

American Sniper

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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: adapt, brief, demonstrate (2), deploy, desecrate, function (2), insurgent, interpret (2), ornerly, perspective, phase, positive (2), sanction, veto, virtual (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
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4	C
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6	A
7	A
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11	A
12	A
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15	A
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17	C
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.

- This passage is adapted from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
 - copied
 - read
 - changed
- The captain briefed the crew on safety procedures before takeoff.
 - argued loudly with
 - gave a summary to
 - took a photo of
- The medal is given only to a few who have demonstrated extraordinary courage while defending their country.
 - protested
 - shown
 - encouraged
- The students demonstrated against limitations on free speech.
 - signed petitions
 - spoke eloquently
 - protested
- The city deployed snowplows before the storm reached downtown.
 - sent out
 - held back
 - sold off
- In the U.S., the protected right of free speech makes it legal to desecrate the flag and other sacred symbols.
 - disrespect
 - oppose
 - burn
- My brain does not function as well when I'm under stress.
 - work
 - feel
 - have fun
- The program has a built-in function that does that with a single user request.
 - predictable value
 - computer code that performs a specific task
 - formula that describes a relationship between variables
- The insurgents fought against the government.
 - members of an irregular armed force that fight a stronger force by sabotage and harassment
 - members of an army fighting outside of their home country
 - soldiers who fight for a country that is not their own in order to earn pay
- She will stand to his left and interpret his speech into sign language.
 - refute (prove false)
 - elaborate upon
 - translate
- How will a court interpret the word *careless* if there is a lawsuit?
 - understand
 - insist on
 - ignore
- He is too ornery to celebrate his birthday.
 - bad-tempered
 - old
 - ill

13. Also, try to see it from her perspective before you make up your mind.
- A. timeframe
 - B. education level
 - C. way of looking at things
14. We finished the first phase of the project.
- A. pretending to have moral standards while not living up to them
 - B. a stage during the development of something
 - C. someone responsible for a wrongdoing -- especially a criminal
15. Volunteering had a positive impact on the whole neighborhood.
- A. good or beneficial
 - B. harmful or damaging
 - C. minor and unnoticed
16. I appreciate your positive attitude.
- A. patient
 - B. open-minded
 - C. optimistic
17. They are calling for a global campaign of boycotts and sanctions against Israel.
- A. makes possible
 - B. leaps or jumps
 - C. penalties
18. The president decided to veto the bill passed by Congress.
- A. openly support
 - B. publicly debate
 - C. officially reject
19. I qualified for the tournament but have virtually no chance of winning.
- A. absolutely
 - B. almost
 - C. sadly
20. Virtual reality goggles, gloves, and a body suit helps the computer character mimic your movements.
- A. crystal clear
 - B. simulated (via a computer)
 - C. blocking side vision

