

# Enrique's Journey

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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:** camaraderie, corroborate, destitute, focus (2), however (2), immigrate, migrant, migrate, negative, odyssey, perspective (2), positive (2), rancor, recuperate, subsequent, The Odyssey



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	B
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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.*

- The veteran team showed **camaraderie** in the locker room.
  - tension between members
  - close friendship in a group
  - respect for opponents
- A blood test **corroborated** the doctor's suspicion of diabetes.
  - disproved
  - supported
  - checked
- She died **destitute** in Paris at the age of 38.
  - too young
  - extremely poor
  - among family
- This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
  - concentrating
  - depending
  - getting help
- The **focus** of this class is classic American Literature.
  - hardest part
  - area where attention is concentrated
  - prerequisite (understanding required to enroll)
- 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.
  - but
  - also
  - and
- However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
  - on-the-other-hand
  - in addition
  - no matter how
- At that time, most of the people who immigrated to the United States came from Latin America and Asia.
  - relocated
  - exported goods
  - visited
- The crops won't be picked without **migrant** workers.
  - hard-working
  - from elsewhere
  - low-wage
- Many Germans **migrated** to South America in the mid-19th century.
  - flew toward
  - flew away
  - moved
- Higher gasoline prices **negatively** affected fast food sales.
  - in a helpful manner
  - surprisingly
  - in a harmful manner

12. He called the story *A Space Odyssey*.
- A. long, eventful journey
  - B. long, eventful war
  - C. eventful, love story
13. Students read *The Odyssey* to learn about Greek heroes and mythical voyages.
- A. Plato's philosophy text
  - B. Homer's epic poem
  - C. Aesop's animal fables
14. Also, try to see it from her perspective before you make up your mind.
- A. timeframe
  - B. education level
  - C. way of looking at things
15. Attending a funeral helps me to put life into perspective and to separate the important things from those that are less important.
- A. a sensible view
  - B. a positive view
  - C. a limited view
16. I'm positive our team will win on Friday.
- A. happy
  - B. pretty sure
  - C. certain
17. Volunteering had a positive impact on the whole neighborhood.
- A. good or beneficial
  - B. harmful or damaging
  - C. minor and unnoticed
18. Even after years apart, the rancor between the brothers had not faded at all.
- A. warm affection
  - B. mild curiosity
  - C. deep bitterness
19. To control the spread of the disease, the school has a separate room where sick students wait for a ride home to recuperate.
- A. family care
  - B. do homework
  - C. regain health
20. The results of the initial investigation were unclear, but a subsequent investigation concluded that she used good judgment.
- A. thorough
  - B. official
  - C. following

## 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 A Harvard University study showed that 85 percent of all immigrant children who eventually end up in the United States spent at least some time separated from a parent in the course of **migrating** to the United States.
  - A. selecting (on a computer screen)
  - B. limiting or acting as a boundary
  - C. moving from one place to another
- 2 Their presence in the United States is deemed good or bad, depending on the **perspective**. ... Perhaps by looking at one immigrant -- his strengths, his courage, his flaws -- his humanity might help illuminate what too often has been a black-and-white discussion.
  - A. collection of star systems held together by gravity
  - B. resulting from God's intervention or plan; or lucky
  - C. way of seeing and thinking about things
- 3 ...immigrant children in U.S. schools who spent time separated from parents are often depressed, act up, have trouble trusting anyone, and don't respond to the authority of parents they weren't raised with. Los Angeles Unified School District psychologist Bradley Pilon believes only one in ten immigrant students ultimately accepts his or her parent and puts the rancor he or she feels toward the parent in **perspective**. Murillo's conclusion: "The parents say: I had to do it." But that's not enough for these children. All of them feel the resentment.
  - A. a sensible view of a situation
  - B. made by taking on as one's own
  - C. relating to the chest (thorax)
- 4 All this ... helped **corroborate** Enrique's story.
  - A. characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open
  - B. support -- typically with additional evidence or testimony
  - C. design based on alphabetic letters; or adding such a design to something
- 5 But their **odyssey** comes to a humiliating halt.
  - A. long eventful journey
  - B. a nerve or brain cell
  - C. thought or discussion
- 6 **The Odyssey**, an epic poem about a hero's journey home from war, ends with reunion and peace.
  - A. generally considered Willa Cather's greatest novel -- depicting pioneer life on the Nebraska prairie (1918)
  - B. ancient Greek story (attributed to Homer) of the Odysseus' difficult journey home
  - C. Charles Dickens novel about a seemingly endless lawsuit that that helped to advance legal reform in England
- 7 Others cast the train in a more **positive** light.
  - A. good
  - B. not representative
  - C. impossible to find
- 8 They never promise anything, especially a visit or reunion, until they are **positive** they can deliver.
  - A. outside
  - B. various
  - C. certain
- 9 Except in extraordinary circumstances, Mexican immigration agents are barred from carrying firearms. According to a retired agent, **however**, most have .38-caliber pistols.
  - A. though (used to connect contrasting ideas)
  - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
  - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 10 Can you give me a ride **however** far north you are going?
  - 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. the amount

