

Hyperion

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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: abide (2), alloy, consulate, correspond, gossamer, hegemony, hypothesis (2), meteor, migrate, muse, phenomenon, pilgrimage, plateau, primarily, quantum, rendezvous, sensuous, simulate



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	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. He couldn't **abide** their religious intolerance.
 - A. put up with
 - B. criticize
 - C. understand
2. Our love is deep and **abiding**.
 - A. growing
 - B. tolerant
 - C. long-lasting
3. The mechanic explained that this wheel was made from a lightweight **alloy**, perfect for racing.
 - A. type of plastic
 - B. pure aluminum
 - C. mixture of metals
4. After 9-11, the US increased security at **consulates** around the world.
 - A. headquarters of troops stationed in foreign countries
 - B. offices of diplomats living and working in foreign countries
 - C. offices of major corporations in a foreign country
5. The bones in a bat's wing exactly **correspond** to those in a human forearm.
 - A. are equivalent
 - B. are opposite
 - C. are unrelated
6. A **gossamer** curtain softened the sunlight in the room.
 - A. thick and heavy
 - B. brightly colored
 - C. thin and delicate
7. After the downfall of the Soviet Union, many said the United States enjoyed practical **hegemony**.
 - A. dominance over others
 - B. budget savings
 - C. feelings of euphoria
8. He **hypothesized** the existence of Pluto before its discovery.
 - A. fantasized
 - B. theorized
 - C. disbelieved
9. Her **hypothesis** was that the plants grew faster with classical music playing.
 - A. confirmed scientific fact
 - B. well-known principle
 - C. unproven proposed idea
10. We were away from the city lights where **meteors** are easier to see.
 - A. low clouds
 - B. shooting stars
 - C. tall trees
11. Many Germans **migrated** to South America in the mid-19th century
 - A. flew toward
 - B. flew away
 - C. moved
12. She is my **muse**. She inspired all the songs on that album.
 - A. assistant
 - B. musician
 - C. inspiration

13. The **phenomenon** was first noticed by Marie Curie.
- A. thing of interest
 - B. thing that is growing
 - C. thing that is hidden
14. Many devout Hindus undertake a **pilgrimage** to the holy city of Varanasi in India, where they perform rituals and prayers along the banks of the sacred Ganges River.
- A. cultural festival
 - B. religious journey
 - C. historical reenactment
15. She is studying the impact of climate change on the Tibetan **plateau**.
- A. high, flat land
 - B. high mountains
 - C. rolling hills
16. The second paragraph is **primarily** concerned with showing how the colleges are different.
- A. barely
 - B. mainly
 - C. secretly
17. The atom released a **quantum** of energy when the electron changed levels.
- A. large empty space
 - B. random mistake
 - C. tiny fixed amount
18. The spies arranged a secret **rendezvous** at the old cafe at midnight.
- A. argument
 - B. celebration
 - C. meeting
19. I made the bed with **sensuous** silk sheets.
- A. smooth to the touch
 - B. pleasing to touch
 - C. cool to the touch
20. Our police are tested in conditions that **simulate** gunfire exchange with criminals in the presence of innocent bystanders.
- A. imitate
 - B. train
 - C. defend against

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 "You have been chosen to return to Hyperion as a member of the **Shrike Pilgrimage**," continued the voice.
 - A. portray or create in a particular way OR interpret, translate, or extract from
 - B. a journey to a special place -- especially a sacred place for religious purposes
 - C. removing the favoring any side in a contest, war, disagreement, or other dispute
- 2 It is in the interest of the **Hegemony** that you accept.
 - A. the dominance or leadership of one social group or nation over all others
 - B. a feeling of anger or unhappiness at having to accept something not liked
 - C. Hitler's fanatical and oppressive political party in World War II Germany
- 3 The **consulate** and Home Rule Council fatlined us three standard weeks ago with the news that the Time Tombs showed signs of opening.
 - A. a math value that tells how many times a number is multiplied by itself to reach another number -- often used to describe very big or very small quantities
 - B. a diplomat appointed by a government to live in a foreign country and help its citizens visiting that country; or the offices of that person and assistants
 - C. someone who believes in the teaching of Buddha -- that aims to end suffering by ending selfish desire and following a path of wisdom, ethics, and meditation
- 4 An Ouster **migration** cluster of at least four thousand...units...has been detected approaching the Hyperion system.
 - A. particles emitted by nuclear decay
 - B. a central open space in a building
 - C. movement from one place to another
- 5 With a three-week time-debt, you can **rendezvous** with the Yggdrasill before it goes quantum from the Parvati system.
 - A. something constructed to control the flow of sound or fluid
 - B. determine or identify the nature of a problem or an illness
 - C. to meet at a specific time and place; or the meeting itself
- 6 With a three-week time-debt, you can **rendezvous** with the Yggdrasill before it goes **quantum** from the Parvati system.
 - A. holds together (connects or unites) or wraps
 - B. not adjusting a lens to create a clear image
 - C. tiny, indivisible packet of energy or matter
- 7 Lamia's mouth was wide and expressive to the point of being **sensuous**, curled slightly at the coruers in a slight smile which might be cruel or merely playful.
 - A. the state or degree of having found a condition or substance to be present
 - B. relating to pleasure from the body's senses rather than from the intellect
 - C. most extreme as in final, best, worst, most important, or most fundamental
- 8 We will **abide** by the will of the majority.
 - A. accept (comply with)
 - B. disagree
 - C. subtract
- 9 Surely you know that the Church of the Final Atonement has a deep and **abiding** interest in the world of Hyperion.
 - A. taking on or adopting
 - B. suggesting indirectly
 - C. enduring (long-lasting)
- 10 Spedling's brief notes **hypothesized** that the humans were survivors of a missing seedship colony from three centuries earlier and clearly described a group suffering all of the classic retrograde cultural effects of extreme isolation, inbreeding, and overadaptation.
 - A. not examined in an attempt to improve understanding
 - B. proposed a seemingly reasonable, but unproven, idea based
 - C. moved again into position to work; or started again

