

Brisingr

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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: banish, direct (2), discord (2), elegant (2), establish (2), forswear, however (3), imbue, moreover, nevertheless, pavilion, stallion, subside (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
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19	A
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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. I tried to **banish** the thought from my mind.
 - A. understand
 - B. collect
 - C. send away
2. I would like to speak **directly** to the manager.
 - A. formally
 - B. personally
 - C. when convenient
3. She is easy to work with. She is **direct** in her communications and expectations.
 - A. straightforward
 - B. considerate
 - C. humble
4. There is too much **discord** in their home.
 - A. conflict
 - B. loud noise
 - C. uncritical agreement
5. She heard the **discordant** clanging of pots in the kitchen.
 - A. unpleasant sound
 - B. attractive sound
 - C. loud sound
6. It was an **elegant** dinner party.
 - A. feeling or showing sympathy for another's suffering
 - B. refined and tasteful
 - C. unsuitable (not fitting) for a particular situation
7. Einstein's Theory of Relativity was an **elegant** solution to the contradiction that a constant speed of light created within Newtonian physics.
 - A. showing a gloomy or bad mood -- often by not interacting with others in a friendly way
 - B. related to single segments of DNA which when combined determine inherited traits
 - C. simple (and often more comprehensive) than most would anticipate
8. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
9. The sixth paragraph (lines 67-68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
 - A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
10. She should **forswear** contributions from special interest groups.
 - A. make public
 - B. stop (taking)
 - C. take advantage of
11. 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

12. However safe we make it, there will always be risk.
- A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
13. However we get there, the main thing is to be absolutely sure we're not late.
- A. whatever way
 - B. even if in a non-standard manner
 - C. to whatever degree
14. She was imbued from infancy with a sense that life should be fair.
- A. filled
 - B. discouraged
 - C. misled
15. Many graduates have high college debt. Moreover, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
- A. in contrast to that
 - B. in addition to that
 - C. as a result of that
16. She loves him. Nevertheless, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
17. We ate lunch under the open-sided pavilion near the lake.
- A. freestanding shelter
 - B. tall stone monument
 - C. narrow garden path
18. The powerful stallion galloped across the open field.
- A. wild deer
 - B. young calf
 - C. male horse
19. I couldn't think clearly until the pain subsided.
- A. decreased
 - B. forced focus
 - C. was treated
20. The flood waters have subsided.
- A. settled to a lower level
 - B. risen higher
 - C. created disorder

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 **Moreover**, it would be of no use to Roran, as too little grew or lived on Helgrind to fuel a man's body.
 - A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in addition to what has just been said
 - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 2 ...Eragon was convinced that taking Sloan back with them would sow [make grow] **discord**...
 - A. conflict
 - B. characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open
 - C. design based on alphabetic letters; or adding such a design to something
- 3 *raising their voices in a* **discordant** *melody*
 - A. unpleasant sounding
 - B. able to be found
 - C. likely to change
- 4 *It is a cruel thing I must say, but true* **nevertheless**, *and it is this: your life is more important than your cousin's happiness.*
 - 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)
- 5 *I am forsaken and* **forsworn**.
 - A. constraining in some way -- such as tying up, requiring, or obligating
 - B. to decide to stop doing something; or to renounce or disavow something
 - C. the profession of assisting women in childbirth without being a doctor
- 6 *The sun was close to setting, and its rays filtered through the right side of the* **pavilion** *as through stained glass and gave the contents a ruddy glow.*
 - A. a large structure separate from a main structure or temporary
 - B. make something more attractive or interesting by adding to it
 - C. a small group of people who plot in secret and exercise power
- 7 *In any event, I had an unfortunate encounter with a pair of ox herders soon after I left the Varden, and I stole this dress* **directly** *afterward.*
 - A. in a manner that is appropriate or related in size, amount, or degree
 - B. immediately
 - C. in a manner that is not sexually attractive, or persuasively tempting
- 8 *Twice you defied a* **direct** *order from Captain Edric, and yet if you hadn't, neither he nor you nor the rest of your band might have survived to tell the tale.*
 - A. clear, straightforward, or to the point
 - B. the state or degree of being very large
 - C. meticulousness (care for small details)
- 9 *She waited only long enough for the nearest Urgal to hand her Elva, then drove her heels into the* **stallion**.
 - A. a large, elongated gland located behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin
 - B. of the philosophical & religious system based on the teachings of Laozi (also spelled Taoist)
 - C. a male horse that has not been castrated (gelded) -- especially one used for breeding purposes
- 10 *Eager to lighten her burden* **however** *he could, Eragon glanced about the ground nearest him and then murmured so softly as to be inaudible, "Loivissa."*
 - A. in whatever way
 - B. starts fighting
 - C. starts (a fire)
- 11 *We are both mature enough to operate independently of each other, Eragon,* **however** *much we may dislike the prospect.*
 - 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

- 12 *How secure the alliances between any of the clans were, **however**, was a question of some uncertainty.*
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)
- 13 *"What he spoke of," said Arya, "was Du Namar Aurboda, The **Banishing** of the Names."*
A. treating as if of low worth
B. coming together to form one
C. expelling or getting rid of
- 14 *When the Varden's outpouring of excitement had **subsided**, King Orrin greeted Eragon and Arya as Nasuada had.*
A. quieted
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
- 15 *After a minute, the roiling water **subsided**, and Rhunon withdrew the now pearl-gray sword.*
A. settled to a lower level
B. not found, sought, or researched
C. played cheerful and lively music
- 16 *Or rather, capture, torture, and then kill us, none of which are conducive to **establishing** a close relationship.*
A. to gradually take something like control, property, or rights from another
B. creating
C. sticking out, attracting more attention than desired, or imposing on others
- 17 *The scenes diverged from **established** fact, however, and immersed him in imaginary situations constructed piecemeal from fragments of what had actually been.*
A. accepted someone's membership through a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
B. examined an issue, got opinions by asking specific questions; and/or asked people for political support individually
C. known
- 18 *It has to be a blade you can wear at all occasions, **elegant** enough for a coronation and tough enough to fend off a band of Kull.*
A. not demonstrative of
B. refined and tasteful in appearance
C. sincerity (realness)
- 19 *Nor should they, but there are more **elegant** solutions than yours.*
A. the state of not representing or imitating external reality or the objects of nature
B. not easily influenced or harmed; or not capable of being treated in a particular way
C. simple and effective
- 20 *Arya answered, He must have **imbued** the item with a spell of healing beforehand.*
A. filled
B. traded
C. copied

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
2	A	discord (<i>as in: discord amongst the group</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
3	A	discord (<i>as in: discordant music</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
4	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
5	B	forswear (<i>as in: forswear my country of birth</i>)	Used 28 times in this book.
6	A	pavilion	Used 70 times in this book.
7	B	direct (<i>as in: directly above; or buy direct</i>)	Used 15 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
8	A	direct (<i>as in: gave a direct answer</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
9	C	stallion	Used 19 times in this book.
10	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
11	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	Used 9 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
12	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
13	C	banish	Used 13 times in this book.
14	A	subside (<i>as in: her anger subsided</i>)	Used 14 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	subside (<i>as in: the ground subsided</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
16	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	B	elegant (<i>as in: an elegant gown</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	elegant (<i>as in: as elegant equation</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
20	A	imbue	Used 7 times in this book.