

Inheritance

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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: ambivalent, assail, citadel, dais, dismay, emanate, establish (2), forswear, however (3), moreover, nevertheless, pavilion, proficiency, protrude, siege, sumptuous, vanquish



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	B
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7	B
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18	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 is **ambivalent** about attending college.
 - A. especially happy
 - B. with mixed feelings
 - C. especially worried
2. She took every opportunity to **assail** the policy.
 - A. study
 - B. attack
 - C. understand
3. The **citadel** stood on a high hill, overlooking the town like a watchful guardian.
 - A. fortified stronghold
 - B. wooden farmhouse
 - C. outdoor marketplace
4. A bomb was planted under the **dais**.
 - A. park bench
 - B. raised platform
 - C. large truck
5. Hope was replaced by **dismay**.
 - A. satisfaction
 - B. faith
 - C. sorrow
6. The warm and inviting aroma of freshly baked bread **emanated** from the kitchen.
 - A. was voiced
 - B. was absent
 - C. came (from)
7. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
8. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
 - A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
9. She should **forswear** contributions from special interest groups.
 - A. make public
 - B. stop (taking)
 - C. take advantage of
10. I hope to take the ACT just once. **However**, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
 - A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and
11. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how

12. However we get there, the main thing is to be absolutely sure we're not late.
- A. whatever way
 - B. even if in a non-standard manner
 - C. to whatever degree
13. Many graduates have high college debt. Moreover, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
- A. in contrast to that
 - B. in addition to that
 - C. as a result of that
14. She loves him. Nevertheless, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
15. We ate lunch under the open-sided pavilion near the lake.
- A. freestanding shelter
 - B. tall stone monument
 - C. narrow garden path
16. After months of practice, she gained enough proficiency in Spanish to hold a simple conversation.
- A. interest
 - B. permission
 - C. skill
17. She is operating to repair the muscle wall through which the hernia protrudes.
- A. heals over
 - B. shrinks back
 - C. sticks out
18. The castle was under siege for months, with the enemy forces relentlessly attacking its walls.
- A. fortified defense
 - B. prolonged attack
 - C. passionate negotiation
19. She wore a sumptuous gown made of the finest silk and adorned with sparkling jewels.
- A. flattering
 - B. magnificent
 - C. long
20. You need to vanquish those negative thoughts and think about good things.
- A. completely defeat
 - B. gently ease
 - C. gently persuade

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 *And the thirteen were called the **Forsworn**.*
 - A. constraining in some way -- such as tying up, requiring, or obligating
 - B. to decide to stop doing something; or to renounce or disavow something
 - C. the profession of assisting women in childbirth without being a doctor
- 2 *Moreover, the apparition gave Eragon strength and speed equal to those of the elves themselves.*
 - A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in addition to what has just been said
 - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 3 *At the **siege** of Feinster, Eragon and Arya encountered three enemy magicians, one of whom was transformed into the Shade Varaug.*
 - A. the act of forcing into an undesired activity or situation -- such as legally sentencing someone to punishment OR the act of finding guilty -- especially in court
 - B. a military tactic in which a fortified place is surrounded and isolated while it is attacked over time

or:

any prolonged attack, effort, or period of trouble

 - C. a workplace where people do scientific or medical research, or produce drugs or chemicals (also used figuratively) OR (as an adjective) related to such a place
- 4 *Nevertheless, he opened his hand, and the sword clattered against the stones even as Roran's weight settled into his arms.*
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 5 *Eragon and Roran ran past the marble **dais**, Eragon restricting his speed so as not to leave Roran behind.*
 - A. dramatic change
 - B. raised platform
 - C. in disagreement
- 6 *A sheathed dagger **protruded** at an angle from under the belt of his loincloth.*
 - A. disagreed
 - B. continued
 - C. stuck out
- 7 *Nasuada regarded the marks with **ambivalence**.*
 - A. the act of treating or preparing food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
 - B. mixed feelings
 - C. a microorganism (living creature so small it takes a microscope to see it)
- 8 *Those they knew of, **however**, had to be kept under lock and key, lest they try to subvert the Varden.*
 - A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though, in spite of that, in contrast, nevertheless,* etc.
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 9 *Third—and this is what you have to believe deep in your hearts—Galbatorix isn't invulnerable, **however** powerful he is.*
 - A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
 - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
 - C. regardless of how
- 10 *I had to fight back; I had to show him that he hadn't broken me, and I wanted to hurt him **however** I could.*
 - A. in whatever way
 - B. starts fighting
 - C. starts (a fire)