- 11 On **subsequent** trips, when he was deported, he always stuck with one of these gang members to protect himself from any attacks.
- A. able to take on or adopt
  - B. the state of being awake
  - C. following something else
- 12 Olga brought the boy to **recuperate** at her humble home.
- A. make someone want to do something
  - B. walk in an awkward, shuffling way
  - C. to regain good health or strength
- 13 He **relishes** the **camaraderie**: how riders take care of one another, pass along what they know, divide what they have.
- A. the degree of not being easily set on fire
  - B. close friendship amongst a group of people
  - C. not appropriate in size, amount, or degree
- 14 Mexicans along the border, he notices, are quick to proclaim their right to **immigrate** to the United States.
- A. come to live in a new country
  - B. select (on a computer screen)
  - C. make small restless movements
- 15 His **focus** is one instilled by mentors at the seminary: "Either we are with the poor, or we are not."
- A. calculating or judging too high
  - B. place where attention is directed
  - C. the ability to take on or adopt
- 16 In North Carolina, Enrique **focuses** on working, on saving money, on cutting down even more on drinking and drugs.
- A. concentrates
  - B. storytellers
  - C. translations
- 17 Sometimes he slips the shoes off his feet and hands them to a **migrant**.
- A. someone who makes or manufactures things
  - B. a person who moves from one geographic region to another
  - C. someone who blocks (prevents) an action
- 18 They work to ensure that the love they feel for their mothers overcomes the **rancor** they also feel inside.
- A. measure of general intelligence
  - B. a firm decision to do something
  - C. feelings of deep and bitter anger
- 19 Grandparents who get money to care for children left behind would be **destitute** without the payments.
- A. requiring great strength or effort (like that of the mythological Hercules)
  - B. extremely poor; or lacking the necessities of life such as food and shelter
  - C. working against the principles of democracy or representation of the people
- 20 Yet some of the **negative** consequences of immigration are real, and are becoming increasingly evident as more women and children arrive.
- A. tell (a story)
  - B. begin fighting
  - C. harmful

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	migrate	Used 11 times in this book.
2	C	perspective (as in: Look at it from her perspective)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	perspective (as in: Keep it in perspective)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	B	corroborate	Used 6 times in this book.
5	A	odyssey (as in: her odyssey from Mexico to Texas)	2 meanings in this book.
6	B	The Odyssey (as in: Homer's Odyssey)	2 meanings in this book.
7	A	positive (as in: had a positive effect)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	C	positive (as in: I'm absolutely positive!)	2 meanings in this book.
9	A	however (as in: However, complications may...)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	however (as in: However much she tried...)	2 meanings in this book.
11	C	subsequent	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
12	C	recuperate	Used 2 times in this book.
13	B	camaraderie	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
14	A	immigrate	Used 234 times in this book.
15	B	focus (as in: The focus of our study is...)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	focus (as in: Turn your focus to question #2.)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	B	migrant	Used 521 times in this book.
18	C	rancor	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	B	destitute	Used 3 times in this book.
20	C	negative (as in: had a negative effect)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.