

# Hush, Hush

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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:** agape, analyze, anemia, archangel, artificial (2), authenticity, banish, canvass, coincidence, deceive, evaluate, imply, instill, interrogate, irrational, motive, scrutiny, vulnerable, waver



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# ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
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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. She stared at him, mouth **agape**.
  - A. screaming
  - B. clamped shut
  - C. wide open
2. The coach studied the film to **analyze** the defensive breakdown.
  - A. avoid
  - B. examine
  - C. cause
3. My mother is careful about how she eats because she is **anemic**.
  - A. with too few red blood cells
  - B. with too much cholesterol
  - C. with blood pressure too high
4. The story describes an **archangel** descending from the heavens.
  - A. a small demon
  - B. a lost spirit
  - C. a chief angel
5. The company does not use **artificial** ingredients.
  - A. grown non-locally
  - B. containing gluten
  - C. made by humans
6. She put on an **artificial** smile for the cameras while berating my performance.
  - A. not sincere
  - B. very large
  - C. barely noticeable
7. The museum tested the letter to prove its **authenticity**.
  - A. being expensive
  - B. being genuine
  - C. being colorful
8. I tried to **banish** the thought from my mind.
  - A. understand
  - B. collect
  - C. send away
9. Volunteers will **canvass** the neighborhood to gather support for the candidate.
  - A. go door-to-door in
  - B. set up a stage in
  - C. report news from
10. It was a fortunate **coincidence** that we ran into each other at Starbucks.
  - A. unlikely event
  - B. plan
  - C. likely event
11. The fake article was written to attract attention and **deceive** readers.
  - A. entertain
  - B. attract
  - C. lie to or mislead
12. I'm **evaluating** job options.
  - A. considering
  - B. creating
  - C. avoiding

13. She implied that she would vote with us.  
A. hinted  
B. insisted  
C. denied
14. Her parents instilled the lesson that it is more important to be a good person than to be a successful person.  
A. rejected  
B. taught  
C. disproved
15. Officers will interrogate the witnesses separately to compare their accounts.  
A. question closely  
B. politely greet  
C. quietly observe
16. I have an irrational fear of heights.  
A. reasonable  
B. varying  
C. unreasonable
17. A desire for religious freedom was their motive for leaving England.  
A. excuse  
B. technique  
C. reason
18. The new policy faced scrutiny from independent reviewers.  
A. strong support  
B. quick approval  
C. careful examination
19. The team's preferred style of defense is vulnerable to good outside shooters.  
A. designed to stop  
B. easily hurt by  
C. dependent upon
20. We will never waver in our commitment to provide the best education possible.  
A. speak forcefully  
B. grow rapidly  
C. be unsteady