- 11 Her hair fluttered about her face as she trotted over to three of Eragon's elven guards, who were standing in a pool of shadow behind a nearby **pavilion**.
- A. a large structure separate from a main structure or temporary
 - B. make something more attractive or interesting by adding to it
 - C. a small group of people who plot in secret and exercise power
- 12 **Sumptuous** estates stood here and there: sprawling stone manors protected by their own high walls and, Roran assumed, by their own guards.
- A. the state or degree of having the ability to change for different situations
 - B. magnificent (impressively wonderful) -- often indicating something expensive
 - C. the quality of behaving in an instinctive, uninhibited, and unplanned manner
- 13 A sudden itch in Roran's throat forced him to cough again and again, and he curled over the table until his forehead touched the wood, grimacing as waves of pain **assailed** him from his back, his shoulder, and his mangled mouth.
- A. gradually added or removed
 - B. to attack or cause trouble
 - C. limited or with boundaries
- 14 Generous as the inhabitants of Surda were, and rich as the **vanquished** cities were, the regular deliveries of goods were not enough to sustain the Varden for much longer.
- A. completely defeated
 - B. excessively excited
 - C. nervous or confused
- 15 To Eragon's **dismay**, Blodhgarm pressed on, saying, Then do not blame us for failing to fulfill what are your responsibilities, not ours, Old One.
- A. make someone want to do something
 - B. walk in an awkward, shuffling way
 - C. sadness, disappointment, or worry
- 16 It is true, you must be capable with your weapon, but anyone with the time and the inclination can acquire technical **proficiency**.
- A. snake
 - B. story
 - C. skill
- 17 Afterward, Eragon sensed discontent **emanating** from Glaedr.
- A. beginning to fight again
 - B. creating dramatic change
 - C. originate, emit, or show
- 18 It was only logical that Murtagh and Thorn would have taken her there, and it would explain the elvish look of the room; the elves had built much of Uru'baen, the city they called Ilirea, either before their war with the dragons—long, long ago—or after the city had become the capital of the Broddring Kingdom and the Riders had **established** a formal presence therein.
- A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - B. created
 - C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 19 Fortunately, even though he could not always figure out what a spell was supposed to do, he was often able to **establish** whether it would affect him, Saphira, or Glaedr.
- A. take (power or responsibility)
 - B. accept as true (without proof)
 - C. show, determine, or understand
- 20 You knew you wouldn't make it out of the **citadel**.
- A. a stronghold or fortress
 - B. island (that is made of a coral reef)
 - C. dense, rainy forest with many species

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	forswear (<i>as in: forswear my country of birth</i>)	Used 23 times in this book.
2	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 16 times in this book.
3	B	siege	Used 28 times in this book.
4	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 24 times in this book.
5	B	dais	Used 19 times in this book.
6	C	protrude	Used 15 times in this book.
7	B	ambivalent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
8	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
9	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
10	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
11	A	pavilion	Used 26 times in this book.
12	B	sumptuous	Used 3 times in this book.
13	B	assail	Used 6 times in this book.
14	A	vanquish	Used 4 times in this book.
15	C	dismay	Used 17 times in this book.
16	C	proficiency	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
17	C	emanate	Used 19 times in this book.
18	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	A	citadel	Used 43 times in this book.
