

In the Unlikely Event

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Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: communism, confide, controversial, debris, dissuade, duration, evaluate, expel, indignant, lobbyist, monk, perish, polio, positive (2), recuperate, serene, synagogue, vagabond, veto



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	A
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6	A
7	A
8	C
9	A
10	C
11	B
12	B
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15	C
16	C
17	B
18	B
19	B
20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. Marx's writings on **communism** inspired revolutions across many countries in the 1900s.
 - A. free market trade
 - B. collective ownership
 - C. religious reform
2. She **confided** in her parents.
 - A. trusted
 - B. didn't trust
 - C. was proud
3. 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
4. Crews spent hours clearing **debris** from the highway after the crash.
 - A. intact structures
 - B. valuable items
 - C. scattered wreckage
5. The sanctions are intended to **dissuade** nuclear weapon development in other countries.
 - A. discourage
 - B. encourage
 - C. assist
6. The **duration** of the flight from New York to London is about seven hours.
 - A. length of time
 - B. total cost
 - C. distance covered
7. I'm **evaluating** job options.
 - A. considering
 - B. creating
 - C. avoiding
8. If her behavior does not improve, she could face **expulsion** from school.
 - A. having to repeat a grade
 - B. serious punishment
 - C. being forcing to leave
9. She was **indignant**, but she agreed to be searched when they accused her of shoplifting.
 - A. annoyed at something unjust
 - B. surprised at the unexpected
 - C. defensive about being suspected
10. As a **lobbyist** for the pharmaceutical industry, she spent much of her time in Washington influencing healthcare policy.
 - A. elected senator
 - B. news columnist
 - C. paid policy persuader
11. Each **monk** in the order leads a simple life without luxury.
 - A. a female member of a religious order
 - B. a male member of a religious order
 - C. a member of a religious order

12. We can work together or **perish** separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
13. Even though it's rare now, the threat of **polio** resurgence remains in areas with low vaccination rates.
- A. viral disease that causes muscle paralysis
 - B. genetic disorder leading to weakened bones
 - C. bacteria that infects the respiratory system
14. Volunteering had a **positive** impact on the whole neighborhood.
- A. good or beneficial
 - B. harmful or damaging
 - C. minor and unnoticed
15. I appreciate your **positive** attitude.
- A. patient
 - B. open-minded
 - C. optimistic
16. To control the spread of the disease, the school has a separate room where sick students wait for a ride home to **recuperate**.
- A. family care
 - B. do homework
 - C. regain health
17. She remained **serene** even when he was yelling at her.
- A. unmoved
 - B. calm
 - C. aggressive
18. In his speech at the **synagogue**, the President repeated that the United States will support Israel.
- A. Jewish school
 - B. Jewish house of worship
 - C. universal religious building
19. After losing everything, he lived as a **vagabond** for nearly five years.
- A. wealthy landowner
 - B. wandering drifter
 - C. settled farmer
20. The president decided to **veto** the bill passed by Congress.
- A. openly support
 - B. publicly debate
 - C. officially reject

