Eragon

by Christopher Paolini

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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PRE-READING ACTIVITY

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OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

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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: approach (2), convey, focus (3), forswear, highlight (2), hinder, however (2), incline, inclined, proficiency, quiver, recuperate, rein, resume, waver

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ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	A
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
   A. gets nearer
   B. is remembered
   C. continues

2. I **approached** three bankers about a loan.
   A. avoided
   B. complained to
   C. asked

3. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
   A. express
   B. accept
   C. understand

4. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
   A. concentrating
   B. depending
   C. getting help

5. The **focus** of this class is classic American Literature.
   A. hardest part
   B. area where attention is concentrated
   C. prerequisite (understanding required to enroll)

6. The satellite **focuses** the signal into a narrow beam.
   A. spreads
   B. concentrates
   C. pulses

7. She should **forswear** contributions from special interest groups.
   A. make public
   B. stop (taking)
   C. take advantage of

8. The mayor **highlighted** positive developments in the city.
   A. encouraged
   B. searched for
   C. emphasized

9. Her photographic portraits tend to minimize the **highlights** and boost the shadows.
   A. items lit with overhead light
   B. lighter areas
   C. images of light sources

10. The brace I have to wear is **hindering** my movements
    A. helping or assisting
    B. drawing attention to
    C. making difficult

11. 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

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12. **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

13. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
    A. disinclined
    B. afraid
    C. tending

14. The boat ramp has a steep **incline**.
    A. slope
    B. price
    C. danger

15. After months of practice, she gained enough **proficiency** in Spanish to hold a simple conversation.
    A. interest
    B. permission
    C. skill

16. Her hands began to **quiver** as she opened the envelope.
    A. slightly shake
    B. tightly grip
    C. quickly move

17. 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

18. She is committed to **reining in** excessive government infringement of personal freedom.
    A. exposing
    B. restraining
    C. discovering

19. She decided to **resume** her studies after taking a year off to travel.
    A. finish
    B. begin
    C. begin again

20. We will never **waver** in our commitment to provide the best education possible.
    A. speak forcefully
    B. grow rapidly
    C. be unsteady

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 *It's not surprising that you've escaped notice.* However, *I wouldn't expect that to last.*
A. though (used to connect contrasting ideas)
B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
C. therefore (for that reason)

2 *With such a rule of terror, he will be able to shape the Empire* however *he wants.*
A. in whatever way
B. starts fighting
C. starts (a fire)

3 *Two boys from Carvahall wrestled nearby, but he felt no* inclination *to join them.*
A. wrong understanding
B. act of hiring again
C. desire (tendency)

4 *he* inclined *his head toward Eragon,*
A. bent
B. told (a story)
C. lied or misled

5 *Those twelve, with Morzan, became the Thirteen* Forsworn.
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

6 *Light glinted off a sapphire,* highlighting *a strange symbol carved on its face.*
A. a non-doctor assisting a women in childbirth
B. challenging, arguing about, or fighting over
C. emphasizing (drawing attention to)

7 *The sandstone around her nose shimmered like gilded dew, turning clear with dancing silver* highlights.
A. recommends or requires what should be done OR (of a medical doctor) gives medical instructions -- such as writing that a patient should take antibiotics
B. lighter areas
C. items characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open -- such as a door or musical instrument with that characteristic

8 *"Well," said Eragon, wondering how best to* approach *the subject, "I keep hearing about the Dragon Riders and their supposed accomplishments."*
A. did not find a condition or substance to be present
B. to support by providing money or other economic aid
C. begin communication with someone about

9 *Farms signaled their* approach *to Therinsford.*
A. getting near
B. create dramatic change
C. mirror back (an image)

10 *A true master could just say water and create something totally unrelated, like a gemstone. You wouldn't be able to understand how he had done it, but the master would have seen the connection between water and the gem and would have used that as the* focal *point for his power.*
A. formula (a mathematical expression that describe a relationship between variables)
B. center of concentration
C. officially telling someone about something; or something that contains the message

11 *He put a finger on either side of the blade and* focused *intensely, deepening the lines on his forehead.*
A. concentrated
B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
C. began speaking with someone about something

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12 *"Not yet," said Brom, "but your very existence is the* focus *of their battles."*

A. calculating or judging too high
B. center (where attention is concentrated)
C. the ability to take on or adopt

13 *I am* proficient *to some degree.*

A. absolute
B. pleasing
C. skillful

14 *He squirmed under her* unwavering *glare.*

A. sloped
B. hidden
C. steady

15 *Dark lines appeared on Brom's forehead as he* reined *Snowfire to a halt.*

A. mirrored back (an image)
B. restrained or controlled
C. quoted (to make a point)

16 *He gave himself a few minutes to* recuperate*, then leaned back over the water.*

A. make someone want to do something
B. walk in an awkward, shuffling way
C. to regain good health or strength

17 *With his return to health, Eragon also* resumed *practicing magic.*

A. hired again
B. briefly saw
C. began again

18 *Though he knew only scattered words in the ancient language, he managed to* convey*: I was imprisoned in Gil'ead, like you, but I escaped and rescued you.*

A. communicate or express
B. create dramatic change
C. mirror back (an image)

19 *Saphira ...."Now as for you two," said the leader, speaking to Eragon and Murtagh, "if you would be so good as to drop your weapons, you'll avoid being turned into living* quivers *by my men."*

A. to shake or tremble slightly
B. not working or not operating
C. calculates or judges too low

20 *The Urgals had not been* hindered *at all.*

A. not interacting; or not interested
B. not provided with investment funds
C. slowed down or caused problems for

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	however *(as in: However, complications may…)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	A	however *(as in: However you do it, get it done!)*	2 meanings in this book.
3	C	inclined *(as in: I'm inclined to)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	A	incline *(as in: on an incline or incline his head)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	B	forswear *(as in: forswear my country of birth)*	Used 16 times in this book.
6	C	highlight *(as in: highlight the main findings)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	B	highlight *(as in: highlights and shadows)*	2 meanings in this book.
8	C	approach *(as in: approached her with the proposal)*	2 meanings in this book.
9	A	approach *(as in: approached the city)*	Used 38 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
10	B	focus *(as with technical usage)*	3 meanings in this book.
11	A	focus *(as in: Turn your focus to question #2.)*	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
12	B	focus *(as in: The focus of our study is…)*	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
13	C	proficiency	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
14	C	waver	High-utility academic word; used 14 times in this book.
15	B	rein *(as in: to rein in their activities)*	Used 19 times in this book.
16	C	recuperate	Used 3 times in this book.
17	C	resume *(as in: resume the meeting)*	Used 14 times in this book.
18	A	convey *(as in: convey her thoughts)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	quiver	Used 19 times in this book.
20	C	hinder *(as in: hindered by)*	Used 4 times in this book.

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