

Fearless

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Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: cite (2), coalition, convey, debut, deploy, engage (2), evaluate, insurgent, interpret, mentor, motivate, petty, phase, reconnaissance, relapse, technique, warrant (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	C
3	A
4	A
5	A
6	A
7	B
8	B
9	A
10	A
11	C
12	B
13	A
14	A
15	B
16	C
17	A
18	A
19	A
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 **cited** the EPA report to make her point.
 - A. refuted (proved false)
 - B. quoted
 - C. asked about
2. She was **cited** for her outstanding achievements at the school.
 - A. selected
 - B. nominated
 - C. officially praised
3. They don't have the strength alone. They will need to form a **coalition**.
 - A. a political group made up of different groups working together
 - B. a stronger political group created by defeating weaker groups
 - C. a strong political group that does not interact with other groups
4. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
 - A. express
 - B. accept
 - C. understand
5. The team celebrated his **debut** as their new starting quarterback.
 - A. first appearance
 - B. last farewell
 - C. worst showing
6. The city **deployed** snowplows before the storm reached downtown.
 - A. sent out
 - B. held back
 - C. sold off
7. At the time, she was **engaged** in a research project at Stanford.
 - A. a candidate
 - B. involved
 - C. promised to marry
8. We will **engage** the enemy when they reach the river.
 - A. retreat from
 - B. begin fighting
 - C. study
9. I'm **evaluating** job options.
 - A. considering
 - B. creating
 - C. avoiding
10. The **insurgents** fought against the government.
 - A. members of an irregular armed force that fight a stronger force by sabotage and harassment
 - B. members of an army fighting outside of their home country
 - C. soldiers who fight for a country that is not their own in order to earn pay
11. She will stand to his left and **interpret** his speech into sign language.
 - A. refute (prove false)
 - B. elaborate upon
 - C. translate
12. The famous professor **mentored** her during her years in graduate school.
 - A. graded essays by
 - B. personally advised
 - C. lectured to

13. She is motivated by a sincere desire to help others.
- A. driven
 - B. slowed
 - C. stopped
14. She is the chief **petty officer** responsible for the review.
- A. non-commissioned officer
 - B. an officer who complains about unworthy things
 - C. a police officer who focuses on misdemeanors
15. We finished the first **phase** of the project.
- A. pretending to have moral standards while not living up to them
 - B. a stage during the development of something
 - C. someone responsible for a wrongdoing -- especially a criminal
16. Satellite **reconnaissance** indicates they are building a nuclear facility.
- A. delivery of supplies
 - B. construction project
 - C. scouting for information
17. **Relapses** are common with major depressive disorder.
- A. returns to illness
 - B. lost work days
 - C. crying spells
18. One **technique** I use for dealing with anger is to wait ten seconds before responding.
- A. way of doing something
 - B. habit
 - C. solution to anger
19. The judge signed an **arrest warrant**.
- A. document authorizing arrest
 - B. document to stop an arrest
 - C. document explaining an arrest
20. She believes the invasion of privacy is **warranted** to assist in the battle against terrorists.
- A. not justified
 - B. worthy of consideration
 - C. justified

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 *Through hard work and a tight budget, Larry was able to support his family so Janice could be the full-time, dependable, **engaged** mother she'd never had.*
 - A. studying
 - B. involved
 - C. promised to marry
- 2 *An AC-130 gunship thousands of feet overhead **engaged** the enemy that could be positively identified by their weapon fire.*
 - A. not controlled
 - B. attacked
 - C. told (a story)
- 3 *"And that was Adam's **debut** performance as my helper," says Larry.*
 - A. first time
 - B. mirror back (an image)
 - C. create dramatic change
- 4 *"Adam," said Larry, "there's a **warrant** for your arrest."*
 - A. document authorizing arrest
 - B. opinion of what is good and bad about something
 - C. the majority denomination of Islam (almost 90%)
- 5 *This would **warrant** sending a squadron's strike force, the bulk of Adam's teammates based nearby, to go in and get him, but was the risk worth the reward?*
 - A. restore
 - B. examine
 - C. make reasonable
- 6 *At the beginning of 1998, Kelley informed Janice and Larry of the **relapses** and they told her to break up with Adam.*
 - A. returns to an undesirable previous condition
 - B. holds together (connects or unites) or wraps
 - C. makes appropriate in size, amount, or degree
- 7 *No one but the **motivator** could actually do that many, but they grunted and jerked their bodies through the motions till their backs were bleeding.*
 - A. someone or something that makes someone want to do something
 - B. someone who tricks or cheats another -- usually to get money
 - C. people or things that, without invitation, insert themselves
- 8 *A student who couldn't pass all the requirements could be dropped completely from the course or, if instructors saw potential, rolled into the following course during any of the three **phases** of BUD/S.*
 - A. tiles designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
 - B. stages (in the development of something)
 - C. instances of taking on or adopting of power or responsibility
- 9 *Harley experienced Blade's celebrity firsthand when he paired up with Adam for winter warfare training in Virginia as well as some one-on-one **mentoring**.*
 - A. working or operating
 - B. guiding and advising
 - C. artificially joining
- 10 *His face **conveyed** such acute agony, while everyone else was cheering.*
 - A. communicated or expressed
 - B. was abundant or plentiful
 - C. thought -- possibly aloud