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 She'd **lobbied** for a dog when she was a girl, when they'd lived on Westfield Avenue in a single-family house with a backyard, close to her father's shop, Ammerman's Fine Food Emporium.
 - A. thought of something as true or likely, even though it was not known with certainty
 - B. paused to change how something is done -- often while reducing the use of resources
 - C. someone who is paid to influence legislation through persuasion of public officials
- 2 Irene had once **confided** to Rusty she'd had the opportunity, when she was young, to marry into the family who'd started Volupte.
 - A. placed trust (in someone) by talking about private things
 - B. viewed in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
 - C. made a decision or voiced an opinion by formal group vote
- 3 No wonder Dana had tried to **dissuade** her from taking the non-scheduled flight to Tampa, then Miami.
 - A. persuade someone not to do something
 - B. move into position to work; or start
 - C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 4 When they started separating the **debris**, a few bodies, or parts of them, became distinguishable.
 - A. the act of treating or preparing food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
 - B. passages food and drink follow between the back of mouths and the stomachs
 - C. pieces of something that has been destroyed; or trash that is lying around
- 5 The owner of the **Vagabond** in Miami, where Ruby was heading, said there was no replacing Ruby.
 - A. feel angry or unhappy about having to accept something not liked
 - B. a person who wanders from town to town with no fixed home or job
 - C. accept something undesired as unavoidable or the lesser of evils
- 6 He was active in the community, philanthropic, giving money to **synagogues** and other Jewish charities.
 - A. images (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
 - B. places where members of the Jewish faith worship
 - C. electronic components that act as one-way valves
- 7 Stewardess Who **Perished** in Crash Warned Sister
 - A. examined in detail to better understand
 - B. died, was destroyed, or ceased to exist
 - C. moved into position to work; or started
- 8 Ronald T. Stein was today named chairman of the Union County division of the Annual March of Dimes **Polio Drive**.
 - A. viral disease that causes muscle paralysis
 - B. genetic disorder leading to weakened bones
 - C. bacteria that infects the respiratory system
- 9 THE WORLD MAY HAVE BEEN **falling apart** but at Dr. O's office everything was **serene**.
 - A. not straightforward
 - B. calm and untroubled
 - C. not done on purpose
- 10 Gene Kelly had his appendix removed in Paris and was **recuperating** in Switzerland.
 - A. gradually adding or removing
 - B. subsequent (happening later)
 - C. regaining health or strength
- 11 A few days after the crash, a "Public **Indignation**" meeting was held at City Hall, demanding authorities shut down Newark Airport.
 - A. anger or annoyance at something unjust or wrong
 - B. surprise as something unexpected
 - C. acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable

- 12 *At least they were doing something positive.*
A. good or beneficial
B. not representative
C. impossible to find
- 13 *Hard work and a positive attitude paid off.*
A. unable to get closer to
B. not sensible or careful
C. optimistic or agreeable
- 14 *Yours, Dad (Mike Monk)*
A. gradual destruction (of something previously established) -- such as a government, rule, or belief
B. a male member of a religious order typically living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
C. a system of government with a ruler who has absolute power -- especially one who abuses that power
- 15 *She brushed out her hair, cut in a becoming style that never touched the collar of her suit jacket, and fastened her jaunty cap, which she had to leave on for the duration of the flight, not that she minded.*
A. the time during which something continues
B. a particular understanding or explanation
C. meticulousness (care about small details)
- 16 *You never knew when the chief stewardess might show up to run a checklist, observing the dress and work habits of the girls, an evaluation procedure most of them dreaded.*
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
- 17 *As principal he has a veto over controversial stories.*
A. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
B. expressing or arousing sensual desire
C. tending to arouse strong disagreement
- 18 *He vetoed it, said it was inflammatory.*
A. with rises and falls in pitch
B. embarrassed or self-conscious
C. blocked (prevented) an action
- 19 *Could it be caused by Communists?*
A. subatomic particles with negative charge that are found in all atoms and that act as the primary carrier of electricity
B. people who support an economic system that abolishes private ownership of property with the goal of a classless society
C. people who suffer from psychosis (any severe mental disorder in which contact with reality is lost or highly distorted)
- 20 *I hope I won't be expelled.*
A. translated
B. subtracted
C. forced out

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	lobbyist	Used 2 times in this book.
2	A	confide	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
3	A	dissuade	Used 2 times in this book.
4	C	debris	Used 2 times in this book.
5	B	vagabond	Used 3 times in this book.
6	B	synagogue	Used 3 times in this book.
7	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
8	A	polio	Used 8 times in this book.
9	B	serene	Used 2 times in this book.
10	C	recuperate	Used 2 times in this book.
11	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
12	A	positive (<i>as in: had a positive effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
13	C	positive (<i>as in: a positive attitude</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
14	B	monk	Used 7 times in this book.
15	A	duration	Used 2 times in this book.
16	A	evaluate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
17	C	controversial	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
18	C	veto	Used 2 times in this book.
19	B	communism	Used 4 times in this book.
20	C	expel	Used 13 times in this book.