

Cinder

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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: adrenaline, alliance, analyze, antidote, delegate (2), dispel, fidget, fugitive, immune, jut, microbe, monstrosity, mortified, naive, obsolete, ratio, simultaneous, taut, vertebrae



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
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10	B
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13	C
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18	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. She was still shaking from the **adrenaline** rush that came with the fright.
 - A. calming hormone
 - B. muscle protein
 - C. fight-or-flight hormone
2. She understands the shifting **alliances** in the Middle East.
 - A. associations formed to support common interests
 - B. sets of competing interests amongst neighbors
 - C. borders between countries
3. The coach studied the film to **analyze** the defensive breakdown.
 - A. avoid
 - B. examine
 - C. cause
4. Laughter can be a good **antidote** for stress.
 - A. poison
 - B. cure
 - C. toxin
5. At the international conference, each country sent a **delegate** to represent their interests and participate in the discussions.
 - A. person representing others
 - B. people who do not believe in the existence of god
 - C. a state in which there is little ability to think
6. Good managers **delegate** tasks instead of doing everything themselves.
 - A. take on alone
 - B. assign to others
 - C. ignore completely
7. The explanation helped **dispel** her fears about starting the new job.
 - A. confirm
 - B. drive away
 - C. intensify
8. She **fidged** like a child caught in a lie.
 - A. moved restlessly
 - B. was embarrassed
 - C. cried
9. The **fugitive** fled to Venezuela.
 - A. person on vacation
 - B. rebel
 - C. person running from the law
10. She is **immune** to chickenpox because she has been vaccinated.
 - A. at risk
 - B. resistant
 - C. open
11. She tripped on a thick tree root that **jutted out** across the muddy path.
 - A. washed away
 - B. curled up
 - C. stuck out

12. The book, *Microbe Hunters*, tells the stories of early heroes of microbiology.
- A. an African animal with a reputation for attacking people that that hunters made extinct in the mid-twentieth century
 - B. a member of certain peoples of very short stature inhabiting parts of Africa and Southeast Asia
 - C. a living organism such as a bacterium, or virus that is so small, it can be seen only with a microscope
13. The critics described the gaudy hotel as a **monstrosity**.
- A. a lovely sight
 - B. a tiny gem
 - C. an ugly eyesore
14. She felt **mortified** after tripping onstage during the awards ceremony.
- A. great relief
 - B. exceedingly embarrassed
 - C. severe pain
15. Being **naive**, she is too quick to believe what people say.
- A. honest
 - B. a pleaser
 - C. too trusting
16. That old phone is **obsolete**.
- A. outdated
 - B. classic
 - C. broken
17. A relatively low **ratio** of the length of the index finger to the ring finger correlates with increased risk of prostate cancer in men.
- A. size in inches
 - B. relative measurement
 - C. metric measurement
18. The store provides shoppers with a **simultaneous** art/music experience.
- A. consecutive
 - B. alternating
 - C. at the same time
19. The clothesline was **taut** between the two trees in the yard.
- A. shiny
 - B. tight
 - C. noisy
20. While making a tackle, the C3 and C4 vertebrae were compressed into each other.
- A. bony segments of the spinal column
 - B. flexible joints in the elbow
 - C. muscular tissues of the heart

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 He dipped his head in polite farewell, **simultaneously** pulling the edges of the hood farther over his face.
 - A. done while awake
 - B. done with excess
 - C. at the same time
- 2 Volunteers are still urgently needed for **antidote** testing, even as the cyborg draft continues.
 - A. poison
 - B. cure
 - C. toxin
- 3 Even if she did find dress gloves and slippers that could hide her metal **monstrosities**, her mousy hair would never hold a curl, and she didn't know the first thing about makeup.
 - A. people who expose wrongdoing within an organization
 - B. experts in the branch of geology that studies rocks
 - C. things that are ugly or terrible -- typically large
- 4 That's why the queen's witchy ambassador has been staying at the palace, so she can secure an **alliance**.
 - A. association formed to support common interests
 - B. set of competing interests amongst neighbors
 - C. sense of isolation due to competing interests
- 5 Iko raised her hand and knocked on a slab of metal **jutting** from a huge mound of junk, startling Cinder.
 - A. expressed strong hatred or loathing for
 - B. expresses strong hatred or loathing for
 - C. to stick out; or a part that sticks out
- 6 She thought timing belts hadn't been used since internal combustion had become **obsolete**.
 - A. no longer in general use because it was replaced by something better
 - B. surprise -- often so much so that one doesn't know what to say or do
 - C. an appropriate size, amount, or degree in relation to something else
- 7 A red warning flashed across her retina display, informing her that she was experiencing elevated levels of **adrenaline**.
 - A. declaration of invalidity; or cancelation
 - B. the branch of geology that studies rocks
 - C. "fight or flight" stimulating hormone
- 8 Adri's eyes widened, her temples pulling **taut** against her skull.
 - A. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
 - B. pulled or drawn tight;
or: subjected to great tension
 - C. the state or degree of being pessimistic or disagreeable
- 9 We haven't run her diagnostics yet, but I think she's going to have a pretty high **ratio**.
 - A. wrong understanding
 - B. relative quantities
 - C. act of hiring again
- 10 It was **fidgiting** with a small machine on a countertop, amid a dozen other machines.
 - A. making small restless movements
 - B. telling someone about something
 - C. commending or praising publicly
- 11 Once your body enters into the first stage of the disease, your **immune** system will kick in and try to destroy the microbes, but it will fail.
 - A. the state or character of having found a condition or substance to be present
 - B. not in danger of suffering from something OR relating to disease resistance
 - C. a health indicator measured by the force of circulating blood on the arteries

