

Artemis Fowl

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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: acquisition, adversary, alloy, assuage, attribute, centaur, devious, direct (3), interpret, ion, manor, medieval, nevertheless, sinister, species, subside (2), tentative



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
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5	B
6	C
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8	B
9	A
10	B
11	A
12	A
13	B
14	A
15	B
16	B
17	A
18	A
19	A
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. Her primary focus is on the **acquisition** of money and the things it can buy.
 - A. getting
 - B. spending
 - C. fearing
2. Their **adversaries** outsmarted them.
 - A. sub-groups
 - B. replacements
 - C. opponents
3. The mechanic explained that this wheel was made from a lightweight **alloy**, perfect for racing.
 - A. type of plastic
 - B. pure aluminum
 - C. mixture of metals
4. The police chief made a statement that **assuaged** many people's worst fears.
 - A. made a joke of
 - B. soothed
 - C. made worse
5. She **attributes** her success to hard work.
 - A. gives money for
 - B. gives credit for
 - C. gives help for
6. In Greek mythology, Chiron is probably the most famous of the **centaurs**. He is known for his wisdom and knowledge of medicine.
 - A. demigod fighters in wars between gods
 - B. winged horses that can fly
 - C. mythical beings that are half man and half horse
7. She is a **devious** opponent.
 - A. widely respected
 - B. deceitful and clever
 - C. not very challenging
8. I would like to speak **directly** to the manager.
 - A. formally
 - B. personally
 - C. when convenient
9. She is easy to work with. She is **direct** in her communications and expectations.
 - A. straightforward
 - B. considerate
 - C. humble
10. The judge **directed** the jury to ignore the question.
 - A. asked
 - B. ordered
 - C. understood
11. How will a court **interpret** the word *careless* if there is a lawsuit?
 - A. understand
 - B. insist on
 - C. ignore

12. The ion propulsion system is incredibly efficient in space.
- A. atom with an electric charge
 - B. engine that burns liquid fuel
 - C. wave of pure light energy
13. She inherited the **manor**, but seldom visits it.
- A. castle
 - B. large house
 - C. palace
14. The museum displayed **medieval** armor worn by knights centuries ago.
- A. from the Middle Ages
 - B. from modern times
 - C. from ancient Egypt
15. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
16. In the movie, there was a **sinister** plot to kill people and harvest their organs.
- A. complicated
 - B. evil
 - C. clever
17. It is thought that there are over 20,000 **species** of ants.
- A. different categories
 - B. different nest types
 - C. different diets
18. I couldn't think clearly until the pain **subsided**.
- A. decreased
 - B. forced focus
 - C. was treated
19. The flood waters have **subsided**.
- A. settled to a lower level
 - B. risen higher
 - C. created disorder
20. She took a **tentative** step to see if her injured ankle would support her weight.
- A. careful
 - B. brave
 - C. confident

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 A plan that could topple civilizations and plunge the planet into a cross-species war.
 - A. a similar group of animals or plants
 - B. the quality of exactness or accuracy
 - C. the gain of advantage from something
- 2 Artemis was perhaps the only person alive who could take full advantage of his recent acquisition.
 - A. obtaining; or possession
 - B. social event or ceremony
 - C. a positively charged ion
- 3 A lot of the magic attributed to the People is just superstition.
 - A. not made different; or shown to be different
 - B. credited (pointed to as the cause of something)
 - C. not changed directly from a solid to a vapor
- 4 Aiming for the weak point at the base of the skull, she let the troll have a long burst of the concentrated ion ray.
 - A. an atom that has acquired an electrical charge by the loss or gain of an electron
 - B. something that serves as evidence -- especially a statement at a trial or hearing
 - C. a group, made up of government representatives, that has the power to create laws
- 5 You disobeyed a direct order.
 - A. clear, straightforward, or to the point
 - B. the state or degree of being very large
 - C. meticulousness (care for small details)
- 6 He stopped and glared into the director's mauve eyes.
 - A. a doctor who tests eyesight and provides glasses or contact lenses to improve vision
 - B. to guide, aim, or manage -- such as actions, attention, speech, a project or company
 - C. someone who polishes something and makes it shiny; or someone who improves something
- 7 The effect of this gear-crunching was to flip her around in mid-air, so that her boot heels were pointed directly at the troll's head.
 - 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
- 8 Nevertheless, the commander was not prepared to risk a computer crash in the middle of an alert and so doused his cigar in the coffee cup of a passing gremlin.
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 9 Perhaps a Shao Lin priest could have anticipated some of the more exaggerated movements, but these men were hardly trained adversaries.
 - A. loyalties
 - B. made holy
 - C. opponents
- 10 When the gales had finally subsided, he shook his index finger.
 - A. became less intense
 - B. not interacting or having interest; or stopped interacting or having interest
 - C. campaigned or worked for a cause that was passionately believed to be important
- 11 The deeper the tunnel, the less chance of subsidence on the surface.
 - A. the gradual sinking or settling of land to a lower level
 - B. soft leather shoe traditionally worn by Native Americans
 - C. belief or opinion formed by viewing things a certain way