- 11 *Hypothetical questions almost always had as much luck as my time-based queries.*
A. relating to the threadlike structures in the cell nucleus that carry genes in a linear order
B. nervousness or discomfort felt by someone due to concern about what others will think of them
C. of something temporarily treated as true to advance a discussion or to further investigation
- 12 *There were hundreds of plantations out there with no radios or cornlines, **primarily** because they were harvesting bootleg drugs as well as fiberplastic.*
A. really
B. mainly
C. wisely
- 13 *A second ago an insect or bird the size and color of a hummingbird but with **gossamer** wings a meter across paused five meters out to inspect me before diving toward the sea with folded wings.*
A. dreamlike state of altered consciousness
B. characteristic (of something or someone)
C. extremely light, delicate, airy, or thin
- 14 *Tonight the heavens are especially fertile and when we move onto wide sections of the river we can see a tracery of brilliant **meteor** trails weaving the stars together.*
A. a solar flare
B. a streak of light in the sky caused by a small space rock burning up in Earth's atmosphere
C. a large space rock with an irregular orbit
- 15 *The **plateau** here is almost three thousand meters above sea level and the view was impressive.*
A. high land that is reasonably flat
B. make someone want to do something
C. walk in an awkward, shuffling way
- 16 *That and the eight whiskered-**alloy** rods that stand between us and eternity.*
A. a slight amount; or to contain a slight amount
B. something that is necessary for something else
C. a metal that consists of more than one element
- 17 *By then Kassad had learned that the exercises were something more than mere **simulations**.*
A. things that are not real, but are made to imitate or behave like other things
B. descriptions of unfavorable opinions; or acts of sharing unfavorable opinions
C. geological areas where a river divides before entering a larger body of water
- 18 *It says something about the type of writing I had been doing that my **muse** could flee without my noticing.*
A. someone who roughly calculates or guesses a value, quantity, or extent of something
B. someone responsible for making a judgment after thinking carefully about something
C. source of inspiration
- 19 *We've been in touch with our senators...even talked to the Science Council directors;...but no one can explain to me why the Hegemony hasn't spent more time and money investigating the **phenomena** on Hyperion.*
A. things that exist or happened -- often of special interest
B. computer code modules each of which perform a specific task
C. stock markets during times of generally rising stock values
- 20 *The cybrid was controlled by an AI nexus which **corresponds** to a security force.*
A. connects or fits together by being equivalent, proportionate, or matched
B. (noun) text that is marked as important OR (verb) marks important text
C. causes of problems or illnesses; or processes to identify such problems

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	pilgrimage	Used 40 times in this book.
2	A	hegemony	Used 155 times in this book.
3	B	consulate	Used 13 times in this book.
4	C	migrate	Used 11 times in this book.
5	C	rendezvous	Used 10 times in this book.
6	C	quantum	Used 11 times in this book.
7	B	sensuous	Used 5 times in this book.
8	A	abide (<i>as in: abide by her decision</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
9	C	abide (<i>as in: an abiding desire to</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	B	hypothesis (<i>as in: a study to test her hypothesis</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	hypothesis (<i>as in: assume as a working hypothesis</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
12	B	primarily	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
13	C	gossamer	Used 7 times in this book.
14	B	meteor	Used 13 times in this book.
15	A	plateau (<i>as in: found on the plateau</i>)	Used 21 times in this book.
16	C	alloy	Used 8 times in this book.
17	A	simulate	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
18	C	muse (<i>as in: She was his muse</i>)	Used 21 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	phenomenon	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
20	A	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding time period</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.