

A Journey to the Center of the Earth

by Jules Verne

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: abyss, accord (2), allay, attain, authenticity, denotes, gesticulate, hypothesis, impetuous, incline, inclined, oblige, phenomenon, resignation (2), strata, torrent, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
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9	B
10	A
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16	C
17	A
18	A
19	A
20	B

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. Our foot is stuck on the accelerator, and we are headed towards an **abyss**.
 - A. turning point
 - B. dangerous situation
 - C. major opportunity
2. She dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
 - A. opposition
 - B. keeping
 - C. ignorance
3. After the fight, he turned himself in of his own **accord**.
 - A. own fear
 - B. own safety
 - C. own mind
4. It does little to **allay** Israeli fears.
 - A. increase
 - B. distract from
 - C. reduce
5. They hope to **attain** effective law and order in the region before withdrawing troops.
 - A. openly oppose
 - B. carefully describe
 - C. successfully gain
6. The museum tested the letter to prove its **authenticity**.
 - A. being expensive
 - B. being genuine
 - C. being colorful
7. In algebra, letters often **denote** unknown numbers in equations.
 - A. scatter
 - B. represent
 - C. confuse
8. I couldn't hear what they were saying or see their faces, but by their **gesticulations**, I'm sure they were angry at each other.
 - A. gestures
 - B. facial expressions
 - C. tones of voice
9. He **hypothesized** the existence of Pluto before its discovery.
 - A. fantasized
 - B. theorized
 - C. disbelieved
10. She made an **impetuous** purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
 - A. impulsive
 - B. cautious
 - C. wealthy
11. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
 - A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending

12. The boat ramp has a steep **incline**.
- A. slope
 - B. price
 - C. danger
13. I didn't want to help, but I felt **obliged** because of our family connections.
- A. required to
 - B. interested
 - C. sad
14. The **phenomenon** was first noticed by Marie Curie.
- A. thing of interest
 - B. thing that is growing
 - C. thing that is hidden
15. She said that if I don't **resign**, I will be fired.
- A. do better
 - B. quit
 - C. renew an agreement
16. She was **resigned** to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
 - B. resistant
 - C. with acceptance
17. She is investigating the rock **strata** to better understand the Antarctic ice sheet.
- A. layers
 - B. erosion
 - C. hardness
18. Since she posted that tweet, she's received a **torrent** of abuse.
- A. overwhelming amount
 - B. increasing amount
 - C. warning
19. The experiment **yielded** data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down
20. After the scandal, she **yielded** to public pressure and resigned her position.
- A. added
 - B. gave in
 - C. produced

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 So he was going, in the presence of this difficulty, to give way to all the **impetuosity** of his character,
 - A. impulsiveness (the trait of acting suddenly without much thought)
 - B. a ceiling designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
 - C. a person (often a writer or artist) living an unconventional life
- 2 "I don't feel so very sure of that, uncle," I replied; "for we have no proof of the **authenticity** of this document."
 - A. not recognizable as different
 - B. quality of being real or true
 - C. not mirroring back (an image)
- 3 I was all adrift amongst a thousand contradictory **hypotheses**, but I could not lay hold of one.
 - A. constrains in some way -- such as ties up, requires, or obligates
 - B. ideas or explanations that are seemingly reasonable, but unproven
 - C. the quality of being insincere, pretended, or designed to impress
- 4 I spent it dreaming of **abysses**.
 - A. removals and examination of tissues or liquids from the living body to determine the existence or cause of diseases
 - B. holes or dropoffs so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply frightening bottomless pits
 - C. people characterized by withdrawal, an inability to form close relationships, and taking pleasure in few activities
- 5 He stood with arms crossed, perfectly unmoved by my uncle's incessant **gesticulations**.
 - A. gestures (hand or body movements) made while speaking or to express something
 - B. descriptions of unfavorable opinions; or acts of sharing unfavorable opinions
 - C. members of the Society of Jesus (known for their schools and missionary work)
- 6 We had no time to watch these **phenomena**; we had to proceed on our way.
 - A. interesting observable things
 - B. computer code modules each of which perform a specific task
 - C. stock markets during times of generally rising stock values
- 7 After about four hours' walking the horses stopped of their **own accord** at the door of the priest's house at Stapi.
 - A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
 - B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
 - C. own mind -- voluntarily (without anyone asking)
- 8 According to the compass we have gone northward.
 - A. idiom meaning "won the day"
 - B. based upon (in keeping with)
 - C. U.S. history: pre-Civil War period
- 9 It was formed by one of those **torrents** of stones flung up by the eruptions, called 'sting' by the Icelanders.
 - A. overwhelming amounts
 - B. wrong understandings
 - C. acts of hiring again
- 10 I was **yielding** to the effects of hunger and cold.
 - A. showing, demonstrating, determining, or causing acceptance
 - B. giving in
 - C. placing trust (in someone) by talking about private things
- 11 "To be sure," said I; "and why should not these waters **yield** to us fishes of unknown species?"
 - A. produce
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about

- 12 I was not **inclined** to argue.
- A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
 - C. with a tendency or attitude that favors something
- 13 The mass was composed of **inclined** and sometimes vertical strata.
- A. angled
 - B. told (a story)
 - C. lied or misled
- 14 The mass was composed of inclined and sometimes vertical **strata**.
- A. layers
- or:
- levels, classes, or groups into which people or other things are divided
 - B. a process of urging or commanding someone to do something; or a document for that purpose
 - C. the belief that God created the universe, but that he doesn't interfere with how it runs
- 15 And to what a height of scientific glory we should then **attain!**
- A. technical: center or concentration
 - B. to be overly unhappy and unsociable
 - C. reach or gain (with effort)
- 16 This return of trust in God's providence **allayed** the turbulence of my fears, and I was enabled to concentrate upon my situation all the force of my intelligence.
- A. not provided with investment funds
 - B. stopped (something from happening)
 - C. reduced the intensity of or calmed
- 17 A few light vapours, leaping from rock to rock, **denoted** the place of hot springs; and streams flowed softly down to the common basin, gliding down the gentle slopes with a softer murmur.
- A. with rises and falls in pitch
 - B. stand for or symbolize literally; or be a sign or indicator of
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 18 Often the sunken rocks just beneath the surface **obliged** us to deviate from our straight course.
- A. required
 - B. gradually added or removed
 - C. limited or with boundaries
- 19 I had to be **resigned** and to wait six long hours.
- A. to be or to become used to (adapted to and with an expectation of)
 - B. showed something -- such as demonstrated, expressed, or represented
 - C. accepting of something undesired as unavoidable
- 20 I was the happiest of men; for my pretty Virlandaise, **resigning** her place as ward, took her position in the old house on the Konigstrasse in the double capacity of niece to my uncle and wife to a certain happy youth.
- A. fighting
 - B. quit
 - C. changing

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	impetuous (<i>as in: an impetuous decision</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
2	B	authenticity	Used 3 times in this book.
3	B	hypothesis (<i>as in: a study to test her hypothesis</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
4	B	abyss	Used 19 times in this book.
5	A	gesticulate	Used 4 times in this book.
6	A	phenomenon	High-utility academic word; used 29 times in this book.
7	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
8	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 17 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	torrent	Used 21 times in this book.
10	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	A	incline (<i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	strata	Used 12 times in this book.
15	C	attain	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
16	C	alloy	Used 2 times in this book.
17	B	denotes	Used 4 times in this book.
18	A	oblige (<i>as in: I am obliged by law.</i>)	Used 22 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	resignation (<i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i>)	Used 8 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
20	B	resignation (<i>as in: submitted her resignation</i>)	2 meanings in this book.