

Divergent

Chapters 21–27

by Veronica Roth

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: accommodate, acknowledge, consuming, deprived, determines, manipulate, merit, technically, transmitting, vision

PRE-READING ACTIVITY

Vocabulary Preview 2

Answer Key — Preview 3

Caution: share only if self-checking

OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

Vocabulary in Context 4

Answer Key — In Context 5

Caution: do not share with students

About the Pre-Reading Activity (open-dictionary; ungraded or completion grade):

Students preview 10 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):

Same words, now in real excerpts from the text, with questions that build reading and analytical skills.

Vocabulary Sections for this Book:

Section 1 · Chapters 1–7 · Beatrice's last days in Abnegation

Section 2 · Chapters 8–13 · Stage One of Dauntless initiation

Section 3 · Chapters 14–20 · Visiting Day and the second stage

Section 4 · Chapters 21–27 · Deeper into the fear simulations

Section 5 · Chapters 28–32 · Preparing for the final test

Section 6 · Chapters 33–39 · After the final rankings

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The small classroom could barely **accommodate** thirty desks.

- A. have room for
- B. hold the weight of
- C. pay the cost of

2. He refused to **acknowledge** that he had made a mistake.

- A. clearly explain
- B. truly believe
- C. openly admit

3. Grief was **consuming** her, hour after hour.

- A. quietly following
- B. gradually changing
- C. completely taking over

4. Growing up poor, she was **deprived** of many small comforts.

- A. never aware of
- B. kept from having
- C. quickly tired of

5. A single free throw **determines** the winner of the game.

- A. guesses ahead at
- B. fixes the outcome of
- C. publicly announces

6. She learned early how to **manipulate** the people around her.

- A. control slyly for gain
- B. argue openly with
- C. stay clear of

7. A scratch that small does not **merit** a trip to the doctor.

- A. deserve
- B. permit
- C. guarantee

8. A tomato is **technically** a fruit, not a vegetable.

- A. in almost every way
- B. in everyday speech
- C. by the exact rules

9. The tower is **transmitting** a signal across the valley.

- A. strengthening
- B. sending out
- C. searching for

10. The new principal shared her **vision** for the school.

- A. idea of what it should become
- B. record of what it has done
- C. memory of what it once was

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

manifesto — a public statement of a group's beliefs and aims; each faction has one

Divergent rebels — Erudite's framing of Divergent people as enemies of the faction system rather than misfits within it

fear landscape — a simulation that runs a person through each of their fears; the final test of Dauntless initiation

take her down a few pegs — to humble someone; lower their pride or self-importance

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
3	C
4	B
5	B
6	A
7	A
8	C
9	B
10	A

Vocabulary in Context

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 10

Read each excerpt carefully. Then choose the best answer to each question.

1 “No, I was wrong; I didn’t jump off the roof because I wanted to be like the Dauntless. I jumped off because I already was like them, and I wanted to show myself to them. I wanted to acknowledge a part of myself that Abnegation demanded that I hide.”

As used in the passage, the word “acknowledge” most nearly means...

- A. take pride in an accomplishment
- B. reluctantly agree to a demand
- C. openly admit to something true

2 “She’s going to edge you out of the rankings and out of Dauntless, and you’re going to get nothing, all because she knows how to manipulate people and you don’t.”

It can reasonably be inferred that the speaker believes her success comes from...

- A. working people to her advantage
- B. luck in the early rankings
- C. training harder than the others

3 “Four told me that Eric’s vision for Dauntless is not what it’s supposed to be, but I wish he would tell me exactly what he thinks the right vision is.”

According to the passage, what does the narrator still wish Four would explain?

- A. why Eric was chosen to lead
- B. how the rankings are decided
- C. what Dauntless ought to be

4 “Anger builds inside me, replacing my blood with bitter water and filling me, consuming me.”

Which choice best describes how the narrator regards her own anger?

- A. as something overtaking her
- B. as something she welcomes
- C. as something already easing

5 “Next week you will go through your fear landscape as quickly as possible in front of a panel of Dauntless leaders. That will be your final test, which determines your ranking for stage three.”

According to the passage, an initiate’s stage-three ranking is set by...

- A. the number of fears they face
- B. a vote of the Dauntless leaders
- C. the final fear landscape test

6 “My skin tingles at the point of contact, like he’s transmitting electricity through his skin.”

The author most likely includes the comparison to electricity in order to...

- A. show a charge passing between them
- B. show that the contact hurts her
- C. show the room is unusually warm

7 “A ceiling slams onto the walls around us with a crack, and Four hunches over, groaning. The room is just big enough to accommodate his size, and no bigger.”

It can reasonably be inferred that, once the ceiling drops, Four...

- A. has no room left to move
- B. is being crushed by the walls
- C. has space to stretch out

8 “I remember being punished—sent to my room without dinner, deprived of this or that, firm scoldings. I was never shut in a closet. The cruelty smarts; my chest aches for him.”

According to the text, one of the narrator’s childhood punishments was being...

- A. physically hurt by her parents
- B. kept from things she wanted
- C. shut inside a small closet

9 “But—I had assumed that if he was not Divergent, he must have gotten a Dauntless result. And technically, I also got an Abnegation result—according to the system.”

The passage most strongly suggests that the narrator’s own Abnegation result...

- A. was the one she expected
- B. did not tell the whole truth
- C. was never officially recorded

10 “I knew that four was a low number, low enough to merit a nickname, but I didn’t know it was less than half the average.”

The author most likely includes “low enough to merit a nickname” in order to...

- A. show the number was easy to say
- B. show the number earned notice
- C. show the number was kept quiet

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	C	Students often read 'acknowledge' as 'agree with.' Here Tris is admitting something already true about herself, not consenting to anything.
2	A	
3	C	
4	A	
5	C	
6	A	
7	A	
8	B	
9	B	'Technically' concedes a point on the system's own terms while doubting it; a student who reads it as 'basically' will invert the sentence's meaning.
10	B	'Merit' appears here as a verb — to deserve or be worthy of — a use students meet less often than the noun.

Teacher Context: Chapters 21–27

The darkest stretch of initiation: the attack on Tris at the chasm, Al's part in it and his death afterward, and Tris's growing trust in Four, who takes her through his own fear landscape. Her simulation results keep marking her as different, and she begins to grasp what Divergence costs. Break placed at the turn into these events, where Tris is left alone in the tunnel.