “guard of honor” - someone who watches over or protects with high regard or great respect.

#### **What other words could be used instead of:**

7. possessed - owned
8. consolation - comfort, condolence
9. ruined - demolished, damaged
10. thoughtful - considerate
11. splashed - swashed
12. glow - shine, gleam, twinkle
13. timber - plank, lumber
14. twinkling - glimmering, glittering
15. occurred - crossed the mind
16. flaxen - blond, straw-colored
17. collected - gathered, assembled
18. grief - anguish, sadness, sorrow

#### **P. 20: Explain the expressions:**

1. “made ready for the struggle” - prepared themselves for a battle
2. “pass-words” - secret words or phrases used by members of a group to send messages
3. “tripped along” - skipping or running with light, rapid steps
4. “important communication” - a message meaning a great deal; having much significance or consequence
5. “quick witted” - sharp minded, able to think fast
6. “her heart gave a big thump” - she was startled

7. “I have it” - I have an idea.
8. “put off” - ignored, sent away
9. “gay with silver tankards” - In this case, it refers to a table set to look very nice and festive, with large silver, drinking cups that have a handle and hinged lid.

#### **What other words could be used instead of:**

10. rumored - reported,
11. precaution - care
12. adopted - taken, assumed, utilized
13. patriotic - public spirited, civil minded
14. intrusted - (entrusted) commended, confided
15. accent - brogue, drawl, pronunciation
16. destination - appointment, purpose, goal
17. vexation - anger, irritation, annoyance

#### **P. 25: Explain the expressions:**

1. “discuss business” - to talk about things that need to be done, or to make plans
2. “faint with pain” - in such pain that you are weak; great pain
3. “Tory informer” - during the American Revolution, a person who had continued allegiance to Great Britain was called a “Tory.” An informer is someone who gives confidential information to someone who should not have the information; could be considered a traitor
4. “well on their way” - had gone a long way on the journey

#### **What other words could be used instead of:**

5. recognized - identified, knew
6. latter - last mentioned, second of two things
7. uttered - spoke
8. purring - sound that a cat makes
9. opportunity - chance
10. stores - provisions, possessions
11. resolute - determined, purposeful

#### **P. 31: Explain the expressions:**

1. “passed over the sun’s disk like a screen” - moved forward across the sky and blocked the light of the sun like a curtain.