

# Hiroshima

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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:** allocate, anemia, anesthesia, attribute, baptism, compassion, debris, destitute, fracture, itinerary, nevertheless, nucleus, radiation, resignation (2), revise, stupefy, theology, undermine, vary



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# ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	B
2	A
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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.*

- Let's think about how to best **allocate** time and resources.
  - decide on a minimum amount of
  - ration (distribute according to a plan)
  - decide on a maximum amount of
- My mother is careful about how she eats because she is **anemic**.
  - with too few red blood cells
  - with too much cholesterol
  - with blood pressure too high
- The doctor used **anesthesia** so she would not feel pain during the procedure.
  - a sharp instrument
  - pain-numbing medicine
  - a written diagnosis
- She **attributes** her success to hard work.
  - gives money for
  - gives credit for
  - gives help for
- The baby's **baptism** took place at the local church on Sunday.
  - religious ceremony
  - first birthday party
  - doctor's appointment
- It is not enough to be **compassionate**. We must act. It is not enough to act. We must act with intelligence.
  - lucky
  - sympathetic
  - talented
- Crews spent hours clearing **debris** from the highway after the crash.
  - intact structures
  - valuable items
  - scattered wreckage
- She died **destitute** in Paris at the age of 38.
  - too young
  - extremely poor
  - among family
- She thought it was just a sprain, but after the swelling didn't go down for a week, the X-ray showed a **hairline fracture** in her ankle.
  - bruise
  - crack
  - twist
- The tour guide handed out printed **itineraries** so everyone knew what to expect each day.
  - packing lists
  - travel schedules
  - emergency contacts
- She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
  - also
  - despite that
  - in addition

12. The small reading group became the nucleus of a schoolwide book club.
- A. ending
  - B. critics
  - C. center
13. Geiger counters detect radiation released by unstable atoms.
- A. magnetic forces
  - B. atomic particles
  - C. loud sound bursts
14. She said that if I don't resign, I will be fired.
- A. do better
  - B. quit
  - C. renew an agreement
15. She was resigned to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
  - B. resistant
  - C. with acceptance
16. Do you think the writer should revise the underlined sentence?
- A. remove
  - B. highlight
  - C. improve
17. The magician's final trick seemed to stupefy everyone in the audience.
- A. bore and annoy
  - B. amaze and daze
  - C. warn and alert
18. She studied theology for years before becoming a hospital chaplain.
- A. ancient warfare
  - B. modern poetry
  - C. religious studies
19. The purpose of the UN Human Rights Commission is undermined by dictators who have maneuvered to control it.
- A. strengthened
  - B. weakened
  - C. celebrated
20. McDonald's menu options vary by location.
- A. are consistent
  - B. are different
  - C. are known

## 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 **debris** did not cover her deeply.
  - A. the act of treating or preparing food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
  - B. passages food and drink follow between the back of mouths and the stomachs
  - C. pieces of something that has been destroyed; or trash that is lying around
- 2 Nevertheless, he had continued to practise.
  - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
  - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
  - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 3 Toshio, the boy, apparently had some freedom to move, because she could feel him **undermining** the pile of wood and tiles as she worked from above.
  - A. influencing opinion
  - B. weakening gradually
  - C. lying or misleading
- 4 After the overturn, Dr Fujii was so **stupefied** and so tightly squeezed by the beams gripping his chest that he was unable to move at first, and he hung there about twenty minutes in the darkened morning.
  - A. donated a portion of one's income to a church
  - B. made unable to think; or completely surprised
  - C. caused to happen or occurred as a consequence
- 5 As a Christian he was filled with **compassion** for those who were trapped and as a Japanese he was overwhelmed by the shame of being unhurt, and he prayed as he ran, 'God help them and take them out of the fire.'
  - A. the taking on or adoption of power or responsibility
  - B. sympathy for another's suffering and wanting to help
  - C. the process of controlling (how something turns out)
- 6 The **theological** student, who was wearing slippers, had carried with him a bundle of clothes, in which he had packed two pairs of leather shoes.
  - A. able to be stopped from happening
  - B. related to belief in a single God
  - C. relating to the study of religion
- 7 The rays simply destroyed body cells – caused their **nuclei** to degenerate and broke their walls.
  - A. the state or character of being good or beneficial
  - B. the ability to be taken up or received into heaven
  - C. centers
- 8 The duration of the disease **varied** depending on the patient's constitution and the amount of radiation he had received.
  - A. took on as one's own
  - B. differed; or changed
  - C. began fighting again
- 9 Her leg had been so swollen and painful all along that the doctor had not even tried to set the **fractures**,
  - A. thinks of something as true or likely, even though it is not known with certainty
  - B. breaks
  - C. speaks in an ambiguous manner that does not clearly express an opinion or decision
- 10 ...statisticians calculated that about twenty-five per cent had died of direct burns from the bomb, about fifty per cent from other injuries, and about twenty per cent as a result of **radiation** effects.
  - A. a central open space in a building
  - B. particles emitted by nuclear decay
  - C. something quoted (to make a point)