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 *Three phases follow: physical training, diving, land warfare.*
 - A. tiles designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
 - B. stages (in the development of something)
 - C. instances of taking on or adopting of power or responsibility
- 2 *It seemed like every time I was coming back from a combat deployment, he was coming in to relieve me.*
 - A. placing or activating
 - B. a nerve or brain cell
 - C. long eventful journey
- 3 *Saddam was smuggling oil and other items both into and out of his country, in violation of the U.N. sanctions.*
 - A. makes possible
 - B. leaps or jumps
 - C. penalties
- 4 *Along the way, they began encountering the sort of fanatical insurgency that would characterize the war after Baghdad fell.*
 - A. a member of an irregular armed force that fights a stronger force by sabotage and harassment
 - B. the induction of an artificial seizure in a patient by passing electricity through the brain
 - C. (of a sound) not deep and rich OR not bringing to mind OR not having reinforcing effects
- 5 *The fanatics we fought valued nothing but their twisted interpretation of religion.*
 - A. understanding (of something in a particular way)
 - B. the time during which something continues
 - C. meticulousness (care about small details)
- 6 *Our interpreter stepped over and told him to open up.*
 - A. people who criticize or condemn
 - B. someone who extensively damages
 - C. someone who translates language
- 7 *We could have rolled in and taken out the bad guys—but the CO vetoed it.*
 - A. with rises and falls in pitch
 - B. embarrassed or self-conscious
 - C. blocked (prevented) an action
- 8 *Of course, she had a different perspective: she was just happy that I was alive and home in one piece.*
 - A. collection of star systems held together by gravity
 - B. resulting from God's intervention or plan; or lucky
 - C. way of seeing and thinking about things
- 9 *The gun was super-easy to handle, and was virtually interchangeable with the M-4, which, though not a sniper weapon, is still a valuable combat tool.*
 - A. in an artificial manner to make an impression
 - B. almost completely
 - C. in a manner that relates to the eyes or sight
- 10 *It used virtual reality to test what sorts of effects battle has on your body.*
 - A. seven wise men of ancient Greece
 - B. simulated by a computer
 - C. idiom meaning "won the day"
- 11 *On older weapons, we would adapt a piece of hard-packed foam and raise the stock to the right height.*
 - A. to spread one-sided information to influence opinions
 - B. alter the regular state of an otherwise stable system
 - C. change to fit a different situation; or make suitable
- 12 *He wasn't a huge shark, but what he lacked in size he made up for in pure orneriness.*
 - A. quick to get annoyed, complain, argue, and be uncooperative
 - B. tendency to be direct in a disagreeable, insensitive manner
 - C. the degree or quality of being exactly vertical or straight

- 13 *I spent the whole first week of nav school frowning at a desk in front of a Toughbook laptop computer, learning the computer's functions, how to hook up to a GPS and manipulate the satellite imagery and maps.*
- A. requests for supernatural help -- especially prayers to God
 - B. computer code modules each of which perform a specific task
 - C. stock markets during times of generally rising stock values
- 14 *The official government still wasn't functioning here, and the Iraqi police and army were nowhere near capable of keeping order, naturally.*
- A. working or operating
 - B. trying or attempting
 - C. happening repeatedly
- 15 *In this case, because of when I was heading out, it happened that I passed a small group of protesters demonstrating against the war.*
- A. showing wear with threads beginning to separate or hang loose
 - B. promising, guaranteeing, or indicating certainty of something
 - C. joining with others in a public protest
- 16 *We would establish strongholds in various parts of the city, demonstrating that we were in control—and essentially daring the enemy to attack.*
- A. drawing
 - B. showing
 - C. trading
- 17 *That spring was the period when Americans were shocked by the images of four contractors, their bodies desecrated, hanging from a bridge in Fallujah.*
- A. violated the sacred nature of something
 - B. examined in detail to better understand
 - C. moved into position to work; or started
- 18 *Whenever someone came on the gun, the person he was relieving would brief him quickly, describing who'd been in the neighborhood, etc.*
- A. not answer questions; or block progress
 - B. give a summary of important information to
 - C. move from more general to more specific
- 19 *But it was also an extremely positive letter, full of hope and encouraging all of us to do some small part for others.*
- A. unable to get closer to
 - B. not sensible or careful
 - C. optimistic
- 20 *But there are also a lot of positives to military service.*
- A. good things
 - B. understandings or explanations
 - C. quiet voices; or a quiet voice

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	phase (<i>as in: a critical phase</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
2	A	deploy	Used 88 times in this book.
3	C	sanction (<i>as in: sanctions against them</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
4	A	insurgent	Used 204 times in this book.
5	A	interpret (<i>as in: her interpretation of the data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	veto	Used 2 times in this book.
8	C	perspective (<i>as in: Look at it from her perspective</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
9	B	virtual (<i>as in: virtual organization</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	B	virtual (<i>as in: computer's virtual world</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
12	A	ornery (<i>as in: is ornery when she first wakes up</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
13	B	function (<i>as in: Amazon's new search function</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	function (<i>as in: can't function well without sleep</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	C	demonstrate (<i>as in: demonstrate to protest</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
16	B	demonstrate (<i>as in: It demonstrates my point.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	desecrate	Used 3 times in this book.
18	B	brief (<i>as in: briefed her</i>)	Used 7 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	positive (<i>as in: a positive attitude</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
20	A	positive (<i>as in: had a positive effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.