

# Among the Hidden

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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:** analyze, competent, comprehend, contrast, cultivate, deranged, fervent, genuine, habitat, incredulous, monopoly, plausible, pristine, propaganda, propel, ration, resolute, sequence, species, taunt



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	B
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18	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 coach studied the film to **analyze** the defensive breakdown.
  - A. avoid
  - B. examine
  - C. cause
2. She is **competent** on both violin and piano.
  - A. below average
  - B. sufficiently capable
  - C. outstanding
3. Washington fails to **comprehend** the change in China's strategy.
  - A. fully understand
  - B. regard respectfully
  - C. respond adequately to
4. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
  - A. notable similarity
  - B. covering of all styles
  - C. notable difference
5. Creativity can be **cultivated**.
  - A. useful
  - B. developed or grown
  - C. risky or dangerous
6. The **deranged** killer had a twisted view of reality.
  - A. mentally imbalanced
  - B. continually frustrated
  - C. always frightened
7. She is a **fervent** admirer.
  - A. distant
  - B. thoughtful
  - C. passionate
8. She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
  - A. sincere (real)
  - B. fake
  - C. generous (giving)
9. They are found in the marine **habitat** of the kelp forest of southern California.
  - A. feeding routine
  - B. natural environment
  - C. breeding season
10. At first, she was **incredulous**--thinking the report was in error.
  - A. worried
  - B. confused
  - C. without belief
11. Critics warned that the tech giant's **monopoly** over online search could limit innovation and competition.
  - A. minor stake
  - B. shared market
  - C. complete control
12. Her theory was neat, **plausible**, and wrong.
  - A. reasonable
  - B. praiseworthy
  - C. foolish

13. After the renovation, the old house was in **pristine** condition.
- A. unspoiled or immaculately clean
  - B. spoiled or dirty
  - C. adequate but not exceptional
14. It is another example of typical Russian **propaganda** that blames foreigners for every evil.
- A. social media
  - B. television
  - C. slanted news
15. The hot air balloon depends upon wind to **propel** it.
- A. turn
  - B. push
  - C. lift
16. During the Second World War, products such as food and gasoline were **rationed** in the United States, so more resources could be devoted to the war effort.
- A. restricted in the amount each person could have
  - B. set at a high price only the military could afford
  - C. imported in small amounts from many countries
17. Despite the criticism, she remained **resolute** in her decision to speak out.
- A. hopeful
  - B. determined and unwavering
  - C. out of touch with reality
18. The **sequence** of events in the novel kept the readers engaged and eager to find out what happens next.
- A. brief summary
  - B. order or series
  - C. random collection
19. It is thought that there are over 20,000 **species** of ants.
- A. different categories
  - B. different nest types
  - C. different diets
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 **Resolutely**, Luke stuck his fork in the pile of scrambled eggs on his plate and took a bite.
  - A. in a strongly biased manner
  - B. with firm purpose or belief
  - C. in a morally correct manner
- 2 This letter was as thick as some from Luke's grandmother, but it bore an official seal, and the return address was an embossed DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN HABITATION, ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS DIVISION.
  - A. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
  - B. the type of environment in which an organism or group normally lives
  - C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 3 He'd read all their books dozens of times, even the ones with titles like *Diseases of the Porcine Species and Common Grasses of Our Countryside*.
  - A. a similar group of animals or plants
  - B. the quality of exactness or accuracy
  - C. the gain of advantage from something
- 4 Mark said **incredulously**.
  - A. in a manner that influences reason or general desire to do something
  - B. in a manner that intentionally angers, challenges, or upsets someone
  - C. with disbelief; or with difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 5 "I'm not scared of you," he **taunted**, and took a big bite.
  - A. made appropriate in size, amount, or degree
  - B. intentionally angered, challenged, or upset
  - C. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
- 6 It reminded him of a word he'd never heard, only read: "**pristine**."
  - A. unspoiled or immaculately clean
  - B. non-traditional or non-standard
  - C. poor ability to make a decision
- 7 But everybody knows the Government's not that **competent**.
  - A. sincerity (realness)
  - B. capable
  - C. sensible and careful
- 8 "Don't tell me your family believes that Government **propaganda** stuff," she said.
  - A. a psychological disorder characterized by excessive distrust of others
  - B. an approach to psychology that emphasizes observable measurable behavior
  - C. one-sided information that is purposefully spread to influence opinions
- 9 "Well—" Jen waved her hand in a way that made Luke even more aware of the **contrast** between his ragged flannel shirt and patched jeans, and Ten's perfect house.
  - A. come to terms with
  - B. block or interfere
  - C. notable difference
- 10 In Luke's country, the Government began **rationing** food, only allowing people to have 1,500 calories a day.
  - A. restricting the amount of something each person can have -- such as food or gasoline when there is a shortage
  - B. treating something in an educated, intellectual way -- often excluding emotional or practical considerations
  - C. "spiritual renewing" a person in a Christian ceremony OR initiating or purifying by a challenging experience
- 11 Due to the preponderance of such agricultural methods in the **cultivation** of illegal substances, we order you to cease and desist immediately....
  - A. a power plant that produces energy by splitting atoms
  - B. development, growth, or preparation for growing crops
  - C. an unsettled state of mind (nervous or uncomfortable)

