

Identical

by Ellen Hopkins

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Contents & Printing Notes

Unlike our most popular resources, this one's auto-selected.
Review before use, or edit the DOCX via "View / Print / Edit Web
Quiz" on the Resources menu.

PRE-READING ACTIVITY

Answer Key — Preview	2	teacher use / self-check only
Vocabulary Preview	3	

OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

Vocabulary in Context	5	
Answer Key — In Context	7	teacher use only

Pages are ordered for double-sided printing.

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: coax, complacent, contrite, covert, deception, discern, dissipate, erratic, extricate, feigned, genealogy, indulge, irrelevant, mediocre, motive, ostentatious, precede, purge, taunt, ultimatum



More Vocabulary Printables

verbalworkout.com

(all resources free)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

Identical

by Ellen Hopkins

#	KEY
1	B
2	C
3	A
4	A
5	B
6	A
7	C
8	C
9	B
10	A
11	C
12	A
13	B
14	C
15	C
16	C
17	C
18	A
19	B
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

Identical

by Ellen Hopkins

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. Let's see if we can **coax** her into coming with us.
 - A. trick
 - B. gently persuade
 - C. drag forcefully
2. This team could win State if they stay hungry instead of getting too **complacent**.
 - A. worried
 - B. distracted
 - C. satisfied
3. Even after the jury found her guilty, she showed no sign of **contrition**.
 - A. regret
 - B. understanding
 - C. emotion
4. The government's **covert** funding of foreign rebel groups has been criticized for destabilizing the region.
 - A. secret
 - B. excessive
 - C. inadequate
5. The con artist used clever **deception** to trick wealthy investors.
 - A. kindness
 - B. trickery
 - C. praise
6. In the novel, she sees through his friendly facade and discerns his evil intent.
 - A. understands
 - B. overcomes
 - C. avoids
7. Everyone is frightened right now, but the fear will eventually **dissipate**.
 - A. transform
 - B. increase
 - C. gradually disappear
8. Her heart rate increased and became **erratic**.
 - A. stronger
 - B. more regular
 - C. irregular
9. Firefighters worked carefully to **extricate** the driver from the wrecked car.
 - A. hide from being seen
 - B. free from being trapped
 - C. blame for the crash
10. He **feigned** surprise when his coworkers shouted 'Happy Birthday!'
 - A. faked
 - B. expected
 - C. shared
11. The researcher is utilizing a database that combines **genealogy** records with vital statistics including cause-of-death.
 - A. medical information
 - B. blood test
 - C. family history

12. I **indulge** my taste for sweets more than is good for me.
A. give in to
B. hold back from
C. complain about
13. The writer should delete the sentence because it provides background information that is irrelevant to the paragraph.
A. confusing
B. unimportant
C. too wordy
14. The restaurant received **mediocre** reviews, so we chose another place.
A. truly excellent
B. clearly terrible
C. only average
15. A desire for religious freedom was their **motive** for leaving England.
A. excuse
B. technique
C. reason
16. She arrived in an **ostentatious** stretch limo.
A. expensive
B. long
C. showy
17. In English, most adjectives **precede** the noun they modify.
A. follow
B. describe
C. go before
18. Sometimes people **purge** old belongings to start their lives fresh.
A. get rid of
B. hold on to
C. show off
19. They **taunted** her until she responded physically, and then they beat her up.
A. followed
B. insulted
C. surrounded
20. Russia presented Ukraine with an **ultimatum** that could not be ignored.
A. something added to increase attractiveness or interest
B. final demand that carried a threat if it is rejected
C. an act that violates a rule, promise, or social norm

