

City of Fallen Angels

by Cassandra Clare

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: agony, begrudge, bewilder, bizarre, bravado, coincidence, defile, dubious, edifice, exasperated, imperious, imply, incredulous, inquire, luminous, mundane, presume, subjugate, wistful, wrath



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	A
3	A
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6	A
7	C
8	A
9	A
10	C
11	C
12	A
13	C
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15	C
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17	B
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19	A
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She cried out in **agony**.
 - A. sudden surprise
 - B. intense anger
 - C. intense suffering
2. I don't **begrudge** her success. She's earned it.
 - A. resent
 - B. experience surprise at
 - C. hope for luck for
3. I am trying to understand her, but I am **bewildered**.
 - A. confused
 - B. bored
 - C. distracted
4. She won one of those **bizarre** contests designed by Guinness Book of World Records.
 - A. present in great quantity
 - B. exceedingly odd or unusual
 - C. critical (full of criticism)
5. His confident speech was mostly **bravado**; he was nervous before the debate.
 - A. quiet act of kindness
 - B. false show of courage
 - C. careful use of facts
6. It was a fortunate **coincidence** that we ran into each other at Starbucks.
 - A. unlikely event
 - B. plan
 - C. likely event
7. Vandals **defiled** the ancient temple by spray-painting the walls.
 - A. carefully restored
 - B. secretly explored
 - C. spoiled the purity of
8. She gave a **dubious** look when he claimed to have met the president.
 - A. doubtful
 - B. polite
 - C. joyful
9. Their offices are housed in an imposing **edifice**.
 - A. building
 - B. neighborhood
 - C. color
10. My little brother can be **exasperating**. He's always testing his boundaries.
 - A. very active
 - B. endearing (lovable)
 - C. greatly annoying
11. People don't generally warm to her. She comes across as **imperious**.
 - A. ridiculous
 - B. foolish
 - C. arrogant
12. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
 - A. hinted
 - B. insisted
 - C. denied

13. At first, she was incredulous--thinking the report was in error.
- A. worried
 - B. confused
 - C. without belief
14. I am here to inquire about the job.
- A. answer questions
 - B. ask about
 - C. perform a task
15. The snow was luminous from the moonlight.
- A. soft and silent
 - B. wet and slushy
 - C. bright and glowing
16. He found peace in the mundane tasks of cooking, cleaning, and gardening.
- A. ordinary, everyday
 - B. thrilling, exciting
 - C. ancient, historic
17. The police's presumption of guilt against the suspect caused them to overlook important evidence.
- A. accusation
 - B. assumption
 - C. rumors
18. The Taliban wants total subjugation to their religious law.
- A. body temperature that is dangerously low
 - B. forced submission
 - C. gullibility (being too willing to believe)
19. She had a wistful, dreamy look as she thought about how life would change if she could get a good job.
- A. showing longing
 - B. showing determination
 - C. showing optimism
20. She fears the wrath of God.
- A. angry punishment
 - B. power
 - C. unpredictable moods

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 **Subjugates** *worship their masters, and love serving them.*
 - A. collides or collisions
 - B. forces into submission
 - C. requests or challenges
- 2 "Is this going to take a long time?" he **inquired**, *gazing pointedly down at his cell phone, which told him the time was after ten thirty.*
 - A. limited or with boundaries
 - B. asked about or looked into
 - C. gradually added or removed
- 3 You are one of his own, a vampire, but you cannot be harmed or killed; he cannot lift a finger against you without bringing down God's **wrath** on his head.
 - A. extreme anger
 - B. determination
 - C. use of reason
- 4 She looked at him, **bewildered**.
 - A. confused
 - B. restored
 - C. collided
- 5 She was a **mundane**, *she'd been a stranger, there'd been no sense in wanting her.*
 - A. ordinary or lacking interest or excitement -- possibly to the point of being boring

or more rarely:

belonging to this earth or world; not ideal or heavenly

 - 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
- 6 She looked up at him with **luminous** eyes.
 - A. able to be persuaded to do something by tempting with pleasure or something desired
 - B. relating to one-sided information that is purposefully spread to influence opinions
 - C. glowing or shining

