

Chandra's Wars

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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: bewilder, coax, commotion, conflict, cower, debris, decoy, dowry, fidget, furtive, hobbled, indebted, interrogate, invoke, pact, recuperate, rouse, strife, talon, taunt



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. I am trying to understand her, but I am **bewildered**.
 - A. confused
 - B. bored
 - C. distracted
2. Let's see if we can **coax** her into coming with us.
 - A. trick
 - B. gently persuade
 - C. drag forcefully
3. Her entrance created quite a **commotion**.
 - A. disturbance
 - B. outburst of laughter
 - C. accident
4. The Israeli-Palestinian **conflict** flared up again in Jerusalem.
 - A. agreement
 - B. border
 - C. struggle
5. She **cowered** behind her big sister.
 - A. walked slowly
 - B. walked proudly
 - C. fearfully hid
6. Crews spent hours clearing **debris** from the highway after the crash.
 - A. intact structures
 - B. valuable items
 - C. scattered wreckage
7. The detective used a fake wallet as a **decoy** to distract the thief.
 - A. valuable reward
 - B. careful warning
 - C. misleading attraction
8. **Dowries** are common in that culture.
 - A. extended-families living together
 - B. payment to a husband upon marriage
 - C. large families
9. She **fidgeted** like a child caught in a lie.
 - A. moved restlessly
 - B. was embarrassed
 - C. cried
10. Later she said she was just trying to figure out whose phone it was, but she looked around **furtively** before she began reading my text messages.
 - A. nervously
 - B. eagerly
 - C. with curiosity
11. She **hobbled** onto the court, determined to help her team win.
 - A. walked with difficulty
 - B. walked quickly
 - C. showed enthusiasm

12. She felt **indebted** to her mentor for years of patient guidance.
- A. grateful
 - B. annoyed
 - C. jealous
13. Officers will **interrogate** the witnesses separately to compare their accounts.
- A. question closely
 - B. politely greet
 - C. quietly observe
14. In the midst of the storm, the sailors began to **invoke** the ancient sea gods, hoping for their protection and a safe journey home.
- A. sail towards
 - B. call upon
 - C. ignore completely
15. Under the **pact**, North Korea agreed to stop producing weapons-grade uranium.
- A. agreement
 - B. threat
 - C. plan
16. To control the spread of the disease, the school has a separate room where sick students wait for a ride home to **recuperate**.
- A. family care
 - B. do homework
 - C. regain health
17. The smell of freshly brewed coffee **roused** her from her sleep.
- A. interrupted
 - B. deepened
 - C. awakened
18. Civil **strife** tore the country apart for nearly a decade before reform began.
- A. joyful celebration
 - B. violent conflict
 - C. quiet agreement
19. Bird **talons** are similar to a dog's nails.
- A. beaks
 - B. teeth
 - C. claws
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 "We didn't run off," Iris **taunts**.
 - A. items characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open -- such as a door or musical instrument with that characteristic
 - B. (verb) intentionally angers, challenges, or upsets someone OR (noun) insults or other actions intended to anger, challenge, or upset someone
 - C. a means of control -- most commonly the straps attached to a bit in a horse's mouth that are used to control it OR restrains or controls
- 2 I see them **cowering** in the doorway.
 - A. entering into a place of religious seclusion (such as a monastery)
 - B. degrading (decreasing) the purity, quality, or status of something
 - C. showing fear by positioning the body as though afraid of being hit
- 3 Inside, there's a **commotion** in the kids' room.
 - A. noisy disturbance
 - B. circular movement
 - C. size or dimension
- 4 They **coax** the truth out of me, like Mama's.
 - A. to think of something as true or likely, even though it is not known with certainty
 - B. try to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gentle persuasion
 - C. give authority, power, knowledge, or confidence to someone so they can do something
- 5 Only this time when the children went to get her, their cries **roused** the Tafas, who thought we had robbers.
 - A. beyond the permitted boundary or limit
 - B. explains something in a particular way
 - C. to awaken, make more active, or excite
- 6 He loses concentration and **fidgets**.
 - A. makes small restless movements
 - B. selects (on a computer screen)
 - C. finds, searches, or researches
- 7 Mr. Lesole **recuperates** by stretching his lower back, while Soly and Iris prepare for the next adventure: Hyena Hideaway.
 - A. is attractive or desirable
 - B. struggles or disagreements
 - C. regains health or strength
- 8 He uses them as slaves, **decoys**, human shields.
 - A. tries to make profit--typically by making a risky investment
 - B. makes uncomfortable (weighs heavily on the senses or spirit)
 - C. someone or something used for trickery -- especially to lure
- 9 Turning the page, I see the headline "National **pact** with Ngala."
 - A. an agreement between parties
 - B. reason (for doing something)
 - C. small quantity or indication
- 10 She **hobbles** to get them.
 - A. walks with difficulty (due to injury or physical impediment) OR hinders (made the action or progress of something difficult)
 - B. atones (demonstrates sorrow for a wrong either by doing something good in return for the wrong, or by accepting punishment)
 - C. presents something to treat as true in order to advance a discussion or to further investigation even though it might not be true

