

Mockingjay

by Suzanne Collins

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: accompany (2), altercation, alternative (2), approach, assume (2), controversial, dissent, focus (2), highlight, nucleus, refugee, utter (2), vengeance, with a vengeance, wrest



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
3	A
4	C
5	A
6	A
7	B
8	A
9	C
10	A
11	A
12	C
13	C
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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.

1. Will you **accompany** her to the party?
 - A. follow
 - B. precede
 - C. go with
2. The exact numbers are shown in the **accompanying** table.
 - A. provided together
 - B. informative
 - C. previously published
3. We have video of the **altercation**.
 - A. fight
 - B. accident
 - C. theft
4. Can anyone think of a better **alternative**?
 - A. job
 - B. reason
 - C. possibility
5. The Amish lead an **alternative** lifestyle that limits the use of technology.
 - A. non-standard
 - B. oriental or East Asian
 - C. traditional or standard
6. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
7. The detective had no concrete evidence, but he began to **assume** the suspect was hiding something based on his evasive answers.
 - A. wonder if
 - B. believe
 - C. prove
8. She thinks the aliens can **assume** human form.
 - A. take on
 - B. sense
 - C. believe
9. The school reached a **controversial** decision on affirmative action.
 - A. final after a long period of indecision
 - B. difficult due to complexity
 - C. tending to arouse strong disagreement
10. The Supreme Court was unanimous except for one **dissenting** opinion.
 - A. disagreeing
 - B. supporting
 - C. withheld
11. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help

12. The discussion brought into focus an important difference of opinion.
A. hiding
B. conflict
C. view
13. The mayor highlighted positive developments in the city.
A. encouraged
B. searched for
C. emphasized
14. The small reading group became the nucleus of a schoolwide book club.
A. ending
B. critics
C. center
15. She was a Tutsi refugee from Rwanda.
A. someone who fled their homeland
B. someone who suffered
C. someone who immigrated
16. The company is in danger of utter collapse.
A. partial
B. possible
C. total or complete
17. The decision was made before I could utter an opinion.
A. say with the voice
B. say forcefully
C. write carefully
18. Her evolutionary benefit theory of vengeance is supported by studies showing that a person's desire for revenge increases when others see their mistreatment.
A. fairness
B. status
C. revenge
19. She threw herself into work with a vengeance.
A. with reluctance
B. with intensity
C. with careful thought
20. They wrested power from the old government.
A. gave
B. took
C. understood

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 During the Dark Days, the rebels in 13 **wrested** control from the government forces, trained their nuclear missiles on the Capitol, and then struck a bargain: They would play dead in exchange for being left alone.
 - A. protected or kept something as it was
 - B. obtain with difficult effort or force
 - C. controlled (how something turned out)
- 2 "We had to restrain them after an **altercation** over some bread," says the guard.
 - A. fight
 - B. escape attempt
 - C. hunger strike
- 3 In the rumbling of the crowd, I hear the **dissent**.
 - A. disagreement
 - B. popularity (of an idea)
 - C. high-pitched tone
- 4 None of the medical team was **focusing** on looks when they patched up the gaping hole. Now I have a lumpy, jagged scar that ripples out over a space the size of an apple.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. falling
- 5 I stare fixedly at the little black specks on the sheet. ... Slowly, the words come into **focus**.
 - A. obscurity (so they cannot be seen)
 - B. the room
 - C. view (a state where something can be seen clearly)
- 6 The idea of sending me into combat is **controversial**.
 - A. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - B. expressing or arousing sensual desire
 - C. tending to arouse strong disagreement
- 7 A twenty-year commitment to the Peacekeepers, no marriage, no children allowed. Some buy into it for the honor of the thing, others take it on as an **alternative** to punishment.
 - A. something that goes on and off repeatedly
 - B. something that exists only in the mind
 - C. something available as another possibility
- 8 "That is your earpiece. I will give you exactly one more chance to wear it. If you remove it from your ear again, I'll have you fitted with this." He holds up some sort of metal headgear that I instantly name the head shackle. "It's an **alternative** audio unit that locks around your skull and under your chin until it's opened with a key."
 - A. non-standard
 - B. oriental or East Asian
 - C. traditional or standard
- 9 "So they don't know I'm here?" I **assumed**, as usual, it was my presence that brought on punishment.
 - A. caused something to move forward
 - B. accepted as true (without proof)
 - C. not found, sought, or researched
- 10 Finnick finally gives up and **assumes** the hunched position he took in the arena when the jabberjays attacked.
 - A. takes on (a posture)
 - B. influences opinion
 - C. continues to exist

- 11 He **highlights** the damage done to key infrastructure in various districts, and as he speaks, parts of the map light up, showing images of the destruction.
- A. considers
 - B. downplays
 - C. emphasizes (calls attention to)
- 12 **Nuclear** missiles would release radiation into the atmosphere, with incalculable environmental results.
- A. the quality of inappropriateness in size, amount, or degree
 - B. the condition of being exclusive to (someone or some group)
 - C. relating to the central or most important part of something
- 13 As we **approach** what used to be the grand entrance, Gale points out something and the whole party slows down.
- A. get near
 - B. create dramatic change
 - C. mirror back (an image)
- 14 I know Haymitch would have come to my defense if he hadn't been **utterly** unprepared.
- A. exactly or accurately
 - B. in a satisfied manner
 - C. completely or totally
- 15 I **utter** my first words since my sister's death.
- A. say with the voice
 - B. move out of an interacting position; or stop
 - C. to think carefully and make a judgment about
- 16 I throw myself into training **with a vengeance**.
- A. available cash
 - B. with intensity
 - C. very important
- 17 It seemed to balance the need for **vengeance** with the least loss of life.
- A. something that stands out
 - B. something made from parts
 - C. the act of taking revenge
- 18 The manacles are off, but he's still constantly **accompanied** by a pair of guards.
- A. made possible
 - B. got closer to
 - C. escorted (in the company of)
- 19 There are the usual yawns and sighs that **accompany** waking.
- A. occur at the same time as
 - B. to begin communication with someone about something
 - C. did not find a condition or substance to be present
- 20 Refugees from the now occupied blocks are streaming toward the Capitol's center.
- A. people who have fled
 - B. soldiers
 - C. people with shared religious practices or beliefs

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	wrest	Used 3 times in this book.
2	A	altercation	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	A	dissent	Used 4 times in this book.
4	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	C	focus (<i>as in: bring into focus; or out of focus</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	controversial	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
7	C	alternative (<i>as in: an alternative plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	alternative (<i>as in: alternative medicine</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	assume (<i>as in: I assume it's true</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	A	assume (<i>as in: She assumed a false identity</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	highlight (<i>as in: highlight the main findings</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	C	nucleus	Used 12 times in this book.
13	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
14	C	utter (<i>as in: utter stupidity</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	utter (<i>as in: utter a complaint</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	with a vengeance (<i>as in: with a vengeance</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
17	C	vengeance (<i>as in: vengeance is mine</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	C	accompany (<i>as in: accompany on the journey</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	accompany (<i>as in: the accompanying chart</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	A	refugee	Used 24 times in this book.