- 12 *But each time, Jen greeted him with big hugs and acted **genuinely** thrilled to see him.*
- A. really
  - B. mainly
  - C. wisely
- 13 *He **ferverently** hoped she'd thought of all the details about the rally.*
- A. in a manner that is not easily identified
  - B. in a way that is good at solving problems
  - C. with intense emotion or passionate belief
- 14 *She looked at him as if he were **deranged**.*
- A. crazy
  - B. not having taken power or responsibility
  - C. compensated for a loss; or paid a reward
- 15 *Jen had explained it to him once, told him the exact **sequence** of buttons to hit to disable it.*
- A. tell someone about something
  - B. arranged in a specific order
  - C. something repeated regularly
- 16 *The Population Police are backlogged right now, following leads from the rally, so I should have a day or two to come up with a **plausible**-sounding explanation.*
- A. apparently reasonable, but unproven
  - B. in a manner that takes on or adopts
  - C. full of strong desire for something
- 17 *He felt his legs spring up and **propel** him toward Jen's dad.*
- A. make different; or show difference
  - B. to cause something to move forward
  - C. make up for something bad; or save
- 18 *Governments being overthrown, cities rioting—they were beyond his **comprehension**.*
- A. the understanding of something
  - B. a change; or a changed version
  - C. a type of small portable radio
- 19 *He wished they could just move their **Monopoly** pieces and pretend the time wasn't ticking away.*
- A. in a manner that tries to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuading
  - B. in the manner of someone who consumes more than they should -- especially eating and drinking too much
  - C. complete control over a product, service, or resource -- usually by a single person, company, or group
- 20 *He decided he couldn't **analyze** it yet.*
- A. restore
  - B. examine
  - C. predict

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	resolute	Used 2 times in this book.
2	B	habitat	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
3	A	species	Used 2 times in this book.
4	C	incredulous	Used 2 times in this book.
5	B	taunt	Used 2 times in this book.
6	A	pristine	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
7	B	competent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
8	C	propaganda	Used 3 times in this book.
9	C	contrast ( <i>as in: there is a contrast</i> )	High-utility academic word
10	A	ration	Used 2 times in this book.
11	B	cultivate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	A	genuine	High-utility academic word
13	C	fervent	High-utility academic word
14	A	deranged ( <i>as in: a deranged madman</i> )	Used 2 times in this book.
15	B	sequence	Used 3 times in this book.
16	A	plausible	High-utility academic word
17	B	propel	Used 2 times in this book.
18	A	comprehend	High-utility academic word
19	C	monopoly	High-utility academic word
20	B	analyze	High-utility academic word