

City of Lost Souls

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Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: adamant, alcove, animate (2), archangel, citadel, covert, gist, however (2), immortal, incredulous, infernal, infirmary, mundane, sever, tinged, twilight (2), waver



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The CEO was **adamant** that the company would not compromise on its commitment to sustainability, even if it meant sacrificing short-term profits.
 - A. willing to change a decision based on new information
 - B. uncertain or hesitant about a decision
 - C. determined not to change a decision
2. We shared an intimate dinner in one of the restaurant's **alcoves**.
 - A. outdoor patios
 - B. spacious rooms
 - C. recessed or secluded spaces
3. She spoke in an **animated** manner.
 - A. silly
 - B. soft
 - C. enthusiastic
4. Is it an **animate** noun?
 - A. capitalized
 - B. countable
 - C. living
5. The story describes an **archangel** descending from the heavens.
 - A. a small demon
 - B. a lost spirit
 - C. a chief angel
6. The **citadel** stood on a high hill, overlooking the town like a watchful guardian.
 - A. fortified stronghold
 - B. wooden farmhouse
 - C. outdoor marketplace
7. The government's **covert** funding of foreign rebel groups has been criticized for destabilizing the region.
 - A. secret
 - B. excessive
 - C. inadequate
8. It's a 300-page report, but the **gist** of it is that the plan won't work.
 - A. concern
 - B. problem
 - C. main point
9. 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
10. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
11. She believes we have an **immortal** soul.
 - A. conflicted
 - B. perfect in every way
 - C. lasting forever

12. At first, she was incredulous--thinking the report was in error.
- A. worried
 - B. confused
 - C. without belief
13. That infernal alarm clock kept going off every five minutes.
- A. annoying
 - B. expensive
 - C. antique
14. I walked her to the campus infirmary.
- A. security office
 - B. health service
 - C. library
15. He found peace in the mundane tasks of cooking, cleaning, and gardening.
- A. ordinary, everyday
 - B. thrilling, exciting
 - C. ancient, historic
16. The company chose to sever its partnership after the dispute.
- A. cut off
 - B. strengthen
 - C. delay briefly
17. Her voice was tinged with sadness when she said goodbye.
- A. fully replaced
 - B. slightly marked
 - C. loudly praised
18. I awakened to a twilight sky but did not know if the sun was setting or rising.
- A. the light from the sky just before sunrise
 - B. the light from the sky just after sunset
 - C. the light from the sky between daylight and darkness
19. She was more considerate in the twilight of her career.
- A. the light from the sky just before sunrise
 - B. the light from the sky just before darkness
 - C. a condition of decline following successes
20. We will never waver in our commitment to provide the best education possible.
- A. speak forcefully
 - B. grow rapidly
 - C. be unsteady

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 A little modern, but the **gist** of the idea comes across.
 - A. the act of taking something on as one's own
 - B. something that helps clarify or demonstrate
 - C. the main point(s) of a more detailed matter
- 2 She had watched him as he'd talked—**covertly**, she'd thought, but she knew now that Jace noticed everything—watching the light glint off his pale hair, the quick movements of his graceful hands, the flex of the muscles in his arms as he'd gestured.
 - A. done in a secret or hidden way
 - B. in a good or beneficial manner
 - C. in a manner that is misleading
- 3 Really looked like, alive and moving and **animated**.
 - A. competed in a contest to knock each other off horses with blunted lances OR competed in any kind of contest
 - B. not happening at the same time or in a coordinated sequence; or (of watches/clocks) not set to show the same time
 - C. lively
- 4 As far as I know, **inanimate** objects can accidentally kill you.
 - A. having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - B. suffering from too few red blood cells

or (less commonly): lacking vitality

 - C. not living
- 5 Maybe because **immortality** is rapidly becoming the third person in our relationship, Alec.
 - A. someone who disturbs or annoys
 - B. with or based on basic beliefs
 - C. eternal life (to live forever)
- 6 Alec could detect the presence of a glamour: any **mundane** looking up would see a concrete wall, but he saw an open doorway.
 - 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
- 7 In the **infirmary** he had been taking rattling breaths while his third in command, Bat, had unpacked the healing kit.
 - 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
- 8 Her mouth was set, her gaze **unwavering** on the road before her.
 - A. sloped
 - B. hidden
 - C. steady
- 9 Only female Shadowhunters can enter the **Adamant** Citadel.
 - A. the characteristic of demonstrating something
 - B. the quality of not being sensible and careful
 - C. determined not to change a decision or belief

- 10 Only female Shadowhunters can enter the Adamant Citadel.
- a stronghold or fortress
 - island (that is made of a coral reef)
 - dense, rainy forest with many species
- 11 As friends— Simon laughed **incredulously**.
- in a manner that influences reason or general desire to do something
 - in a manner that intentionally angers, challenges, or upsets someone
 - with disbelief; or with difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 12 The warmth came from a fire leaping in the grated fireplace—though there were no chimneys in the building, and the fire had the blue-green **tinge** of enchanted flame.
- something that is necessary for something else
 - a slight amount; or to contain a slight amount
 - to write or exchange written letters or emails
- 13 There was no click, as when you hung up a phone; Clary just sensed a **severing** of their connection, as if a cord had been cut inside her head.
- to end or cut off completely -- either physically or in relationships
 - providing evidence of something -- especially oral evidence in court
 - calling -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
- 14 The sword of the Archangel Michael, that Joshua fought with at Jericho, for it is infused with heavenly fire.
- untied or released
 - easily set on fire
 - angel of high rank
- 15 If it is **infernal** assistance you require, why not summon your father?
- very bad; or very annoying; or characteristic of hell or the underworld
 - relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
 - strict, firm, or hard (not giving in, not giving way, or not giving up)
- 16 It was dark in the **alcove**, so dark that Jace was only an outline of shadows and gold.
- a room leading to a larger or more important room
 - extensive plain without trees (associated with eastern Russia and Siberia)
 - a recessed or secluded space -- such as in a room or garden
- 17 But what I desire to know is this: When the **twilight** of the Nephilim comes, will the Courts stand with or against me?
- relating to properties of sound or hearing
 - something accepted as true (without proof)
 - decline or fall
- 18 She woke twisted in her sheets, her hair a mass of tangles and the light outside the window dimmed to a **twilight** darkness.
- light from the moon
 - light from the stars
 - the light from the time of day between daylight and darkness
- 19 That reminded her that **however** much of his blood was poison, just as much was the same blood that ran in her own veins.
- people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
 - aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
 - regardless of how
- 20 Sebastian, **however**, had disappeared.
- a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though*, *in spite of that*, *in contrast*, *nevertheless*, etc.
 - in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - therefore (for that reason)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	gist	Used 2 times in this book.
2	A	covert (<i>as in: a covert plan</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
3	C	animate (<i>as in: animated by her strong belief</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
4	C	animate (<i>as in: animate v. inanimate</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
5	C	immortal	Used 10 times in this book.
6	A	mundane	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
7	B	infirmary	Used 8 times in this book.
8	C	waver	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
9	C	adamant	Used 7 times in this book.
10	A	citadel	Used 7 times in this book.
11	C	incredulous	Used 20 times in this book.
12	B	tinged	Used 8 times in this book.
13	A	sever	Used 9 times in this book.
14	C	archangel	Used 7 times in this book.
15	A	infernal	Used 8 times in this book.
16	C	alcove	Used 7 times in this book.
17	C	twilight (<i>as in: the twilight of her career</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	C	twilight (<i>as in: pink clouds in a twilight sky</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
20	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.