

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

by Jack Thorne

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: bewilder, centaur, collide, compel, conjure, contradict, dismay, exasperated, hallowed, imply, ominous, palpable, ponder, propel, prophecy, refute, solidarity, stupefy, transfigure, valor



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. I am trying to understand her, but I am **bewildered**.
 - A. confused
 - B. bored
 - C. distracted

2. In Greek mythology, Chiron is probably the most famous of the centaurs. He is known for his wisdom and knowledge of medicine.
 - A. demigod fighters in wars between gods
 - B. winged horses that can fly
 - C. mythical beings that are half man and half horse

3. If the two cars **collide** at high speed, the damage will be severe.
 - A. crash
 - B. wait
 - C. split

4. Can we **compel** the witness to testify?
 - A. prevent
 - B. force
 - C. delay

5. The song **conjures** memories of good times.
 - A. brings to mind
 - B. is about
 - C. drives away

6. Does the sentence **contradict** what is said in the previous paragraph?
 - A. disagree with
 - B. reinforce
 - C. expand upon

7. Hope was replaced by **dismay**.
 - A. satisfaction
 - B. faith
 - C. sorrow

8. My little brother can be **exasperating**. He's always testing his boundaries.
 - A. very active
 - B. endearing (lovable)
 - C. greatly annoying

9. Visitors spoke softly as they entered the **hallowed** memorial.
 - A. deeply respected
 - B. newly repaired
 - C. open to everyone

10. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
 - A. hinted
 - B. insisted
 - C. denied

11. With the clouds looking so **ominous**, I'm afraid there will be a bad storm.
 - A. threatening
 - B. huge
 - C. fast-moving

12. Her concern was **palpable**.
A. passing
B. laughable
C. very apparent
13. We **pondered** our fate.
A. thought about
B. feared for
C. actively changed
14. The hot air balloon depends upon wind to **propel** it.
A. turn
B. push
C. lift
15. It was a **self-fulfilling prophecy**.
A. profitable enterprise
B. prediction
C. explanation
16. He **refuted** the argument.
A. avoided
B. complained about
C. argued against
17. I am in **solidarity** with those who are oppressed.
A. agreement
B. communication
C. conflict
18. The magician's final trick seemed to **stupefy** everyone in the audience.
A. bore and annoy
B. amaze and daze
C. warn and alert
19. She was **transfigured** by a spiritual awakening.
A. barely affected
B. deeply confused
C. completely changed
20. She has served her country with **valor**.
A. wisdom
B. enthusiasm
C. courage

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 **Transfigure** myself into a better student?
 - A. to investigate; or an investigation; or an instrument used for investigation
 - B. to change to multiple areas of control or concentration (rather than just 1)
 - C. change completely the nature or appearance of -- especially in a positive way
- 2 It **collides** with ROM's love potion, which spills all over the blanket and the bed, producing a small puff of smoke.
 - A. crashes together with violent impact; or comes into conflict
 - B. makes uncomfortable (weighs heavily on the senses or spirit)
 - C. tries to make profit--typically by making a risky investment
- 3 Walker frames are **conjured** into life, knitting wool is enchanted into chaos, and male nurses are made to dance tango.
 - A. summoned into action or brought into existence
 - B. considered (for affect on a result or outcome)
 - C. held together (connected or united) or wrapped
- 4 He raises his wand **ominously**.
 - A. threatening (suggestive of, or foreshadowing bad things to come)
 - B. in a manner that serves to help explain or demonstrate something
 - C. in a manner that tests someone or something for a period of time
- 5 I thought maybe—as he was such a good friend to Albus—maybe Scorpius might want to stay over part of the Christmas break or ...My owl came back with a letter containing one simple sentence: "Tell your husband to **refute** these allegations about my son once and for all."
 - A. find, search, or research
 - B. being a boundary or limit
 - C. disprove or argue against
- 6 DELPHI/HERMIONE: Let's **ponder** it together.
 - A. think deeply or carefully about
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. fulfill one's highest potential
- 7 His exhaustion **palpable**, his fear overwhelming.
 - A. not important
 - B. causing death
 - C. very apparent
- 8 Because far be it from me to doubt the wisdom of the **centaurs**, but Bane is an extremely angry centaur and ...it's not beyond him to twist the constellations for his own ends.
 - A. images (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
 - B. electronic components that act as one-way valves
 - C. mythical beings that are half man and half horse
- 9 DRACO: What are you **implying**, Potter?
 - A. suggesting (saying indirectly)
 - B. going back to a previous state
 - C. acting in an official capacity
- 10 DRACO: For Voldemort and Valor.
 - A. exceedingly powerful bomb whose energy comes from the splitting of atoms
 - B. a long race that is shorter than the typical long race of about 26 miles
 - C. exceptional or heroic courage when facing danger -- especially in battle
- 11 They were originally destroyed using **Stupefy** ...
 - A. did not find a condition or substance to be present
 - B. make one unable to think; or to completely surprise
 - C. to begin communication with someone about something

