

A Living Nightmare

by Darren Shan

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: adopt, albeit, antidote, bewilder, contradict, despise, genuine, heed, hypnotize, immerse, mentor, muse, optimistic, scarcity, sheer, sinister, telepathy, theme, therefore, venue



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
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12	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. The company plans to **adopt** new safety guidelines next month.
 - A. ignore
 - B. publish
 - C. take on
2. The repair was successful, **albeit** expensive.
 - A. therefore
 - B. though
 - C. unless
3. Laughter can be a good **antidote** for stress.
 - A. poison
 - B. cure
 - C. toxin
4. I am trying to understand her, but I am **bewildered**.
 - A. confused
 - B. bored
 - C. distracted
5. Does the sentence **contradict** what is said in the previous paragraph?
 - A. disagree with
 - B. reinforce
 - C. expand upon
6. She **despises** his lifestyle.
 - A. admires
 - B. wants
 - C. hates
7. She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
 - A. sincere (real)
 - B. fake
 - C. generous (giving)
8. She didn't **heed** the storm warnings and got caught in the heavy rain.
 - A. pass through
 - B. tell others of
 - C. pay attention to
9. The police want to **hypnotize** me to see if it will help me remember what she looked like.
 - A. give a memory drug to
 - B. put into a trance
 - C. visit the crime scene with
10. She **immersed** herself in her studies.
 - A. completely involved
 - B. self-trained
 - C. fully confused
11. The famous professor **mentored** her during her years in graduate school.
 - A. graded essays by
 - B. personally advised
 - C. lectured to
12. Let me **muse** on it on a while and I'll get back to you.
 - A. research
 - B. think
 - C. ask

13. She keeps telling me her chances of dying in a car accident are 1 in 150, but I keep telling her that's too optimistic if she drives after drinking.
- A. hopeful
 - B. gloomy
 - C. simplistic
14. Work is **scarce** in the region.
- A. easily found
 - B. extremely hard
 - C. in short supply
15. It was a demonstration of sheer stupidity.
- A. mixed
 - B. misguided
 - C. complete
16. In the movie, there was a sinister plot to kill people and harvest their organs.
- A. complicated
 - B. evil
 - C. clever
17. Though popular in fiction, **telepathy** does not exist in the real world.
- A. communication from one mind to another without using the known senses
 - B. improperly bold or disrespectful -- especially toward someone who is older or considered to be of higher status
 - C. unsophisticated (meant disapprovingly to refer to old-fashioned or narrow-minded attitudes and ideas)
18. My mood is uplifted when I hear the *Indiana Jones* theme music.
- A. instrumental
 - B. of an amusement park
 - C. primary melody
19. We reduced locations where mosquito eggs can mature and therefore reduced the number of mosquitoes.
- A. in addition
 - B. in spite of that
 - C. for that reason
20. The concert was moved to a larger venue to accommodate the growing number of fans.
- A. opening act
 - B. ticket price
 - C. event location

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 He was feared and **despised** everywhere he went.
 - A. not good at concentrating on one thing
 - B. adjusted a lens to make an image clear
 - C. disliked strongly and looked down upon
- 2 I was so **immersed**, I forgot about...
 - A. completely involved
 - B. excessively excited
 - C. nervous or confused
- 3 "I didn't say that," he **contradicted** me.
 - A. disagreed
 - B. separated
 - C. satisfied
- 4 The **venue** was an old theater that used to show movies.
 - A. an subatomic particle with negative charge that is found in all atoms and that acts as the primary carrier of electricity
 - B. a highly educated person interested in learning and exploring ideas -- sometimes while ignoring practical considerations
 - C. event location -- especially a performance, meeting, or gathering

or:

law: the jurisdiction where a trial will be held
- 5 walked the **hypnotized** wolf-man through the theater
 - A. roughly calculated or guessed (based on incomplete information) a value, quantity, or extent of something
 - B. in a trance-like state of heightened suggestibility
 - C. disappointed from losing false belief that something is better than it is; or the removal of such a belief
- 6 the **theme** tunes from a few popular TV shows
 - A. treat in a manner that demonstrates a sense of superiority, but is supposed to seem kind OR the actions of a patron (to support someone or something; or to be a customer)
 - B. (verb) to intentionally anger, challenge, or upset someone -- especially by mocking them or hurling insults OR (noun) an insult or other action intended to anger, challenge, or upset someone
 - C. primary melody
- 7 But none of the books mentioned performing spiders, or ones with **telepathic** powers.
 - A. communication from one mind to another without using the known senses (often used in fiction but not scientifically supported as real)
 - B. related to an economic system based on voluntary exchange in a competitive environment with private ownership of property and businesses
 - C. (adjective) of low quality, or of lower quality or rank than something else OR (more rarely as a noun) a person of lower rank or status
- 8 I asked, **bewildered**.
 - A. confused
 - B. restored
 - C. collided
- 9 ...by **sheer** bad luck, she happened to barge in.
 - A. more religious; or having more enthusiastic support (for something)
 - B. more trustworthy with secrets and/or less conspicuous or obtrusive
 - C. pure -- without other reasons
- 10 "They sounded **optimistic**," she said.
 - A. expecting the best; or focusing on the good part of things
 - B. in a manner of accepting something as true (without proof)
 - C. relating separately to the people or things just mentioned

- 11 *Back then I could tell myself that he didn't know who I was and **therefore** couldn't find me.*
 A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 B. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
 C. for that reason
- 12 *This was the closest to him I'd been and I expected to spot all sorts of details — red teeth, long ears, narrow eyes — but he looked like a normal human, **albeit** a tremendously ugly one.*
 A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 B. although (used to introduce a phrase that reduces or modifies the effect of what preceded it)
 C. therefore (for that reason)
- 13 *"Perhaps," Mr. Crepsley **mused**, tugging at his chin and stroking his scar.*
 A. was abundant or plentiful
 B. thought (reflected deeply on a subject)
 C. expelled or gotten rid of
- 14 *I sighed, beating him to the punch, and his dark, **sinister** smile told me I was right.*
 A. not able to be disagreed with
 B. evil, harmful, or frightening
 C. not thoughtful about the past
- 15 *You will find food for me if it is **scarce**.*
 A. the state of not being aware or concerned about something
 B. a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything
 C. in short supply OR barely or hardly (by a small margin)
- 16 *If he does not get the **antidote** before tomorrow morning, the serum will not work.*
 A. poison
 B. cure
 C. toxin
- 17 *"I have to throw you hard enough to make it look **genuine**," he said.*
 A. real
 B. city
 C. lazy
- 18 *They said they still had Annie and could maybe have another child or **adopt** one.*
 A. begin fighting again
 B. recognize difference
 C. take on as one's own
- 19 *"But **heed** this, Darren Shan," he said.*
 A. a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
 B. adjusted excessively or made up for excessively
 C. pay close attention to; or do what is suggested
- 20 *You and your **mentor**.*
 A. to gradually destroy or change the purpose of something -- such as a government, institution, or rule
 B. someone who guides and advises another who is less experienced; or the act of providing such guidance
 C. a beam, bracket, or other structure supported only on one side; or to support something in that manner

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	despise	Used 2 times in this book.
2	A	immerse (<i>as in: immersed in her book</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
3	A	contradict	High-utility academic word
4	C	venue	Used 2 times in this book.
5	B	hypnotize (<i>as in: hypnotized to try to remember</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	C	theme (<i>as in: musical theme</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
7	A	telepathy	Used 5 times in this book.
8	A	bewilder	Used about 15 times per 10 books in our high school library.
9	C	sheer (<i>as in: sheer fun</i>)	Used about 10 times per 10 books in our high school library.
10	A	optimistic	High-utility academic word
11	C	therefore	High-utility academic word
12	B	albeit	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
13	B	muse (<i>as in: her musings</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
14	B	sinister	High-utility academic word
15	C	scarcity	High-utility academic word
16	B	antidote	Used 3 times in this book.
17	A	genuine	High-utility academic word
18	C	adopt	High-utility academic word
19	C	heed	Used about 7 times per 10 books in our high school library.
20	B	mentor	High-utility academic word