(also used metaphorically to describe beauty or intelligence)
- 7 She tossed the sketchpad onto the blanket with a sigh of **exasperation** and pulled her knees up, looking down at him.
 - A. relative amount
 - B. in disagreement
 - C. great annoyance
- 8 But Jace didn't seem to think so; he smiled **wistfully** and said, "*l'amor the move it sole e l'altre stelle.*"
 - A. with longing or unfulfilled desire
 - B. in a manner that involves betrayal
 - C. following as a result of something
- 9 He had lived so long not knowing who—or even what—he really was, she could hardly **begrudge** him the careful alphabetization of his poetry collection.
 - A. resent; or give unwillingly
 - B. pessimistic or disagreeable
 - C. develop or change gradually

- 10 Or is it just an amazing coincidence that you happened to be on the roof of a building I was walking by when I got attacked?
- A. a situation where things happened at the same time by chance even though it was unlikely
 - B. a person who studies DNA sequences or units of heredity that influence biological traits
 - C. baseball: a pitch thrown with little spin (so that it moves in an unpredictable manner)
- 11 "She left her phone in the pocket of my jacket," Jace said, patting his right side, where, presumably, the phone was stashed.
- A. shocking
 - B. probably
 - C. secretly
- 12 They were a sort of bizarre amalgam of millionaires—people who never had to consider the petty parts of life, like how to shop for food, or use MetroCard machines in the subway—and soldiers, with their rigid self-discipline and constant training.
- A. the quality of disagreeing
 - B. exceedingly odd or unusual
 - C. able to meet and talk with
- 13 Maryse's tone was imperious.
- A. ridiculous
 - B. foolish
 - C. expecting obedience; or arrogant; or domineering
- 14 There was nothing overtly hostile in his demeanor, and yet everything about him implied a clear threat.
- A. suggested (said indirectly)
 - B. not wanting to do something
 - C. was attractive or desirable
- 15 Suddenly all she wanted was to get out of there, out of the yellow-lit room, away from the smell of death and the tiny defiled body lying still on its slab.
- A. caused great mental or physical suffering
 - B. consented reluctantly; or suffered defeat
 - C. spoiled the beauty or purity of something
- 16 I was in agony, and not just because of that.
- A. size or dimension
 - B. circular movement
 - C. intense suffering
- 17 Most of the edifices lining the drive were expensive apartment buildings, with doormen in livery waiting inside.
- A. a building or structure -- especially a large one
- or:
- a conceptual or organizational framework
 - B. Christianity: the original 12 disciples (followers) chosen by Jesus Christ to preach his gospel
 - C. people who believe that God created the universe, but that he doesn't interfere with how it runs
- 18 "I don't know if you're going to love this one," he said dubiously, and filled her in quickly on the situation.
- A. doubtfully or suspiciously
 - B. not capable of being found
 - C. not in a self-aware manner
- 19 She looked at him incredulously.
- A. in a manner that influences reason or general desire to do something
 - B. in a manner that intentionally angers, challenges, or upsets someone
 - C. with disbelief; or with difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 20 He was pale now, his bravado gone; his hands, clenched into fists, were white at the knuckles.
- A. related to or causing dramatic change; of a supporter of the change
 - B. a bold manner or show of bravery -- often hiding fear or insecurity
 - C. a basic building block of matter that makes up protons and neutrons

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	subjugate	Used 20 times in this book.
2	B	inquire	Used 8 times in this book.
3	A	wrath	Used 5 times in this book.
4	A	bewilder	Used 6 times in this book.
5	A	mundane	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
6	C	luminous	Used 4 times in this book.
7	C	exasperated	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
8	A	wistful	Used 5 times in this book.
9	A	begrudge	Used 2 times in this book.
10	A	coincidence	Used 6 times in this book.
11	B	presume (<i>as in:</i> <i>presumption of innocence</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
12	B	bizarre (<i>as in: is bizarre</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
13	C	imperious	Used 3 times in this book.
14	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	C	defile	Used 2 times in this book.
16	C	agony	Used 7 times in this book.
17	A	edifice	Used 2 times in this book.
18	A	dubious	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
19	C	incredulous	Used 5 times in this book.
20	B	bravado	Used 2 times in this book.