- 11 Hatsuyo Nakamura, *weak and destitute*, began a courageous struggle, which would last for many years, to keep her children and herself alive.
- requiring great strength or effort (like that of the mythological Hercules)
  - extremely poor; or lacking the necessities of life such as food and shelter
  - working against the principles of democracy or representation of the people
- 12 *the Buddhist belief that resignation might lead to clear vision*
- the act of finding fault and telling others; or a description of faults
  - the process of thinking carefully and making a judgment about something
  - acceptance of things undesired as unavoidable
- 13 *who had resigned from the Air Force*
- drew
  - quit
  - paid
- 14 *Yaeko and Myeko, the two daughters, were anemic, but all three had so far escaped any of the more serious complications that so many young hibakusha were suffering.*
- suffering from too few red blood cells
- or (less commonly): lacking vitality
- having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
  - the degree or quality of showing the wearing effects of overwork or suffering
- 15 *Later revisions of the law provided for monthly allowances to victims suffering from various aftereffects.*
- instances of dramatic change
  - instances of telling a story
  - changes; or changed versions
- 16 *IN 1963, wanting to get caught up on the latest developments in anaesthesia, Dr. Sasaki went to the Yokohama Red Cross Hospital to learn about them from its director general, Dr. Tatsutaro Hattori.*
- the state or degree of having the ability to change for different situations
  - loss of bodily sensation -- especially created intentionally to control pain
  - a common name for tetanus, a serious infection that makes the jaw clamp shut
- 17 *One of them, Tomoko Nakabayashi, whom Father Takakura had converted and baptized, died on an operating table at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York.*
- "spiritually renewed" in a Christian ceremony OR initiated or purified by a challenging experience
  - expressed personal artistic ideas or feelings while performing (or performing to) someone else's work
  - directed energy from a negative (unacceptable) impulse or urge into a positive or acceptable action
- 18 *She thought him – under the shortness, which she attributed to pain – gentle, pure, patient, sweet, humorous, and deeply kind.*
- not made different; or shown to be different
  - credited (pointed to as the cause of something)
  - not changed directly from a solid to a vapor
- 19 *Learning that military supplies were being allocated for various kinds of reconstruction, he got requisition slips for "conversion materials" from the prefectural government and began a hunt for things he could use or sell.*
- selected (on a computer screen)
  - set apart for a special purpose
  - took up or received into heaven
- 20 *He drew up a series of itineraries, and soon Tanimoto was on the road with a set speech, "The Faith That Grew Out of the Ashes."*
- tiles designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
  - a planned schedule of events -- often for a trip or for a day
  - periods of time or stages during the development of something

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	debris	Used 5 times in this book.
2	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
3	B	undermine	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
4	B	stupefy	Used 2 times in this book.
5	B	compassion	Used 6 times in this book.
6	C	theology	Used 8 times in this book.
7	C	nucleus	Used 7 times in this book.
8	B	vary	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	B	fracture	Used 10 times in this book.
10	B	radiation ( <i>as in: nuclear radiation</i> )	Used 22 times in this book.
11	B	destitute	Used 2 times in this book.
12	C	resignation ( <i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i> )	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
13	B	resignation ( <i>as in: submitted her resignation</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
14	A	anemia	Used 5 times in this book.
15	C	revise	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
16	B	anesthesia	Used 2 times in this book.
17	A	baptism	Used 7 times in this book.
18	B	attribute ( <i>as in: I attribute it to...</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
19	B	allocate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	B	itinerary	Used 2 times in this book.