

Dune

by Frank Herbert

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: adapt, adapted, convention (2), graft (2), inhibit, inhibited, interpret, jihad, peril, poise, positive (2), profound (2), prophecy, subtle (2), treachery



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. This passage is **adapted** from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
 - A. copied
 - B. read
 - C. changed
2. The human spine is not as **well adapted** to walking upright as we would like.
 - A. well suited
 - B. known widely
 - C. insured
3. In most countries, the **convention** is to shake the head to indicate "no", but in Bulgaria that indicates "yes".
 - A. movement
 - B. agreement
 - C. normal behavior
4. The country has signed the United Nations **Convention** against Torture.
 - A. a large conference or meeting
 - B. written international agreement
 - C. written study with findings
5. The skin **graft** was successful and the patient's wound healed quickly.
 - A. transplant
 - B. stitching
 - C. disinfection
6. The investigation revealed evidence of **graft** and bribery among high-ranking officials.
 - A. carelessness
 - B. incompetence
 - C. corruption
7. Cold weather can **inhibit** the growth of many tropical plants.
 - A. slow down
 - B. monitor
 - C. describe
8. He was too **inhibited** to dance at parties, even when everyone else joined in.
 - A. wild and uncontrolled
 - B. shy and self-conscious
 - C. loud and confident
9. She will stand to his left and **interpret** his speech into sign language.
 - A. refute (prove false)
 - B. elaborate upon
 - C. translate
10. They urged a **jihad** against Jews and crusaders.
 - A. propaganda
 - B. holy war
 - C. economic boycott
11. The journalist's investigation put her in great **peril**.
 - A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness
12. The once self-conscious girl is now a woman with considerable **poise**.
 - A. style
 - B. education
 - C. composure

13. I'm **positive** our team will win on Friday.
- A. happy
 - B. pretty sure
 - C. certain
14. Volunteering had a **positive** impact on the whole neighborhood.
- A. good or beneficial
 - B. harmful or damaging
 - C. minor and unnoticed
15. She is a **profound** thinker.
- A. shallow
 - B. deep
 - C. quick
16. It was a **profound** spiritual experience that changed her life.
- A. intense
 - B. common
 - C. traditional
17. It was a **self-fulfilling prophecy**.
- A. profitable enterprise
 - B. prediction
 - C. explanation
18. It is a **subtle** poison. In small doses, it might never be detected, but eventually your heart will fail.
- A. hard to notice
 - B. powerful
 - C. painless
19. She has a good eye for **subtle** differences in color.
- A. contrasting
 - B. complementary
 - C. minor
20. The general's **treachery** put the whole army in danger.
- A. bravery
 - B. betrayal
 - C. confusion