Vocabulary in Context

Identical

by Ellen Hopkins

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 20

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

- 1 *And I kissed him back, but only for a second because suddenly all I could see was a featureless face, with a wide, sour mouth **coaxing**, Please, baby.*
 - A. strongly criticizing or accusing publicly OR (more rarely) informing against someone
 - B. trying to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuading
 - C. giving authority, power, knowledge, or confidence to someone so they can do something
- 2 *A few years ago I tracked Grandpa down, told him we were studying family **genealogy** in school.*
 - A. small quantity or indication
 - B. reason (for doing something)
 - C. family ancestry or its study
- 3 *I asked her who, but she was lost in reverie, stuck in some horrible memory, unable to **extricate** herself.*
 - A. to think carefully and make a judgment about
 - B. free or remove from constraint or difficulty
 - C. move out of an interacting position; or stop
- 4 *Eyes squeezed tight, Kaeleigh and I are not **irrelevant**.*
 - A. a person who works from within to destroy an established order; or relating to such destructive efforts
 - B. not relevant (not related to the subject being considered, or not important enough to want to consider)
 - C. the character or degree of bouncing back light (or more rarely: heat, sound, electromagnetic waves...)
- 5 *I give a silent prayer that he'll believe I'm asleep, take pity, leave me to my **feigned** dreams, all the while preparing to give myself away.*
 - A. pretended (made a pretense of)
 - B. not hired, occupied, or booked
 - C. developed or changed gradually
- 6 *For no **discernible** reason, my arms sprout goose bumps and my forehead leaks sweat.*
 - A. possible to notice or understand
 - B. not clear or easily identifiable
 - C. the condition of being different
- 7 *He actually gave me an **ultimatum** when he found me doing the deed with Ty.*
 - A. an electronic component that acts like a one-way valve
 - B. a final demand that carries a threat if it is rejected
 - C. any substance that tends to increase the flow of urine
- 8 *Unless she's been spying, completely **covertly**, for a very long time.*
 - A. done in a secret or hidden way
 - B. in a good or beneficial manner
 - C. in a manner that is misleading
- 9 *As I start toward them, he sees me, and his demeanor shifts from **complacency** to sheer panic.*
 - A. dreamlike state of altered consciousness
 - B. a range of things between two boundaries
 - C. contentment (often unworried to a fault)
- 10 *I had expected **contriteness**.*
 - A. the feeling of sorrow or regret for a fault or offense
 - B. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - C. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
- 11 *Has it only been a few days since I last **indulged** this not-so-bad habit?*
 - A. enjoyed to excess
 - B. guided or managed
 - C. thought carefully
- 12 *Only this time, Mick's **erratic** driving draws unwanted attention.*
 - A. the best or most important
 - B. harsh and unfair treatment
 - C. irregular or unpredictable

- 13 *Kaeleigh's disgusting food binge made me want to **purge**.*
A. get rid of
B. connection
C. throw away
- 14 *As usual, the smell of Wild Turkey **preceded** Daddy.*
A. wrongly understood
B. influenced opinion
C. went or was before
- 15 *But as quickly as his anger flared, it **dissipated**, smoke.*
A. emphasized (called attention to something)
B. not vaccinated (to protect from a disease)
C. gradually disappeared; or gradually wasted
- 16 *Not to say I won't **taunt** fate just a little.*
A. treat in a manner that demonstrates a sense of superiority, but is supposed to seem kind OR the actions of a patron (to support someone or something; or to be a customer)
B. (verb) to intentionally anger, challenge, or upset someone -- especially by mocking them or hurling insults OR (noun) an insult or other action intended to anger, challenge, or upset someone
C. American football: a defensive maneuver to swiftly tackle the quarterback by pursuing him with one or more defenders who normally remain behind the line of scrimmage
- 17 *Yeah, sure, she says, and she does, apparently used to such **deception**.*
A. someone bound to serve another without pay -- such as a slave or serf
B. the act of lying to or misleading someone; or something that misleads
C. the degree to which something can change to fit a different situation
- 18 *Some, like Mick, wear it puffed up, peacocks strutting **ostentation** in lieu of real substance.*
A. a power plant that produces energy by splitting atoms
B. an unsettled state of mind (nervous or uncomfortable)
C. actions intended to attract notice and impress others
- 19 *Love, I know, isn't something to **secondguess**, but in my world, love is always defined by ulterior **motive**.*
A. small quantity or indication
B. the sacred writings of Islam
C. reason (for doing something)
- 20 *And still a **mediocre** ride.*
A. without purpose, job, or natural activity
B. unable or difficult to meet and talk with
C. average or a bit below average in quality

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

Identical

by Ellen Hopkins

#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	coax (<i>as in: coax her to join us</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
2	C	genealogy	Used 2 times in this book.
3	B	extricate	Used 4 times in this book.
4	B	irrelevant	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
5	A	feigned	Used 3 times in this book.
6	A	discern	Used 4 times in this book.
7	B	ultimatum	Used 2 times in this book.
8	A	covert (<i>as in: a covert plan</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
9	C	complacent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	A	contrite	Used 2 times in this book.
11	A	indulge	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	C	erratic	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	A	purge	Used 4 times in this book.
14	C	precede	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
15	C	dissipate	Used 3 times in this book.
16	B	taunt	Used 5 times in this book.
17	B	deception	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
18	C	ostentatious	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	C	motive (<i>as in: What is her motive?</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	C	mediocre	Used 2 times in this book.