

Divergent

Chapters 28–32

by Veronica Roth

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: accumulated, activated, commitment, corrupt, despite, manipulate, nonetheless, regain, strategies, symbolizes

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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:

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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. Dust had **accumulated** on the shelves all winter.
 - A. shifted from place to place
 - B. hardened into a thin film
 - C. built up over time
2. The motion sensor **activated** as soon as she stepped inside.
 - A. shifted out of its position
 - B. switched on and started working
 - C. needed to be reset by hand
3. Learning an instrument takes real **commitment**.
 - A. sticking with something fully
 - B. a good deal of free time
 - C. a natural gift for it
4. The **corrupt** mayor handed city contracts to his own cousins.
 - A. dishonest in using power
 - B. well liked by the public
 - C. generous with public money
5. She finished the race **despite** a badly twisted ankle.
 - A. for fear of
 - B. in spite of
 - C. as a result of
6. He tried to **manipulate** his friends into taking his side.
 - A. win over with honest reasons
 - B. trick with an obvious lie
 - C. control unfairly for one's own gain
7. The hike was long and muddy; we enjoyed it **nonetheless**.
 - A. at the same time
 - B. for that reason
 - C. even so
8. After the flu, it took her a week to **regain** her strength.
 - A. get back what was lost
 - B. make good use of
 - C. test the limits of
9. The coach went over her **strategies** before the final game.
 - A. rules the players must follow
 - B. plans for reaching a goal
 - C. notes taken during practice
10. In many stories, a dove **symbolizes** peace.
 - A. stands for or represents
 - B. keeps watch over
 - C. helps to bring about

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

sadism / sadist — pleasure in causing others pain / a person who takes such pleasure

masochism / masochist — pleasure in one's own pain / a person who takes such pleasure

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
3	A
4	A
5	B
6	C
7	C
8	A
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 “There are liars here, Caleb. There are people who are so smart they know how to manipulate you.”

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

- A. outsmart in a fair contest
- B. catch in an outright lie
- C. influence unfairly for gain

2 “Lies require commitment. I was tired of being a wussy little do-gooder and I wanted out.”

The author most likely includes “Lies require commitment” in order to...

- A. show the speaker regrets lying
- B. show that what follows is a lie
- C. show the speaker despises liars

3 “The reports that label my family as corrupt, power-hungry, moralizing dictators? The reports that carry subtle threats and hint at revolution?”

Which choice best describes the speaker’s attitude toward the reports?

- A. outraged by their charges
- B. amused by their exaggeration
- C. persuaded by their evidence

4 “I don’t know when I accumulated so many secrets. Being Divergent. Fears. How I really feel about my friends, my family, Al, Tobias.”

It can reasonably be inferred that the speaker’s secrets...

- A. built up over time, unnoticed
- B. were all kept for one reason
- C. came from other people

5 “I step into the room, armed not with a gun or a knife, but with the plan I made the night before. Tobias said that stage three is about mental preparation—coming up with strategies to overcome my fears.”

The information in the excerpt primarily functions to...

- A. establish planning as the weapon
- B. establish doubt about Tobias
- C. establish the room’s dangers

6 “I must not really be afraid of the water. I must be afraid of being out of control. To face it, I have to regain control.”

According to the passage, facing this fear requires...

- A. getting clear of the water
- B. taking back lost control
- C. learning to accept the water

7 “This will inject you with a tracking device that will be activated only if you are reported missing.”

It can reasonably be inferred that, until someone is reported missing, the tracking device...

- A. does nothing at all
- B. records every movement
- C. must be tested weekly

8 “As I look at the people around me, I realize how strange they would look to my father and brother, and how normal they seem to me, despite all the metal rings in their faces and the tattoos on their arms and throats and chests.”

The passage most strongly suggests that the speaker...

- A. is uneasy about their tattoos
- B. misses the family left behind
- C. now feels at home among them

9 “For a few seconds I look at the scales that represent Candor, the eye that stands for Erudite, and the tree that symbolizes Amity.”

The details in the excerpt primarily serve to...

- A. rank the factions by importance
- B. pair each faction with its emblem
- C. explain how the factions began

10 “Drew, who tried to run away while Peter held me by the throat over the chasm, and Molly, who fed the Erudite lies about my father, are factionless. It isn’t quite the victory I wanted, but it’s a victory nonetheless.”

Which choice best describes the speaker’s attitude toward Drew and Molly’s fate?

- A. completely delighted by it
- B. troubled by their punishment
- C. satisfied, if not completely

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	C	
2	B	The line is spoken while the speaker is lying to an interrogator, so 'commitment' here means following the lie all the way through, not moral dedication to a cause.
3	A	'Corrupt' here is the political sense, abusing public office, not the sense of something spoiled or damaged.
4	A	
5	A	
6	B	'Regain' carries the idea of getting back something already lost. The speaker is saying control is what she has lost, not something she never had.
7	A	
8	C	
9	B	The excerpt names the same relation three ways ('represent', 'stands for', 'symbolizes'), which makes it a good place to show students how a writer varies wording to avoid repeating a term.
10	C	Students often read 'nonetheless' as 'therefore'. Here it reverses direction: the outcome falls short of what she wanted, and it still counts as a win.

Teacher Context: Chapters 28–32

The initiates rehearse in an instructor's fear landscape, then face their own before a panel of Dauntless leaders. Tris finishes the test and the final rankings are posted. Grouped as the run-up and culmination of initiation, ending just before the consequences arrive.