- 11 **Petty Officer Brown's professionalism and devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.**
- A. non-commissioned officer
 - B. lowering moral standards
 - C. changing or not reliable
- 12 **They sought to overthrow the fledgling Afghan government and oust the American-led coalition forces, whom they considered invaders and infidels.**
- A. a political group made up of different groups working together
 - B. an expert who shares professional opinions in a specific field
 - C. the act of being in a working position; or the act of starting
- 13 **In the evaluation the master chief had stated that Adam was his "FIRST CHOICE for the toughest jobs."**
- A. the process of thinking carefully and making a judgment about something
 - B. the act of finding fault and telling others; or a description of faults
 - C. an international boundary or a wilderness at the edge of a settled area
- 14 **Instead, Adam was given a job working with intelligence as part of a reconnaissance-focused task unit.**
- A. a powerful stimulant drug that increases activity in the brain and nervous system -- often addictive
 - B. aka natural right -- a right that is naturally due because of human nature and the natural condition
 - C. the act of exploring or information produced by such exploration -- especially for military purposes
- 15 **You're better off hitting the ground than deploying here--then at least you don't take someone else with you.**
- A. placing or activating
 - B. taking on or adopting
 - C. suggesting indirectly
- 16 **In June 2007, after two weeks with his family, Adam was off again, this time to Holland for training in specialized fighting techniques.**
- A. ways of doing things
 - B. wrong understandings
 - C. acts of hiring again
- 17 **But as would be officially cited, the cause of Adam's crushed tibial plateau was a slip on the stadium stairs while bearing the full weight of his kit and body armor.**
- A. mirrored back (an image)
 - B. listed
 - C. took up the attention of
- 18 **The citation reads, For heroic achievement.... in combat operations against the enemy as an assault team member, [Adam Brown] displayed great battlefield courage while conducting multiple direct action missions against enemy leadership targets.**
- A. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - B. found a condition or substance to be present
 - C. public commendation (statement of praise)
- 19 **This enemy, however, is often content to die, especially if that means taking "infidels" along, and the firefight continued until every armed insurgent was killed.**
- A. a member of an irregular armed force that fights a stronger force by sabotage and harassment
 - B. relating to the threadlike structures in the cell nucleus that carry genes in a linear order
 - C. of something temporarily treated as true to advance a discussion or to further investigation
- 20 **The interpreter, the strongest Afghan, later described the SEALs and their American military counterparts as "machines."**
- A. people who criticize or condemn
 - B. someone who extensively damages
 - C. someone who translates language

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	engage (<i>as in: engage in conversation</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	B	engage (<i>as in: engage the enemy</i>)	Used 12 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	debut	Used 5 times in this book.
4	A	warrant (<i>as in: has a warrant to...</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
5	C	warrant (<i>as in: serious enough to warrant surgery</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	A	relapse	Used 6 times in this book.
7	A	motivate	Used 10 times in this book.
8	B	phase (<i>as in: a critical phase</i>)	Used 20 times in this book.
9	B	mentor	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
10	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
11	A	petty (<i>as in: petty officer</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	A	coalition	Used 17 times in this book.
13	A	evaluate	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
14	C	reconnaissance	Used 8 times in this book.
15	A	deploy	Used 70 times in this book.
16	A	technique	Used 8 times in this book.
17	B	cite (<i>as in: cited from the President's speech</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	C	cite (<i>as in: cited for valor</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
19	A	insurgent	Used 26 times in this book.
20	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.