

I Am Malala

Part 4 (Chapters 21–22)

by Malala Yousafzai

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: bureaucracy, dignitary, distraught, entrust, heinous, illiterate, impediment, loss of face, reprehensible, salvageable

PRE-READING ACTIVITY

Vocabulary Preview 2

Answer Key — Preview 3

Caution: share only if self-checking

OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

Vocabulary in Context 4

Answer Key — In Context 5

Caution: do not share with students

About the Pre-Reading Activity (open-dictionary; ungraded or completion grade):

Students preview 10 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):

Same words, now in real excerpts from the text, with questions that build reading and analytical skills.

Vocabulary Sections for this Book:

Section 1 · Introduction, Prologue, and Part 1 (Chapters 1–8) · Malala’s early years in Swat Valley

Section 2 · Part 2 (Chapters 9–15) · The Taliban arrive in Swat

Section 3 · Part 3 (Chapters 16–20) · Coming home to a changed Swat

Section 4 · Part 4 (Chapters 21–22) · The frantic race to the hospital

Section 5 · Part 5 (Chapters 23–24) and Epilogue · Waking up far from home

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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. Getting the permit meant battling endless government **bureaucracy**.
 - A. budget cuts and fees
 - B. crowds and traffic
 - C. official rules and red tape
2. A foreign **dignitary** arrived to meet the mayor.
 - A. a private bodyguard
 - B. a traveling reporter
 - C. a high-ranking official
3. She was **distraught** when she lost her grandmother's ring.
 - A. quietly embarrassed
 - B. deeply upset
 - C. deeply confused
4. Before the trip, she chose to **entrust** her dog to a kind neighbor.
 - A. place in someone's care
 - B. permanently give away
 - C. formally introduce
5. The court sentenced him for a **heinous** crime.
 - A. shockingly evil
 - B. rarely solved
 - C. carefully planned
6. He felt ashamed of being **illiterate** as an adult.
 - A. unable to speak clearly
 - B. unable to read or write
 - C. unable to find work
7. The fallen tree was an **impediment** on the narrow road.
 - A. an obstacle or hindrance
 - B. a familiar landmark
 - C. a hidden shortcut
8. He apologized quickly to avoid any **loss of face** in front of his coworkers.
 - A. loss of respect or standing
 - B. loss of memory or focus
 - C. loss of money or income
9. Cheating on the exam was a **reprehensible** thing to do.
 - A. difficult and risky
 - B. clever but pointless
 - C. deserving strong blame
10. After the flood, only a few photos were still **salvageable**.
 - A. covered in mud
 - B. able to be saved
 - C. worth a lot of money

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

shaheed millat — Pashto/Urdu: a martyr of the nation

in loco parentis — Latin: in the place of a parent; having a parent's legal responsibility

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
3	B
4	A
5	A
6	B
7	A
8	A
9	C
10	B

Vocabulary in Context

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 10

Read each excerpt carefully. Then choose the best answer to each question.

1 “...holding it in both hands as if it were an offering. ‘God, I entrust her to You,’ she said to the heavens.”

As it is used in the passage, the word ‘entrust’ most nearly suggests that her mother is

- A. handing Malala over to God’s care
- B. demanding that God spare Malala
- C. questioning why God allowed this

6 “in our country few doctors bother explaining anything to an illiterate woman.”

The passage most strongly suggests that Malala’s mother

- A. could not read or write
- B. was unable to speak clearly
- C. easily understood the English updates

2 “In our society if someone dies, you feel very honored if one dignitary comes to your home.”

Which statement about a death in the community is best supported by the passage?

- A. Only relatives visit a grieving home
- B. Honor grows with the size of the crowd
- C. One high official brings great honor

7 “Dr. Fiona said it was likely I would have a speech impediment and a weak right arm and right leg ...”

According to the passage, Dr. Fiona predicted that Malala might

- A. recover with no difficulties
- B. lose her memory of the attack
- C. have lasting trouble speaking

3 “She had said I was ‘salvageable’—I had had the right surgery at the right time—but my chances of recovery were now being compromised by the aftercare.”

The author most likely includes the doctor’s word ‘salvageable’ in order to

- A. suggest the doctors had lost all hope
- B. stress that Malala could still be saved
- C. show her injuries were not serious

4 “... called it ‘a heinous and cowardly act.’”

Which choice best describes the UN secretary general’s attitude toward the shooting?

- A. He condemns it as shockingly evil
- B. He regards it as a minor setback
- C. He treats it with detached calm

5 “President Obama described the shooting as “reprehensible and disgusting and tragic.”

According to the passage, President Obama viewed the shooting as

- A. deeply wrong and deserving blame
- B. an unavoidable political accident
- C. a tragedy with no clear villain

8 “Bolger soon found himself tangled in the hoops of British and Pakistani bureaucracy.”

The information in the excerpt primarily functions to

- A. praise the two governments’ teamwork
- B. show red tape slowed the process
- C. blame the doctors for the delay

9 “But my government was reluctant to ask for fear of loss of face.”

It can reasonably be inferred that the government’s ‘loss of face’ refers to its fear of

- A. angering the Taliban further
- B. losing money on the treatment
- C. appearing weak by asking for help

10 “My last memory would be of the school bus, and he was distraught that I would feel abandoned by them.”

The passage most strongly suggests that her father was

- A. quietly hopeful about the trip
- B. overcome with worry and grief
- C. focused on practical arrangements

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	A	
2	C	
3	B	'Salvageable' is normally used of damaged objects; applying it to a person is what makes the doctor's word choice jarring and memorable.
4	A	
5	A	
6	A	Character comprehension.
7	C	
8	B	
9	C	Event comprehension.
10	B	

Teacher Context: Part 4 (Chapters 21–22)

Part Four ('Between Life and Death') covers the day of the shooting in close detail: the attack on the bus, the frantic effort to get Malala to a hospital, and the decision to airlift her, unconscious and critically wounded, first within Pakistan and then abroad for treatment.