

Counting by 7s

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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: agitate, analyze, aptitude, bacteria, convey, correlate, deception, dynamics, evaluate, hoard, hypothesis, indigenous, jut, narrator, positive (2), pragmatic, sequence, species, spontaneous



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
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19	A
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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 gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
 - A. calm and thoughtful
 - B. gloomy (sad)
 - C. emotionally disturbed
2. The coach studied the film to **analyze** the defensive breakdown.
 - A. avoid
 - B. examine
 - C. cause
3. Hyde's study indicates that girls and boys have the same **aptitude** for math.
 - A. natural ability
 - B. background
 - C. level of interest
4. She survived a severe infection of MRSA **bacteria**.
 - A. lice
 - B. germs
 - C. mosquitoes
5. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
 - A. express
 - B. accept
 - C. understand
6. Scientists **correlate** carbon emissions with rising global temperatures.
 - A. associate
 - B. contrast
 - C. replace
7. The con artist used clever **deception** to trick wealthy investors.
 - A. kindness
 - B. trickery
 - C. praise
8. She is a specialist in fluid **dynamics**.
 - A. the interaction of all the forces influencing a system
 - B. limitations; or things that limit action or motion
 - C. things that are explosive or highly flammable
9. I'm **evaluating** job options.
 - A. considering
 - B. creating
 - C. avoiding
10. She has **hoarded** so many things, you can barely step into her apartment.
 - A. gathered & stored
 - B. stacked in piles
 - C. made a mess of
11. He **hypothesized** the existence of Pluto before its discovery.
 - A. fantasized
 - B. theorized
 - C. disbelieved
12. The museum showcased art from **indigenous** peoples of the Americas.
 - A. foreign to a place
 - B. native to a place
 - C. extinct in a place

13. She tripped on a thick tree root that jutt~~ed~~ out across the muddy path.
- A. washed away
 - B. curled up
 - C. stuck out
14. One of the more popular narrators in movie history is Morgan Freeman. I especially liked him in *The Shawshank Redemption* where in addition to playing a major role, he narrated the film.
- A. producer who works closest with the actors
 - B. actor who talks directly to the audience
 - C. script writer
15. Volunteering had a positive impact on the whole neighborhood.
- A. good or beneficial
 - B. harmful or damaging
 - C. minor and unnoticed
16. I appreciate your positive attitude.
- A. patient
 - B. open-minded
 - C. optimistic
17. Successful politicians are pragmatists. Compromise is built into the system.
- A. practical
 - B. personable
 - C. busy
18. The sequence of events in the novel kept the readers engaged and eager to find out what happens next.
- A. brief summary
 - B. order or series
 - C. random collection
19. It is thought that there are over 20,000 species of ants.
- A. different categories
 - B. different nest types
 - C. different diets
20. The group broke into spontaneous laughter.
- A. quiet and polite
 - B. sudden and unplanned
 - C. loud and bothersome

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 The **correlation** between expectation and delivery of desire could no doubt be quantified into some kind of mathematical formula.
 - A. relationship such that a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
 - B. something exclusive to (someone or some group) -- such as an activity or place
 - C. related to DNA sequences or units of heredity that influence biological traits
- 2 I've got some toddler memories, but my first **sequence** recall is kindergarten; no matter how hard I've tried to forget the experience.
 - A. tell someone about something
 - B. arranged in a specific order
 - C. something repeated regularly
- 3 And the long, aggressive, yellowy stigma **jutting** from the center is like a jaundiced old man's finger.
 - A. expressed strong hatred or loathing for
 - B. expresses strong hatred or loathing for
 - C. to stick out; or a part that sticks out
- 4 I needed to **convey** to the group a sense of my identity, while keeping a few of the basic elements of my character under wraps.
 - A. communicate or express
 - B. create dramatic change
 - C. mirror back (an image)
- 5 Interaction between the male **species** and the female species was varied and intense and highly unpredictable.
 - A. a similar group of animals or plants
 - B. the quality of exactness or accuracy
 - C. the gain of advantage from something
- 6 But the lines rearranged themselves before I could work out the **dynamic**, and the principal said: "Willow, do you know why you're here?"
 - A. interaction of forces influencing a system
 - B. an electronic component that acts like a one-way valve
 - C. any substance that tends to increase the flow of urine
- 7 Your file shows that you were identified several years ago as having high **aptitude**.
 - A. natural ability
 - B. required by rule
 - C. burying a dead body
- 8 The principal, unable to prove the **deception**, but certain that it had happened, finally let me go.
 - A. someone bound to serve another without pay -- such as a slave or serf
 - B. the act of lying to or misleading someone; or something that misleads
 - C. the degree to which something can change to fit a different situation
- 9 Because once a kid had been **evaluated**, Dell could complete the district's form in a flash, giving everyone in a specific category the same rating.
 - A. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - B. began speaking with someone about something
 - C. made appropriate in size, amount, or degree
- 10 He was getting more and more **agitated**.
 - A. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
 - B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - C. not calm; or stirred up (often emotionally)
- 11 A male **narrator** with a deep, husky (almost evil) voice set the stage for the slaughter.
 - A. translation
 - B. storyteller
 - C. quiet voice

