

City of Bones

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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: appalling, beckon, bewilder, exasperated, fastidious, flippant, forsake, incline, inclined, incredulous, indignant, infirmary, manor, mortal, mundane, pandemonium, scorn, tirade, unrequited, vertigo



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She has scheduled a news conference to respond to the **appalling** accusations.
 - A. false
 - B. horrible
 - C. foolish
2. The police officer **beckoned** me to come over.
 - A. considered asking
 - B. called
 - C. prohibited
3. I am trying to understand her, but I am **bewildered**.
 - A. confused
 - B. bored
 - C. distracted
4. My little brother can be **exasperating**. He's always testing his boundaries.
 - A. very active
 - B. endearing (lovable)
 - C. greatly annoying
5. She was **fastidious** about keeping her desk perfectly organized.
 - A. careless and disorganized
 - B. loud and outgoing
 - C. extremely attentive to detail
6. Her **flippant** joke during the serious meeting upset the group.
 - A. deeply respectful
 - B. not properly serious
 - C. carefully researched
7. In the third year of their brutal civil war, moderates feel **forsaken** by the west.
 - A. abandoned
 - B. respected
 - C. defeated
8. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
 - A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending
9. The boat ramp has a steep **incline**.
 - A. slope
 - B. price
 - C. danger
10. At first, she was **incredulous**--thinking the report was in error.
 - A. worried
 - B. confused
 - C. without belief
11. She was **indignant**, but she agreed to be searched when they accused her of shoplifting.
 - A. annoyed at something unjust
 - B. surprised at the unexpected
 - C. defensive about being suspected
12. I walked her to the campus **infirmary**.
 - A. security office
 - B. health service
 - C. library

13. She inherited the **manor**, but seldom visits it.
- A. castle
 - B. large house
 - C. palace
14. In the story, she was neither a mortal nor a god. She was a **demi-god**.
- A. type of bird
 - B. lucky survivor
 - C. human
15. He found peace in the **mundane** tasks of cooking, cleaning, and gardening.
- A. ordinary, everyday
 - B. thrilling, exciting
 - C. ancient, historic
16. The party erupted into **pandemonium** as news spread of the victory.
- A. noisy disorder
 - B. song
 - C. news watching
17. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
18. I'm growing tired of her **tirades**.
- A. displays of angry criticism
 - B. displays of useless guilt
 - C. displays of paralyzing worry
19. She suffers the despair of **unrequited** love.
- A. loss (through death)
 - B. unreturned
 - C. beyond normal limits
20. She suffers **vertigo** from an inner ear infection.
- A. pain
 - B. congestion
 - C. dizziness

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 *She smiled, passing him, **beckoning** with her eyes.*
 - A. providing evidence of something -- especially oral evidence in court
 - B. calling -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
 - C. convincing (someone) that an idea previously believed is not correct
- 2 *There's no one in here, she realized, looking around in **bewilderment**.*
 - A. a feeling of extreme confusion
 - B. a type of small portable radio
 - C. a change; or a changed version
- 3 *Simon interrupted her **tirade**.*
 - A. speech of angry criticism
 - B. something that stands out
 - C. something made from parts
- 4 *"I was laughing at you because declarations of love amuse me, especially when **unrequited**," he said.*
 - A. consistent or the same
 - B. not returned or repaid
 - C. not aware of something
- 5 *But your **flippancy** is wearing on my patience.*
 - A. lacking experience or sophistication
 - B. an inappropriate lack of seriousness
 - C. a Muslim religious teacher or leader
- 6 *...won't be **Forsaken** much longer. Once Valentine uses the Cup on them, they'll be Shadowhunters as good as the rest of us—*
 - A. abandoned or helpless
 - B. the state of being awake
 - C. able to take on or adopt
- 7 *I will be ready to risk my life at any time ... for the **mortal** world with whose safety we are charged.*
 - A. someone who provides start-up money to new companies
 - B. someone who combines components into a complex whole
 - C. human (especially merely human)
- 8 *We lived in a **manor** house, out in the country.*
 - 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 of a lord or wealthy person
 - 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
- 9 *They **inclined** their heads toward Jace, a gesture of silent acknowledgment, before they filed away among the pillars and were gone.*
 - A. bent or angled
 - B. told (a story)
 - C. lied or misled
- 10 *The remains of breakfast ... clung to a stack of plates on the low table that no one had seemed **inclined** to clear away.*
 - A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
 - C. in the mood
- 11 *Magnus plucked the invitation out of her hand and looked at it with **fastidious** distaste.*
 - A. a person who works from within to destroy an established order; or relating to such destructive efforts
 - B. not relevant (not related to the subject being considered, or not important enough to want to consider)
 - C. excessively concerned with cleanliness or matters of taste

- 12 *Jace curled his lip **scornfully** in the warlock's direction.*
- A. in a disrespectful or rejecting manner
 - B. in a manner that is not easily noticed
 - C. with grace of movement and flexibility
- 13 *Lily darted toward him, crying out his name, and in the **pandemonium**, Clary felt someone seize her wrist.*
- A. state of noisy confusion and disorder
 - B. something that causes ongoing suffering
 - C. worry or concern about what will happen
- 14 *Sheer curiosity forced its way past terror and **vertigo**.*
- A. title for the head of a government body in some countries
 - B. an unborn child (or other unborn or unhatched vertebrate)
 - C. a dizzy sensation or a feeling that you are about to fall
- 15 *Without a word he spun and hurried back toward the **infirmary**.*
- A. people who do not believe in the existence of god
 - B. a small facility where patients receive treatment
 - C. a state in which there is little ability to think
- 16 *Clary rubbed her sore arms, staring after him, **appalled** at what she'd done.*
- A. with an unadjusted lens so the image isn't clear
 - B. shocked (by a terrible thing)
 - C. gave an opinion of what was wrong with something
- 17 *No **mundane** doctor would know how to heal those wounds.*
- A. ordinary; or belonging to our ordinary world
 - B. the quality or degree of being straightforward or clear (sometimes indicating that truth is not worded carefully to spare feelings or gain advantage)
 - C. 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
- 18 *With a look of disdainful **exasperation** Gretel set the tray down on the ground and marched out of the room.*
- A. relative amount
 - B. in disagreement
 - C. great annoyance
- 19 *Both looked faintly **incredulous**, as if she were a talking cockroach.*
- A. not capable of being better understood through detailed examination
 - B. clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
 - C. having difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 20 *The other girl put her hands on her hips **indignantly**.*
- A. with anger or annoyance at something unjust or wrong
 - B. with surprise as something unexpected
 - C. with acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	beckon	Used 8 times in this book.
2	A	bewilder	Used 8 times in this book.
3	A	tirade	Used 2 times in this book.
4	B	unrequited	Used 4 times in this book.
5	B	flippant	Used 3 times in this book.
6	A	forsake	Used 42 times in this book.
7	C	mortal (<i>as in: mortal body</i>)	Used 39 times in this book.
8	B	manor	Used 11 times in this book.
9	A	incline (<i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	fastidious	Used 4 times in this book.
12	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
13	A	pandemonium	Used 17 times in this book.
14	C	vertigo	Used 4 times in this book.
15	B	infirmary	Used 10 times in this book.
16	B	appalling	Used 10 times in this book.
17	A	mundane	High-utility academic word; used 36 times in this book.
18	C	exasperated	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
19	C	incredulous	Used 6 times in this book.
20	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.