

BoneMan's Daughters

by Ted Dekker

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: compulsion, conclusive, congregate, direct (3), evaluate, however (2), insurgent, interrogate, intuition, loathe, meticulous, motive, remorse, scrutiny, superficial, syndrome, thoroughfare



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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17	C
18	B
19	C
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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. My eating **compulsion** doesn't make sense.
 - A. so slowly
 - B. unhealthfully
 - C. uncontrollably
2. The test results were **conclusive**, proving the medicine was effective.
 - A. early (and uncertain)
 - B. possible (but unproven)
 - C. definite (leaving no doubt)
3. People **congregated** outside of City Hall to protest.
 - A. came together
 - B. sat down
 - C. shouted
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 judge **directed** the jury to ignore the question.
 - A. asked
 - B. ordered
 - C. understood
7. I'm **evaluating** job options.
 - A. considering
 - B. creating
 - C. avoiding
8. 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
9. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
10. The **insurgents** fought against the government.
 - A. members of an irregular armed force that fight a stronger force by sabotage and harassment
 - B. members of an army fighting outside of their home country
 - C. soldiers who fight for a country that is not their own in order to earn pay
11. Officers will **interrogate** the witnesses separately to compare their accounts.
 - A. question closely
 - B. politely greet
 - C. quietly observe

12. Intuitively, I knew not to trust her.
A. logically
B. instinctively
C. conclusively
13. I loathe that man. He ruined my life.
A. fear
B. avoid
C. hate
14. She is meticulous in her bookkeeping and at the end of the year she can tell the IRS where every dollar was spent.
A. quick
B. careful
C. impressive
15. A desire for religious freedom was their motive for leaving England.
A. excuse
B. technique
C. reason
16. I expressed my remorse at having let them down.
A. frustration
B. worry
C. regret
17. The new policy faced scrutiny from independent reviewers.
A. strong support
B. quick approval
C. careful examination
18. Her thinking was superficial.
A. deep
B. shallow
C. creative
19. She suffers from Down syndrome.
A. fainting spells
B. weakness
C. pattern of symptoms
20. It's the city's main east-west thoroughfare.
A. main road
B. landmark
C. dividing line

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 The dust **directly** in front of them cleared enough to reveal a plume of black smoke boiling to the sky ahead.
A. in a manner that is appropriate or related in size, amount, or degree
B. close
C. in a manner that is not sexually attractive, or persuasively tempting
- 2 He didn't yell anything specifically, just a roar of outrage **directed** at the BoneMan and whatever demonic entity had possessed him to visit such pain upon him.
A. helped make clear
B. aimed, or intended for
C. thought carefully
- 3 I took the DA only because I was under **direct** orders to take him, return him to the quarry, and break his bones by daybreak.
A. clear, straightforward, or to the point
B. the state or degree of being very large
C. meticulousness (care for small details)
- 4 And despite her **loathing** of little girls who jumped up and down with their fists clenched, she did just that.
A. changing through evolution
B. stopping a battle or fight
C. disgust or intense dislike
- 5 The man paced back and forth now, hands still behind his back, like an **interrogator** from an old World War II movie.
A. someone who asks a series of questions of someone else
B. someone who is learned in the study of God or religion
C. someone who won't answer questions; or blocks progress
- 6 There would be more than enough **scrutiny** to go around if the folder on the chief's desk contained the truth.
A. the best or most important
B. a secret agreement or plot
C. careful look or inspection
- 7 It was a murder of detailed planning, and there was nothing on the Web to profile this level of intensity with an unclear **motive**.
A. small quantity or indication
B. the sacred writings of Islam
C. reason (for doing something)
- 8 An **overwhelming** sense of **remorse** flooded his mind.
A. two successive lines of poetry; usually rhymed
B. the main building (or buildings) of government
C. deep regret for doing something that was wrong
- 9 Not **conclusive** in our way of thinking.
A. in a manner that takes on or adopts
B. full of strong desire for something
C. putting an end to doubt or question
- 10 He had to pass this debriefing and psych **evaluation**, and shaking hands not withstanding, he would demonstrate that he was just fine.
A. the process of thinking carefully and making a judgment about something
B. the act of finding fault and telling others; or a description of faults
C. an international boundary or a wilderness at the edge of a settled area
- 11 Most had physical wounds far worse than Ryan's **superficial** cuts, and he felt guilty for having taken up one of the forty-eight beds in this ward.
A. comprehensive (thorough)
B. relating to a surface rather than to anything deep or penetrating
C. deep and creative

- 12 *The convoy I was in was hit, and I was taken by some insurgents.*
A. members of an irregular armed force that fight a stronger force by sabotage and harassment
B. the science related to DNA sequences or units of heredity that influence biological traits
C. streaks of light in the sky caused by small space rocks burning up in Earth's atmosphere
- 13 — *FEW PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD how much of the best investigative work depended on intuition.*
A. the redirection energy from a negative (unacceptable) impulse or urge into a positive or acceptable action
B. the ability to know instinctively rather than through reasoning; or the thing that is known in such a way
C. someone with a potentially life-threatening psychological eating disorder that prevents eating enough food
- 14 *Kracker put a large hand on a sheet of paper and slid it next to a neatly stacked pile on his meticulously arranged desk.*
A. in a manner that is not sensible and careful
B. in a manner treating details with great care
C. in a manner that is capable of being noticed
- 15 *How a human mind could desire anything with such compulsion mystified him.*
A. a strategy or plan to do something
B. a dream about doing something
C. an urge, force, or requirement to do something
- 16 *They would be all over Bee Cave Road and Southwest Parkway, the two primary roads that fed the vicinity, and Southwest Parkway was a wide-open thoroughfare with little traffic—not the best road to blend in on.*
A. main road
B. blockage
C. framework
- 17 *Where the crows fly ...Where black birds called crows congregate.*
A. come together as a group
B. include consideration of
C. struggle or disagreement
- 18 *If he'd misjudged BoneMan, however, he would wait at the Crow's Nest in vain without having the luxury of leaving, just in case BoneMan did finally show.*
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)
- 19 *It was one of those sayings that impressed average humans because, however much they hoped they believed it, they simply couldn't.*
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. regardless of how
- 20 *Stockholm syndrome, individuals' desperate attempts to become like their captors.*
A. the value of production compared to value inputs
B. interferes in other people's affairs or business
C. a pattern of symptoms associated with an illness

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	direct (<i>as in: directly above; or buy direct</i>)	Used 16 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
2	B	direct (<i>as in: direct a question; or direct a film</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
3	A	direct (<i>as in: gave a direct answer</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
4	C	loathe	Used 6 times in this book.
5	A	interrogate	Used 10 times in this book.
6	C	scrutiny	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
7	C	motive (<i>as in: What is her motive?</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
8	C	remorse	Used 7 times in this book.
9	C	conclusive	Used 3 times in this book.
10	A	evaluate	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
11	B	superficial	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
12	A	insurgent	Used 5 times in this book.
13	B	intuition	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
14	B	meticulous	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
15	C	compulsion	Used 2 times in this book.
16	A	thoroughfare	Used 2 times in this book.
17	A	congregate	Used 2 times in this book.
18	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
19	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
20	C	syndrome	Used 4 times in this book.