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 *Slowly, feeling the compulsions and unable to **inhibit** them, Paul put his hand into the box.*
 - A. prevent
 - B. take on or adopt
 - C. make more varied
- 2 *It was like a child's game that had lost all **inhibition** in adult hands.*
 - A. a drawing or photograph
 - B. limitation or restraint
 - C. interaction or interest
- 3 *Full of well-trained feelings and abilities and all of them **grafted** onto me – all bearing for someone else to pick.*
 - A. joined
 - B. directed energy from a negative (unacceptable) impulse or urge into a positive or acceptable action
 - C. "spiritually renewed" in a Christian ceremony OR initiated or purified by a challenging experience
- 4 *Hawat here estimates that **graft** and extra fighting men heretofore required in their operations have been costing them four times that amount.*
 - A. able to adjust readily to different conditions OR (less commonly) susceptible to being led or directed
 - B. having a pH greater than 7 (this is the opposite of acidic); or having a greater pH than something else
 - C. dishonest conduct (such as bribery) for personal gain
- 5 *Yet the boy fitted the ancient **prophecy** so precisely.*
 - A. social event or ceremony
 - B. prediction
 - C. a positively charged ion
- 6 *But the young body carried a sense of command, a **poised** assurance,*
 - A. removed or suppressed something considered obscene, immoral, or politically unacceptable
 - B. without a personal preference; or without any tendency to move in a particular direction
 - C. coolness and composure
- 7 *This latitude's life-zone has mostly what we call minor water stealers—**adapted** to raiding each other for moisture, gobbling up the trace-dew.*
 - A. well-suited
 - B. creates, starts, or sets in a place
 - C. not arousing interest or excitement
- 8 *Now came the crucial test: date palms, cotton, melons, coffee, medicinals – more than 200 selected food plant types to test and **adapt**.*
 - A. to spread one-sided information to influence opinions
 - B. alter the regular state of an otherwise stable system
 - C. change to fit
- 9 *I suspect her of **treachery***
 - A. reporter
 - B. betrayal
 - C. disorder
- 10 *...hawk features, blue-ink eyes that suggested he was a native of Arrakis, but **subtleties** of movement and stance told her he was not.*
 - A. a noticeable red (or brown) discolorations of sea water caused by excessive growth of microscopic algae
 - B. things said or done that are disrespectful of something considered sacred -- especially God or religion
 - C. things that are slightly noticeable
- 11 *A poison--so **subtle**, so insidious . . . so irreversible. It won't even kill you unless you stop taking it.*
 - A. working in a hidden way
 - B. lacking a reason for doing something
 - C. inconspicuousness or trustworthiness

- 12 This is **profound** thinking if you understand how unstable "the truth" can be.
- A. foolish or showing ignorance of important circumstances
 - B. deep or far-reaching in intellect or insight
 - C. quick or efficient
- 13 I am **profoundly** stirred!
- A. intensely
 - B. in a manner that is not aware of something
 - C. in a manner that is loving, but not sexual
- 14 *even that convention* isn't required.
- A. reason (for doing something)
 - B. small quantity or indication
 - C. thing that is regarded as normal
- 15 Each rule of the Great **convention** begins: "The forms must be obeyed . . . "
- A. someone who expresses disapproval
 - B. an international agreement
 - C. purpose, job, or natural activity
- 16 He could not be certain what he would do, but of one thing he was **positive**: he did not want the water distilled out of Jamis' flesh.
- A. outside
 - B. various
 - C. certain
- 17 The measure of Count Fenring's friendship may be seen first in a **positive** thing: he allayed the Landsraad's suspicions after the Arrakis Affair.
- A. good
 - B. not representative
 - C. impossible to find
- 18 Through it all, the wild **jihad** still loomed ahead of him, the violence and the slaughter.
- A. popular art movement of late 19th century French painters who used dabs of color to give an impression of their subject rather than a photographic-like depiction
 - B. a relentless battle for a belief
 - C. the process of replacing what was used up OR the process of restoring to a previous condition OR (more rarely) materials that replaced what was used up
- 19 But when you look inward and confront the raw force of your own life unshielded, you see your **peril**.
- A. useful
 - B. danger
 - C. allows
- 20 Some **interpreted** this as a sign from God, an omen of unity.
- A. subtracted
 - B. questioned
 - C. translated

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	inhibit (<i>as in: inhibited the growth of...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	B	inhibited (<i>as in: she is shy and inhibited</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	graft (<i>as in: skin graft</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
4	C	graft (<i>as in: graft and corruption</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
5	B	prophecy	Used 22 times in this book.
6	C	poise	Used 26 times in this book.
7	A	adapted (<i>as in: the species is well adapted for</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	treachery	Used 23 times in this book.
10	C	subtle (<i>as in: a subtle difference or thinker</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	A	subtle (<i>as in: a subtle poison</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	B	profound (<i>as in: profound idea</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
13	A	profound (<i>as in: profound sadness</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	C	convention (<i>as in: conventional behavior</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	convention (<i>as in: The Geneva Convention</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
16	C	positive (<i>as in: I'm absolutely positive!</i>)	Used 7 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	positive (<i>as in: had a positive effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	B	jihad	Used 33 times in this book.
19	B	peril	Used 18 times in this book.
20	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	Used 10 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.