

Everworld – Search For Senna

by Katherine Applegate

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: abject, adrenaline, agony, assimilate, bizarre, condescending, dominate, elaborate, malice, ornate, pandemonium, physics, plaintive, principle, ridicule, senile, skeptical, superfluous, swagger, writhe



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	C
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20	C

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She grew up in **abject** poverty; though she didn't know it.
 - A. beneficial
 - B. extreme
 - C. moderate
2. She was still shaking from the **adrenaline** rush that came with the fright.
 - A. calming hormone
 - B. muscle protein
 - C. fight-or-flight hormone
3. She cried out in **agony**.
 - A. sudden surprise
 - B. intense anger
 - C. intense suffering
4. The immigrants worked hard to **assimilate** the customs of their new homeland.
 - A. absorb and adopt
 - B. openly reject
 - C. secretly mock
5. She won one of those **bizarre** contests designed by Guinness Book of World Records.
 - A. present in great quantity
 - B. exceedingly odd or unusual
 - C. critical (full of criticism)
6. She tried to sound supportive, but her advice came across as **condescending**.
 - A. acting superior
 - B. harmful or unhelpful
 - C. sounding uninformed
7. She completely **dominates** her boyfriend.
 - A. worships
 - B. obeys
 - C. controls
8. Their culture has **elaborate** wedding ceremonies.
 - A. generous
 - B. exciting
 - C. detailed
9. Words can be like baseball bats when used **maliciously** against someone who is sensitive.
 - A. carelessly
 - B. mockingly
 - C. evilly
10. It was the most **ornate** building I've ever seen.
 - A. ancient
 - B. boring
 - C. decorated
11. The party erupted into **pandemonium** as news spread of the victory.
 - A. noisy disorder
 - B. song
 - C. news watching
12. She became interested in **physics** after building a model rocket that launched using air pressure.
 - A. study of living things
 - B. science of matter and energy
 - C. study of human cultures

13. It is a **plaintive** poem
- A. sad
 - B. dramatic
 - C. joyful
14. One guiding **principle** is that everyone should be treated fairly.
- A. rule or belief
 - B. complaint
 - C. answer or result
15. The other children **ridiculed** him for wearing mismatched socks to school.
- A. warmly praised
 - B. completely ignored
 - C. mocked or made fun of
16. About 10% of Americans between the ages of 65 and 75 suffer from **senility**.
- A. loneliness most days of the week
 - B. a poor sense of smell
 - C. mental weakness caused by old age
17. She is **skeptical** about the project.
- A. doubtful
 - B. keeping silent
 - C. excited
18. Everyone liked the idea. The arguments I prepared to support it were **superfluous**.
- A. appreciated
 - B. important
 - C. unnecessary
19. The cowboy **swaggered** into the saloon with his holster unstrapped.
- A. limped with difficulty
 - B. walked confidently
 - C. snuck
20. She **writhed** on the sidewalk begging that someone call an ambulance.
- A. cried and whimpered
 - B. yelled loudly
 - C. twisted and turned