## 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 *They'd been forced to link arms and were naked except for **artificial** leaves placed in a few choice locations.*
  - A. the quality or degree of straightness, or absence of anything in between
  - B. bold or self-confident in a manner that seems disrespectful or tasteless
  - C. made by humans rather than occurring naturally
- 2 *"So," I said to Elliot with an **artificial** smile, "why don't you tell us about Kinghorn Prep?"*
  - A. not genuine
  - B. intentional
  - C. helpfulness
- 3 *Tomorrow, bring a write-up of your discoveries, and believe me, I'm going to check for **authenticity**.*
  - A. not recognizable as different
  - B. quality of being real or true
  - C. not mirroring back (an image)
- 4 *There was an **implied** Or else.*
  - A. suggested (said indirectly)
  - B. not wanting to do something
  - C. was attractive or desirable
- 5 *I felt an **irrational** need to defend myself and decided right then and there I wouldn't back down until he did.*
  - A. not pleasing
  - B. sticking out
  - C. unreasonable
- 6 *And if I had, I wouldn't have wasted it to spend a few minutes **interrogating** Patch about his personal life.*
  - A. asking a series of questions of someone
  - B. making different; or showing difference
  - C. adjusting a lens to make an image clear
- 7 *I considered explaining that I was **anemic** and had to take iron a few times a day, especially when I was under stress, but I thought better.*
  - A. suffering from too few red blood cells
  - or (less commonly): lacking vitality
  - B. having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
  - C. the degree or quality of showing the wearing effects of overwork or suffering
- 8 *I wasn't **paranoid** to the point that I thought Patch meant me harm, but somehow, my medical condition was a **vulnerability** that felt better kept secret.*
  - A. a psychologist concerned with the treatment of abnormal thinking and behavior
  - B. easily hurt or in need of help; or easily influenced or subject to temptation
  - C. a government, country, or ruling family of a country ruled by a king of queen
- 9 *I think it's a **coincidence**.*
  - A. a situation where things happened at the same time by chance even though it was unlikely
  - B. a person who studies DNA sequences or units of heredity that influence biological traits
  - C. baseball: a pitch thrown with little spin (so that it moves in an unpredictable manner)
- 10 *"The **Archangel**," I murmured, looking back over my shoulder at the ride, which had started its next ascent.*
  - A. untied or released
  - B. easily set on fire
  - C. angel of high rank
- 11 *Thirty minutes later I'd **canvassed** the entire lot.*
  - A. examined an issue, got opinions by asking specific questions; and/or asked people for political support individually
  - B. accepted someone's membership though a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
  - C. (verb) showed, demonstrated, proved, or caused acceptance OR (adjective) proven, known, accepted/trusted/successful

- 12 *Stepping back, he gave me a thorough twice-over, seemingly **scrutinizing** any imperfections—his eyes shifted up and down, here and there.*
- A. requesting or challenging
  - B. mirroring back (an image)
  - C. looking at very carefully
- 13 *But we had an ulterior **motive**.*
- A. small quantity or indication
  - B. the sacred writings of Islam
  - C. reason (for doing something)
- 14 *Reporters didn't **instill** trust in people.*
- A. gain advantage from
  - B. put into one's mind
  - C. influence or effect
- 15 *I think you're **overanalyzing** this.*
- A. stopped interacting or having interest; or uninteresting
  - B. excessively examining in an attempt to better understand
  - C. speaking with someone about something for the first time
- 16 *As punishment for this grave sin and for deserting their duties, God stripped the angels' wings and **banished** them to Earth forever.*
- A. thought -- possibly aloud
  - B. was abundant or plentiful
  - C. expelled or gotten rid of
- 17 *I couldn't keep the **waver** out of my voice.*
- A. portray or create in a particular way OR interpret, translate, or extract from
  - B. to release from slavery or servitude; or (metaphorically) from social restraints
  - C. to move back and forth (shake or quiver)
- or:
- to change, be unsure, or weak
- 18 *Her eyes were raisins, beady and dark, and they twitched their way over me in almost predatory **evaluation**.*
- 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
- 19 *Her mouth was **agape**, her raisin eyes hollow.*
- A. deny
  - B. gets
  - C. open
- 20 *Just like him, I'm a **deceiver**.*
- A. one who eliminates something
  - B. one who calls or called upon
  - C. someone who lies or misleads

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	artificial ( <i>as in: an artificial heart</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	A	artificial ( <i>as in: an artificial smile</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	authenticity	Used 2 times in this book.
4	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
5	C	irrational	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
6	A	interrogate	Used 6 times in this book.
7	A	anemia	Used 3 times in this book.
8	B	vulnerable	Used 9 times in this book.
9	A	coincidence	Used 10 times in this book.
10	C	archangel	Used 20 times in this book.
11	A	canvass ( <i>as in: canvass the crowd</i> )	Used 2 times in this book.
12	C	scrutiny	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
13	C	motive ( <i>as in: What is her motive?</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
14	B	instill	Used 2 times in this book.
15	B	analyze	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
16	C	banish	Used 5 times in this book.
17	C	waver	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
18	A	evaluate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	C	agape ( <i>as in: mouth agape</i> )	Used 2 times in this book.
20	C	deceive	Used 4 times in this book.