

Eldest

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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: accompany (2), desecrate, discord (2), dismay, endure (2), establish (2), forswear, however (3), inhibit, manifest (2), pavilion, resolve (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
3	A
4	A
5	A
6	C
7	B
8	C
9	B
10	C
11	B
12	A
13	C
14	A
15	A
16	B
17	B
18	A
19	A
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. Will you **accompany** her to the party?
 - A. follow
 - B. precede
 - C. go with
2. The exact numbers are shown in the **accompanying** table.
 - A. provided together
 - B. informative
 - C. previously published
3. In the U.S., the protected right of free speech makes it legal to **desecrate** the flag and other sacred symbols.
 - A. disrespect
 - B. oppose
 - C. burn
4. There is too much **discord** in their home.
 - A. conflict
 - B. loud noise
 - C. uncritical agreement
5. She heard the **discordant** clanging of pots in the kitchen.
 - A. unpleasant sound
 - B. attractive sound
 - C. loud sound
6. Hope was replaced by **dismay**.
 - A. satisfaction
 - B. faith
 - C. sorrow
7. As a soldier, she was prepared to **endure** hardship and even to sacrifice her life for others.
 - A. risk
 - B. suffer through
 - C. cause
8. Over the years, the stories my grandmother told me have **endured** as a source of wisdom in my life.
 - A. stopped acting
 - B. brought suffering
 - C. continued to exist
9. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
10. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
 - A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
11. She should **forswear** contributions from special interest groups.
 - A. make public
 - B. stop (taking)
 - C. take advantage of

12. I hope to take the ACT just once. However, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
- A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and
13. However safe we make it, there will always be risk.
- A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
14. However we get there, the main thing is to be absolutely sure we're not late.
- A. whatever way
 - B. even if in a non-standard manner
 - C. to whatever degree
15. Cold weather can inhibit the growth of many tropical plants.
- A. slow down
 - B. monitor
 - C. describe
16. Her program has been a manifest failure. Everyone is trying to blame someone else for it.
- A. sudden
 - B. obvious
 - C. surprising
17. The guns were not on the ship's manifest.
- A. upper deck (without a ceiling)
 - B. official document listing contents being transported
 - C. decks above the water line
18. We ate lunch under the open-sided pavilion near the lake.
- A. freestanding shelter
 - B. tall stone monument
 - C. narrow garden path
19. She is testing my resolve to keep a good attitude.
- A. determination
 - B. ability
 - C. optimism
20. This feud will never be resolved with violence.
- A. properly considered
 - B. settled or solved
 - C. reduced or understood

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 Son of one of the **Forsworn**—the thirteen Riders who had helped Galbatorix destroy their order and anoint himself king of Alagaesia—and Eragon's friend.
 - A. constraining in some way -- such as tying up, requiring, or obligating
 - B. to decide to stop doing something; or to renounce or disavow something
 - C. the profession of assisting women in childbirth without being a doctor
- 2 *Elves can't lie in the ancient language, but they have no such **inhibition** in ours—she could deny that Ajihad ever uttered those words if it served her purposes.*
 - A. restraint
 - B. male, female, or any of many trans categories
 - C. an official charge (of having broken the law)
- 3 Now, **however**, he instinctively wanted to rebel, to elude the shackles they were trying to place on him.
 - A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though, in spite of that, in contrast, nevertheless,* etc.
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 4 *Holding nothing in reserve, Eragon drove Vanir to the center of the field, jabbing and slashing like a madman—determined to hurt the elf **however** he could.*
 - A. in whatever way
 - B. starts fighting
 - C. starts (a fire)
- 5 *I'll give you **however** many men you need.*
 - A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
 - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
 - C. whatever amount of
- 6 *She seemed more agitated than he had ever seen her, though it **manifested** itself only in the tension of her movements.*
 - A. unrecognized difference
 - B. showed
 - C. did in a particular way
- 7 *Roran said nothing more until Jeod mentioned that the reason Brom and Eragon had visited Teirm was to see if they could use the city's shipping **manifests** to locate the Ra'zac's lair.*
 - A. members of Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - B. official document listing contents being transported
 - C. harmful software that spreads from computer to computer
- 8 *I accept, as you accept all the responsibilities **accompanying** the station.*
 - A. that go with
 - B. rising and falling pitch; or cheerful and lively
 - C. regarding with feelings of respect and reverence
- 9 *Roran knew that he risked being recognized by **accompanying** them, but their mission was too important for him to neglect.*
 - A. working or operating
 - B. happening repeatedly
 - C. traveling with
- 10 *Revolted by the **desecration**, he asked, "What, who, ate him then?"*
 - A. the act of violating the sacred nature of something
 - B. a particular way of seeing or thinking about things
 - C. collection of star systems held together by gravity
- 11 *A man can **endure** only so much abuse before he must strike back.*
 - A. call -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
 - B. suffer through (or put up with something difficult or unpleasant)
 - C. communication through gestures and body movements (without words)

- 12 *Our friendship shall **endure**, Eragon.*
- A. differ; or change
 - B. influence opinion
 - C. continue to exist
- 13 *The two dragon-beasts squawked in **dismay** and veered to either side.*
- A. make someone want to do something
 - B. walk in an awkward, shuffling way
 - C. sadness, disappointment, or worry
- 14 *And at the head of the assembly stood a white **pavilion** that sheltered a throne of knotted roots.*
- A. a large structure separate from a main structure or temporary
 - B. make something more attractive or interesting by adding to it
 - C. a small group of people who plot in secret and exercise power
- 15 *"No," said Oromis, "even if Saphira had been raised on Vroengard using the **established** methods, she would still be an extraordinary flier."*
- A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - B. generally accepted
 - C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 16 *This time Eragon treated the question as he would a riddle, counting the number of words, whispering them out loud to **establish** whether they rhymed, and otherwise examining them for hidden meaning.*
- A. take (power or responsibility)
 - B. accept as true (without proof)
 - C. show, determine, or understand
- 17 *This time Nasuada answered, "My heart is pure and my **resolve** is as iron."*
- A. firmness of purpose
 - B. wrongly translating
 - C. difficult situation
- 18 *"You need to **resolve** this debate, and quickly too", said Saphira.*
- A. work or operate
 - B. settle
 - C. strongly desire
- 19 *Eragon frowned; a note of **discord** had entered the minds he was monitoring.*
- A. conflict
 - B. characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open
 - C. design based on alphabetic letters; or adding such a design to something
- 20 *After that the only sound was the **discordant** music of the dwarves honing their blades.*
- A. unpleasant sounding
 - B. able to be found
 - C. likely to change

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	forswear (<i>as in: forswear my country of birth</i>)	Used 15 times in this book.
2	A	inhibit (<i>as in: inhibited the growth of...</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
3	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
4	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
5	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
6	B	manifest (<i>as in: manifest destiny</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
7	B	manifest (<i>as in: ship's manifest</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
8	A	accompany (<i>as in: the accompanying chart</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	C	accompany (<i>as in: accompany on the journey</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	A	desecrate	Used 7 times in this book.
11	B	endure (<i>as in: endured the pain</i>)	Used 23 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	endure (<i>as in: endure through the ages</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
13	C	dismay	Used 16 times in this book.
14	A	pavilion	Used 21 times in this book.
15	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	resolve (<i>as in: Her resolve weakened.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
18	B	resolve (<i>as in: How was the problem resolved?</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
19	A	discord (<i>as in: discord amongst the group</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
20	A	discord (<i>as in: discordant music</i>)	2 meanings in this book.