

Divergent

Chapters 33–39

by Veronica Roth

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: anticipate, bear, contain, ethics, impulse, latter, manipulate, perspective, systematic, tendencies

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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Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. Good coaches **anticipate** the other team's next move.

- A. to expect and prepare for
- B. to imitate closely
- C. to notice only afterward

2. She could barely **bear** the long wait for results.

- A. to put up with
- B. to keep track of
- C. to make shorter

3. He could not **contain** his laughter during the speech.

- A. to disguise or cover up
- B. to notice in time
- C. to hold back

4. The club argued about the **ethics** of using the photos.

- A. opinions held by a majority
- B. laws passed by a government
- C. rules of right and wrong

5. Buying the jacket was an **impulse** she later regretted.

- A. a sudden urge to act
- B. a long-standing habit
- C. a carefully made plan

6. We could take the bus or walk; the **latter** takes an hour.

- A. the second of two mentioned
- B. the first of two mentioned
- C. the quicker of two options

7. She always found a way to **manipulate** her little brother.

- A. to compete with fiercely
- B. to control by unfair means
- C. to boss around openly

8. After a year abroad, her **perspective** on home had changed.

- A. a strong wish for something
- B. the way a person sees something
- C. a memory of something past

9. Their **systematic** search of the warehouse took three days.

- A. done by a large group
- B. done according to a plan
- C. done without warning

10. He has a few annoying **tendencies** on long road trips.

- A. sudden changes of mood
- B. opinions about other people
- C. usual ways of acting

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

Divergent — a person the simulations cannot control

serum — an injected drug; this one takes over the mind

God-fearing — deeply religious and obedient

railing against — angrily protesting about

ANSWER KEY

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

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 *“He pokes my cheek with his index finger, and I struggle against the impulse to slap his hand away.”*

As it is used in the passage, the word ‘impulse’ most nearly suggests that...

- A. she feels nothing toward Eric
- B. she has decided to strike Eric
- C. she must fight her own reflexes

2 *“But at least his evil didn’t involve the widespread manipulation of an entire faction and the systematic murder of every political leader we have.”*

Which best describes the speaker’s view of the murders he calls ‘systematic’?

- A. panicked and disorganized
- B. coldly planned, not random
- C. accidental and unintended

3 *“I can control what you see and hear,” she says. So I created a new serum that will adjust your surroundings to manipulate your will.”*

The passage most strongly suggests that the serum is meant to...

- A. steer his choices unknowingly
- B. make him physically helpless
- C. erase his recent memories

4 *“Of all the pain I have suffered today—the pain of getting shot and almost drowning and taking the bullet out again, the pain of finding and losing my mother and Tobias, this is the easiest to bear.”*

As used in the passage, the word ‘bear’ most nearly means...

- A. put up with
- B. lift and carry
- C. keep out of sight

5 *“Either he has accepted that I am an adult now, or he has accepted that I am no longer his daughter. The latter is more likely, and more painful.”*

It can reasonably be inferred that the narrator believes her father...

- A. has forgiven her choice
- B. now sees her as an adult
- C. no longer sees her as a daughter

6 *“Half of bravery is perspective. The first time I did this, it was one of the hardest things I had ever done. Now, preparing to jump off a moving train is nothing, because I have done more difficult things in the past few weeks than most people will in a lifetime.”*

The narrator most likely mentions her first jump in order to...

- A. admit she is still afraid
- B. prove the jump is safe
- C. illustrate how her view changed

7 *“The Dauntless leaders ...they evaluated my records and removed me from the simulation,” he says. Because they figured out that you already have murderous tendencies and wouldn’t mind killing a few hundred people while conscious,’ I say.”*

The narrator characterizes the other speaker as...

- A. acting against his will
- B. violent by nature
- C. shocked by what he has done

8 *“What makes you think you have the right to shoot someone?” my father says as he follows me up the path. ... Now isn’t the time for debates about ethics,’ I say.”*

The information in the excerpt primarily functions to...

- A. raise a moral challenge she dodges
- B. show her father’s fear for her
- C. explain why she took the gun

9 *“It is the simulation, the code already compiled, a complicated list of commands that anticipate and address a thousand different outcomes.”*

According to the passage, the compiled code is already prepared for...

- A. one fixed sequence of events
- B. many outcomes not yet reached
- C. errors in its own programming

10 *“I clamp my hand over my mouth to contain a sob.”*

It can reasonably be inferred that the narrator is trying to...

- A. stop a sob before it is heard
- B. let out a sob quietly
- C. catch her breath after running

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	C	
2	B	
3	A	
4	A	Students often default to the 'carry' sense; here the word means to withstand pain. The catalogue of injuries just before it is the context clue that settles it.
5	C	
6	C	
7	B	The word names a settled disposition, not a single act — that is what makes the accusation cut: he did not need the simulation to be willing.
8	A	
9	B	
10	A	

Teacher Context: Chapters 33–39

A serum administered under cover of initiation puts Dauntless under Erudite control, and the assault on Abnegation begins. Tris's family and Tobias are at the center of what follows. Section runs to the end of the novel.