- 12 ALBUS looks *around*, **bewildered**.
- confused
 - restored
 - collided
- 13 DELPHI sends a blast of green light across the stage—CRAIG is **propelled** backwards by it—and is *immediately killed*.
- played cheerful and lively music
 - caused something to move forward
 - not found, sought, or researched
- 14 They move through the maze, SCORPIUS and ALBUS being **compelled** by DELPHI.
- fruit cooked with sugar (like jam)
 - forced; or (more rarely) convinced
 - didn't trust or have confidence in
- 15 Your actions **contradict** your thoughts—you're dragging us through this maze because you believe this prophecy needs to be enabled—and by that logic prophecies can also be broken—prevented.
- disagree
 - subtract
 - continue
- 16 You may have destroyed my chances of using Cedric to darken the world but maybe you're right, Scorpius—maybe **prophecies** can be prevented, maybe prophecies can be broken.
- interactions or interests
 - predictions of the future
 - things easily set on fire
- 17 PROFESSOR McGONAGALL: Your **solidarity** is admirable, but it doesn't make your negligence negligible.
- a state of agreement and support -- especially for political action
 - people of the second most populous denomination of Islam (over 10%)
 - supporters of Oliver Cromwell and his side in the English Civil War
- 18 You know I've had some pretty terrible **Hallows'** Eves—but this is undoubtedly at least the—second worst.
- treated as sacred or greatly respected
 - says (or makes a sound) with the voice
 - moves into position to work; or starts
- 19 HARRY looks at the doors, **dismayed**.
- (verb) created, started, settled, or set in a place OR (adjective) existing, or familiar
 - persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - to feel sadness, disappointment, or worry -- typically in response to something surprising
- 20 And HERMIONE, RON, GUM; and DRACO emerge from the doors, and fire up their spells at DELPHI, who screams out in **exasperation**.
- relative amount
 - in disagreement
 - great annoyance

ANSWER KEY
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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	transfigure	Used 6 times in this play.
2	A	collide	Used 2 times in this play.
3	A	conjure	Used 4 times in this play.
4	A	ominous	Used 2 times in this play.
5	C	refute	High-utility academic word
6	A	ponder	Used 2 times in this play.
7	C	palpable	Used 2 times in this play.
8	C	centaur	Used 8 times in this play.
9	A	imply	High-utility academic word
10	C	valor	Used 4 times in this play.
11	B	stupefy	Used 3 times in this play.
12	A	bewilder	Used 4 times in this play.
13	B	propel	Used 3 times in this play.
14	B	compel	Used 2 times in this play.
15	A	contradict	High-utility academic word
16	B	prophecy	Used 23 times in this play.
17	A	solidarity	High-utility academic word
18	A	hallowed	Used 7 times in this play.
19	C	dismay	Used 3 times in this play.
20	C	exasperated	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
