

A Great and Terrible Beauty

by Libba Bray

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: banish, chide, depravity, direct (2), dour, exonerate, furtive, gist, hideous, however (2), hysteria, imply, indulge, initiate, odious, petulant, ravine, taunt



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
3	A
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6	A
7	B
8	A
9	C
10	B
11	A
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15	A
16	B
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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. I tried to **banish** the thought from my mind.
A. understand
B. collect
C. send away
2. She gently **chides** her friends who run up credit card debt unnecessarily.
A. avoids
B. celebrates with
C. criticizes
3. Feed your better nature--not the **depravity** within you.
A. evilness
B. impatience
C. weakness
4. I would like to speak **directly** to the manager.
A. formally
B. personally
C. when convenient
5. She is **easy** to work with. She is direct in her communications and expectations.
A. straightforward
B. considerate
C. humble
6. The **dour** guard frowned at every joke and ordered the students to be quiet.
A. grim and unfriendly
B. cheerful and playful
C. confused and lost
7. Despite what she says, I will be **exonerated**.
A. placed on trial
B. freed of blame
C. found guilty
8. Later she said she was just trying to figure out whose phone it was, but she looked around **furtively** before she began reading my text messages.
A. nervously
B. eagerly
C. with curiosity
9. It's a 300-page report, but the **gist** of it is that the plan won't work.
A. concern
B. problem
C. main point
10. He had a **hideous** scar running from his forehead to his jaw.
A. barely noticeable
B. extremely ugly
C. perfectly healed
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. The worst legislation is passed when voters are whipped into a state of hysteria.
- A. uncontrollable emotion
 - B. extreme anger
 - C. complete confusion
14. She implied that she would vote with us.
- A. hinted
 - B. insisted
 - C. denied
15. I indulge my taste for sweets more than is good for me.
- A. give in to
 - B. hold back from
 - C. complain about
16. My mother couldn't attend my Honor Society initiation ceremony.
- A. graduation
 - B. joining
 - C. convention
17. The poll tax was designed as a particularly odious violation of civil rights.
- A. extremely devious
 - B. harmful and hidden
 - C. extremely dislikable
18. The petulant child threw his toys whenever he didn't get his way.
- A. cheerful
 - B. cranky
 - C. hungry
19. I was afraid that if we climbed into the ravine, we might be caught in a flood before we could get out.
- A. a hole so deep the bottom cannot be seen
 - B. deep, narrow, steep-sided valley
 - C. a large, fast-moving river
20. They taunted her until she responded physically, and then they beat her up.
- A. followed
 - B. insulted
 - C. surrounded

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 Mustn't let them think we British ladies are so petty as to **indulge** in arguments on the streets.
A. enjoy to excess
B. work or operate
C. think carefully
- 2 Why did I act like such a **petulant** brat?
A. the degree to which something is able to change or is different
B. unreasonably annoyed or upset

or:

easily annoyed or upset
C. not trustworthy, or improper, or attracting unwelcome attention
- 3 No. This is all some **hideous** dream.
A. the characteristic of demonstrating something
B. extremely ugly, offensive, and/or frightening
C. the quality of not being sensible and careful
- 4 Try not to look so **dour**, Gemma.
A. very serious, stern, and unfriendly -- often in a gloomy or harsh way
B. [of food] able to be prepared in a manner that keeps it from spoiling
C. relating to understanding or explaining something in a particular way
- 5 I can just make out the **gist** of it, something about the "scandalous secrets of girls' boarding schools!"
A. the act of taking something on as one's own
B. something that helps clarify or demonstrate
C. the main point(s) of a more detailed matter
- 6 Felicity stops, turns to me, that pale face **taunting**.
A. giving an opinion of what is wrong with something
B. intentionally angering, challenging, or upsetting
C. keeping people and goods from reaching a location
- 7 So, what is this secret **initiation**?
A. submissiveness -- often an attitude of someone who is so submissive or eager to serve and please that they seem to lack self-respect
B. process or ceremony (to accept new members)
C. a government policy in which significantly less money is spent than normal; or any notable absence of luxury, comfort, or decoration
- 8 And then I'm off to sleep, **banishing** it from my mind.
A. treating as if of low worth
B. coming together to form one
C. expelling or getting rid of
- 9 However did you **manage** it?
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. to whatever degree (regardless of how much; or whatever unspecified amount)
- 10 Pippa is having none of it, **however**.
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)
- 11 It's a solid hike through the trees, beyond the boathouse and the lake, and along a deep **ravine**.
A. another battle with the same foe
B. deep, narrow, steep-sided valley
C. describing someone as antisocial

- 12 *"I'm afraid we cannot divulge any of the secrets of our Order," Felicity says, giving me a furtive glance.*
A. taking pains to avoid being observed
- or:
- in a manner indicating nervousness (being cautious or appearing suspicious)
B. intended for an entire religion rather than for a selected group with distinct beliefs -- typically the Christian religion
C. involving an unwelcome intrusion -- possibly a physical attack into another's territory or involvement in personal matters
- 13 *"Come now," Felicity chides.*
A. gains advantage from
B. boundaries or limits
C. scolds or criticizes
- 14 *"Avert your eyes!" she says in near hysteria, trying desperately to cover herself with the bit of lace and cloth.*
A. a state of excessive, uncontrollable emotion
B. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
C. found a condition or substance to be present
- 15 *What are you implying?*
A. suggesting (saying indirectly)
B. going back to a previous state
C. acting in an official capacity
- 16 *Or a sexually depraved fiend who preys on young girls.*
A. completely immoral or evil; or made immoral or evil
B. moved again into position to work; or started again
C. not examined in an attempt to improve understanding
- 17 *If she weren't doing this, Sally Carny would be on the streets, having to pay her way through far more odious, soul-crushing means.*
A. the degree to which something is able to change or is different
B. not trustworthy, or improper, or attracting unwelcome attention
C. extremely unpleasant, disgusting, dislikable, or worthy of hate
- 18 *She's looking directly into the camera with her wise, penetrating eyes—eyes I've known my whole life.*
A. in a manner that is appropriate or related in size, amount, or degree
B. straight (exactly where stated; used for emphasis)
C. in a manner that is not sexually attractive, or persuasively tempting
- 19 *It's simple and direct, with none of the nonsense about God calling home an angel too young and who are we to question his mysterious ways.*
A. straightforward (clear and uncomplicated)
B. the state or degree of being very large
C. meticulousness (care for small details)
- 20 *Mrs. Nightwing has already taken the idea and shaped it into exoneration for us, for Spence, and for herself.*
A. connected by blood or marriage; or a plant or animal related by origin or grouping
B. to free someone from blame

or more rarely:

to free someone from an obligation

- C. relating to the south Asian Muslim republic that is the fifth most populous country

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	indulge	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
2	B	petulant	Used 4 times in this book.
3	B	hideous	Used 12 times in this book.
4	A	dour	Used 2 times in this book.
5	C	gist	Used 2 times in this book.
6	B	taunt	Used 9 times in this book.
7	B	initiate (<i>as in: initiate into the fraternity</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
8	C	banish	Used 5 times in this book.
9	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	B	ravine	Used 12 times in this book.
12	A	furtive	Used 4 times in this book.
13	C	chide	Used 8 times in this book.
14	A	hysteria	Used 6 times in this book.
15	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
16	A	depravity	Used 2 times in this book.
17	C	odious	Used 2 times in this book.
18	B	direct (<i>as in: directly above; or buy direct</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
19	A	direct (<i>as in: gave a direct answer</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
20	B	exonerate	Used 2 times in this book.