- 11 *No girls to need dowry.*
 A. a powered mechanical device, typically used to fabricate metal components of machines by the selective removal of metal such as cutting, grinding or drilling
 B. in some societies, money or property given by a woman's family to the husband at marriage
- or less formally: money or property a bride brings to a marriage
- C. someone who believes in the teaching of Buddha -- that aims to end suffering by ending selfish desire and following a path of wisdom, ethics, and meditation
- 12 *As the eldest male present—Grampa is indoors sleeping—Uncle Chisulo delivers a formal greeting and invokes the ancestors, praying that our meeting and celebration will be a blessing to all.*
 A. leaves behind
 B. calls upon
 C. sings about
- 13 *I glance from face to face, utterly bewildered.*
 A. confused
 B. restored
 C. collided
- 14 *It's strewn with debris.*
 A. the act of treating or preparing food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
 B. passages food and drink follow between the back of mouths and the stomachs
 C. pieces of something that has been destroyed; or trash that is lying around
- 15 *Furtive glances through the crowd.*
 A. taking pains to avoid being observed
- or:
- in a manner indicating nervousness (being cautious or appearing suspicious)
- B. intended for an entire religion rather than for a selected group with distinct beliefs -- typically the Christian religion
- C. involving an unwelcome intrusion -- possibly a physical attack into another's territory or involvement in personal matters
- 16 *Talons and beaks etched sharp against the sky.*
 A. unties or releases
 B. rules for behavior
 C. sharp hooked claws
- 17 *There's a guard watching an old TV in a lounge opposite my interrogation room.*
 A. the process of asking a series of questions of someone
 B. an electronic component that acts like a one-way valve
 C. any substance that tends to increase the flow of urine
- 18 *It makes it possible for us to imagine the faces of real children caught and trampled by the scourge of war in so many recent and ongoing conflicts in Africa.*
 A. is attractive or desirable
 B. requires (to do something)
 C. struggles or disagreements
- 19 *Children and youth are forcibly recruited for combat in strife-torn regions of Africa, as they have been, and continue to be, in conflicts around the world.*
 A. thing that affects a result or outcome
 B. violent conflict or angry disagreement
 C. job, reservation, booking, or activity
- 20 *I am also indebted to the wide range of materials available from Human Rights Watch, Save the Children, CARE, Defence for Children International, the Children's Institute, médecins sans frontières, Amnesty International, War Child, and other NGOs.*
 A. to be grateful for a favor; or to owe money; or to be in the position of owing a debt of gratitude
 B. influenced by personal belief, feelings, or preferences (rather than being based purely upon fact)
 C. the state or quality of expressing or displaying sexual activity or violence with detailed clarity

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	taunt	Used 3 times in this book.
2	C	cower	Used 5 times in this book.
3	A	commotion	Used 4 times in this book.
4	B	coax (<i>as in: coax her to join us</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
5	C	rouse	Used 4 times in this book.
6	A	fidget	Used 4 times in this book.
7	C	recuperate	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
8	C	decoy	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
9	A	pact	Used 3 times in this book.
10	A	hobbled (<i>as in: she hobbled up the hill</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
11	B	dowry	Used 3 times in this book.
12	B	invoke	High-utility academic word
13	A	bewilder	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	debris	Used 2 times in this book.
15	A	furtive	Used 3 times in this book.
16	C	talon	Used 2 times in this book.
17	A	interrogate	Used 2 times in this book.
18	C	conflict	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	B	strife	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
20	A	indebted	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library