- 12 *Artemis put on his best sinister face.*
 A. not able to be disagreed with
 B. evil or frightening
 C. not thoughtful about the past
- 13 *Plastering your absurd interpretations on to the most innocent of gestures.*
 A. ways of understanding or explaining things
 B. people who express disapproval
 C. quiet voices; or a quiet voice
- 14 *The manor's security had been compromised.*
 A. lymph node -- one of many bean-sized organs that filter bacteria and other toxins from circulating white-blood-cell filled lymph fluid
 B. a large house and the land around it
 C. when what happens is very different than what might be expected; or when things are together that seem like they don't belong together
- 15 *When activated, several alloy rods in the seal's collar would be detonated simultaneously, effectively disintegrating the door.*
 A. a slight amount; or to contain a slight amount
 B. something that is necessary for something else
 C. a metal that consists of more than one element
- 16 *The only shelter was provided by the suits of medieval armour punctuating the walls.*
 A. relating to or belonging to the Middle Ages

 (the period of European history between the fall of the Roman Empire and the beginning of the Renaissance -- roughly 500–1500 AD)
 B. the degree to which a performance of or to someone else's work lends itself to the expression of personal artistic ideas or feelings by the performer
 C. the quality or degree of being straightforward or clear (sometimes indicating that truth is not worded carefully to spare feelings or gain advantage)
- 17 *This is Foaly, the centaur.*
 A. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 B. a general feeling of not being as good as others
 C. a mythical being that is half man and half horse
- 18 *They approached the doorway tentatively.*
 A. carefully (in an unsure or hesitant manner)
 B. in a manner that is not sincere
 C. in comparison to something else
- 19 *He would have to completely disappear of course, but a plan was already forming in his devious mind.*
 A. able to be persuaded to do something by tempting with pleasure or something desired
 B. deceitful (not honest and straightforward) -- often in a complicated, clever manner
 C. relating to one-sided information that is purposefully spread to influence opinions
- 20 *D'Klass thought that the greed of the Mud People in his kingdom could be assuaged by distributing lavish gifts.*
 A. made a joke of
 B. soothed
 C. made worse

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	species	Used 8 times in this book.
2	A	acquisition	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	B	attribute (<i>as in: I attribute it to...</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
4	A	ion	Used 3 times in this book.
5	A	direct (<i>as in: gave a direct answer</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
6	B	direct (<i>as in: direct a question; or direct a film</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
7	B	direct (<i>as in: directly above; or buy direct</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
8	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
9	C	adversary	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
10	A	subside (<i>as in: her anger subsided</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	A	subside (<i>as in: the ground subsided</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
12	B	sinister	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
13	A	interpret (<i>as in: her interpretation of the data</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
14	B	manor	Used 28 times in this book.
15	C	alloy	Used 4 times in this book.
16	A	medieval	Used 8 times in this book.
17	C	centaur	Used 32 times in this book.
18	A	tentative (<i>as in: said it tentatively</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
19	B	devious (<i>as in: a devious plan</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
20	B	assuage	Used 3 times in this book.