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 *The poem I'd had to read that Christopher **ridiculed**?*
 - A. not accepted as true
 - B. differed; or changed
 - C. mocked (made fun of)
- 2 *...maybe he's just a **condescending** know-it-all.*
 - A. treating others as inferior
 - B. persuading someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - C. interesting or exciting; or encouraging interest or excitement; or causing something to happen
- 3 *The cops show up, they'll bust me on general **principle**.*
 - A. basic rule or belief
 - B. the act of forgiving
 - C. narrow water passage
- 4 *The rage **adrenaline** is flooding my arms and legs, stiff with repressed energy.*
 - A. declaration of invalidity; or cancelation
 - B. the branch of geology that studies rocks
 - C. "fight or flight" stimulating hormone
- 5 *It's **bizarre**, but I think it's real.*
 - A. the quality of disagreeing
 - B. exceedingly odd or unusual
 - C. able to meet and talk with
- 6 *The graceful prow that rose high till it ended in an **ornate** carving of a dragon's head.*
 - A. able to be taken on as one's own
 - B. indicating approval or agreement
 - C. having lots of decorative detail
- 7 *Jerk and **agony**, jerk and agony.*
 - A. size or dimension
 - B. circular movement
 - C. intense suffering
- 8 *The head was round, **dominated** by two large, flat insect eyes.*
 - A. tried to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuaded
 - B. did not vote OR did not drink alcohol OR (more rarely) did not do something else
 - C. most noticed (the most influential characteristic)
- 9 *And now it is Odin who lies **writhing** in torment.*
 - A. opposing (struggling against each other)
 - B. examining in detail to better understand
 - C. moving in a twisting or contorted motion
- 10 *That wasn't me shuffling along, head bowed, tears welling in my eyes behind a **swaggering** troll.*
 - A. giving an opinion of what is wrong with something
 - B. walking and behaving in a highly confident manner
 - C. expressing regret for having done something wrong
- 11 *"We have one big advantage: We're smarter than those guys."
"We are?" Christopher asked **skeptically**.*
 - A. in a doubtful manner
 - B. in a manner that is open to arguments, ideas, or change
 - C. inadequately (in a manner that does not provide enough)
- 12 *I saw no whipping going on, but a couple of big, old Vikings were roaring away, giving mostly **superfluous** orders and pushing people around.*
 - A. the quality of being sensible and careful
 - B. without purpose, job, or natural activity
 - C. more than is needed

- 13 *Some carried battle-axes with carved handles and **elaborate** heads.*
- A. without gender classification
 - B. overly unhappy and unsociable
 - C. complex (in design)
- 14 *Thorolf yelled, pushing common soldiers aside, roughly but without **malice**, and shouldering past officers.*
- A. not adjusting a lens to create a clear image
 - B. the quality of lacking exactness or accuracy
 - C. wanting to make them suffer
- 15 **Pandemonium.**
- A. a state of noisy confusion and disorder
 - B. something that causes ongoing suffering
 - C. worry or concern about what will happen
- 16 *Distant wolves howled, **plaintive**.*
- A. sad
 - B. bad
 - C. real
- 17 *Like I felt when I was in that **physics** class before I bailed out.*
- A. lacking things most people enjoy
 - B. the science of matter and energy
 - C. referring to any rocky mountains
- 18 *To my **abject** horror...*
- A. outside
 - B. extreme
 - C. certain
- 19 *Just because he...me...the other me...isn't here, doesn't mean I'm deaf, dumb, and blind and you have to act like I'm some **senile** old man.*
- A. relating to a government, country, or ruling family of a country ruled by a king or queen
 - B. in the dark (figuratively) due to a lack of knowledge, advantages, or moral understanding
 - C. mental weakness caused by old age; or describing a medical condition as caused by old age
- 20 *I'd been off in my own thoughts, still **assimilating** the memories of the last couple of days.*
- A. taking in, transforming, or fitting in
 - B. making strips of hair lighter in color
 - C. requiring (obligating) to do something

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	ridicule	Used 3 times in this book.
2	A	condescending	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	A	principle	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
4	C	adrenaline	Used 4 times in this book.
5	B	bizarre (<i>as in: is bizarre</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
6	C	ornate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
7	C	agony	Used 5 times in this book.
8	C	dominate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
9	C	writhe	Used 3 times in this book.
10	B	swagger	Used 5 times in this book.
11	A	skeptical	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	C	superfluous	High-utility academic word
13	C	elaborate (<i>as in: an elaborate design</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
14	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
15	A	pandemonium	Used 2 times in this book.
16	A	plaintive	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
17	B	physics	Used 4 times in this book.
18	B	abject	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
19	C	senile	Used 2 times in this book.
20	A	assimilate	High-utility academic word