- 12 *He tapped on the top of the glowing spine, where two metal **vertebrae** connected, and enlarged the image.*
- bony segments of the spinal column
 - acts of stopping a battle or fight
 - a central open spaces in buildings
- 13 *A **microbe**, it was right here, I was looking right at it, and now it's gone.*
- someone who specializes in a branch of psychology concerned with the links between biology and behavior
 - a small paper form made to lists the amount of money and each check being deposited into a bank account
 - a living organism such as a bacterium, or virus that is so small, it can be seen only with a microscope
- 14 *CINDER BLINKED RAPIDLY, TRYING TO **DISPEL** THE FOG FROM her brain.*
- portray or create in a particular way OR interpret, translate, or extract from
 - to drive away or put an end to something -- especially a feeling, idea, or doubt
 - removing the favoring any side in a contest, war, disagreement, or other dispute
- 15 *He was too young, too stupid, too optimistic, too **naive**.*
- the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together
 - the degree of being influenced by personal belief, feelings, or preferences (rather than being based purely upon fact)
 - lacking experience or sophistication, and the understanding that comes from them -- often too trusting or optimistic
- 16 *Cinder glared at the doctor, **half-mortified**, but the start of a smile grew on Kai's face.*
- hid something by making it blend in with its surroundings; or hid the truth
 - extremely embarrassed and ashamed—so humiliated that pride feels wounded.
 - not having been assigned a value, or not having been considered as to worth
- 17 *The idea that Lunars were **fugitives** no longer sounded so odd.*
- males, females, or various trans categories
 - jobs, reservations, bookings, or activities
 - people hiding from law enforcement officers
- 18 *He picked his hat off the desk and **analyzed** it while he spoke, his fingers tracing the herringbone pattern.*
- moved into position to work; or started
 - examined in detail to better understand
 - tension from opposing ideas or feelings
- 19 *She turned on her netlink as soon as she reached the elevator, **delegating** the coronation proceedings to a corner of her vision.*
- ignoring someone's wishes or causing inconvenience or discomfort
 - assigning
 - legally ordering to provide documents, or to appear as a witness
- 20 *Kai shaking hands with some unknown **delegate**.*
- person representing others
 - people who do not believe in the existence of god
 - a state in which there is little ability to think

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	simultaneous	Used 7 times in this book.
2	B	antidote	Used 40 times in this book.
3	C	monstrosity	Used 4 times in this book.
4	A	alliance	Used 23 times in this book.
5	C	jut	Used 7 times in this book.
6	A	obsolete	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
7	C	adrenaline	Used 8 times in this book.
8	B	taut	Used 7 times in this book.
9	B	ratio	Used 9 times in this book.
10	A	fidget	Used 13 times in this book.
11	B	immune	Used 34 times in this book.
12	A	vertebrae	Used 8 times in this book.
13	C	microbe	Used 8 times in this book.
14	B	dispel	Used 7 times in this book.
15	C	naive	Used 6 times in this book.
16	B	mortified (<i>as in: felt mortified</i>)	Used 7 times in this book.
17	C	fugitive (<i>as in: she is a fugitive</i>)	Used 14 times in this book.
18	B	analyze	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
19	B	delegate (<i>as in: delegate the job</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
20	A	delegate (<i>as in: is a delegate</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