- 12 I took great interest in the cultures of **indigenous** people.
- A. strongly biased
 - B. of local origin
 - C. material wealth
- 13 I knew that the nurse, Miss Judi, liked me because we discussed things like flu outbreaks and the statistics behind **spontaneous** nosebleeds.
- A. fascinate so much that awareness of other surrounding things is partially lost and too much trust is granted
 - B. behaving in an instinctive, uninhibited manner OR happening naturally (without planning or external force)
 - C. related to a government official whose job is to represent their country in discussions with other countries
- 14 Maybe he doesn't have full-blown **disposophobia**, which is **hoarding**, but he's on the same playing field.
- A. gathering something valuable and storing it
 - B. protecting something or keeping it as it is
 - C. keeping away (choosing not to do something)
- 15 I know a lot about **bacteria** and germs, so this is all very challenging for me.
- A. the smallest part of any material that cannot be broken up by chemical means
 - B. microorganisms (living creatures so small it takes a microscope to see them)
 - C. psychoanalysis: that part of the unconscious mind that acts as a conscience
- 16 Mai is the ultimate **pragmatist**.
- A. someone concerned with practical matters
 - B. someone who is requesting or challenging
 - C. someone who takes on or adopts something
- 17 More stars than I ever remember seeing, and I've spent a lot of time at night with my head tilted back **analyzing** the constellations.
- A. opposing (struggling against each other)
 - B. examining in detail to better understand
 - C. hiring, reserving, booking, or occupying
- 18 But that was **hypothetical**.
- A. finding fault and telling others; or tending to have unfavorable opinions
 - B. based on a seemingly reasonable, but unproven, explanation of known facts
 - C. the state or degree of not finding a condition or substance to be present
- 19 It hasn't changed since she picked me up, so she might just be trying to think of something **positive** to say to me.
- A. good or beneficial
 - B. not representative
 - C. impossible to find
- 20 When I see the judge I will try to convey a **positive** attitude, while at the same time monitoring my blood pressure and other vital signs.
- A. unable to get closer to
 - B. not sensible or careful
 - C. optimistic or agreeable

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	correlate	High-utility academic word
2	B	sequence	Used 4 times in this book.
3	C	jut	Used 4 times in this book.
4	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
5	A	species	Used 5 times in this book.
6	A	dynamics (<i>as in: the system dynamic</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
7	A	aptitude	Used 3 times in this book.
8	B	deception	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
9	A	evaluate	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
10	C	agitate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
11	B	narrator	High-utility academic word
12	B	indigenous	Used 2 times in this book.
13	B	spontaneous	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
14	A	hoard	Used 4 times in this book.
15	B	bacteria	Used 5 times in this book.
16	A	pragmatic	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
17	B	analyze	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
18	B	hypothesis (<i>as in: a study to test her hypothesis</i>)	High-utility academic word
19	A	positive (<i>as in: had a positive effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
20	C	positive (<i>as in: a positive attitude</i>)	3 meanings in this book.