

# A Journey to the Center of the Earth

by Jules Verne

## 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:** abyss, accord (2), authenticity, consequence (2), enable, fissure, gesticulate, impetuous, moreover, phenomenon, precede, proportional, prudent, strata, subterranean, taciturn, yield (2)



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
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11	B
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18	A
19	A
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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. 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. The museum tested the letter to prove its **authenticity**.
  - A. being expensive
  - B. being genuine
  - C. being colorful
5. Her job prospects are hindered as a consequence of the conviction.
  - A. result
  - B. unimportant part
  - C. important part
6. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
  - A. unethical
  - B. important
  - C. harmful
7. Modern smartphones enable people to work from almost anywhere.
  - A. require
  - B. allow
  - C. remind
8. Lava is flowing from a **fissure** that is ten miles east of the main crater.
  - A. volcano
  - B. large mountain
  - C. long narrow crack
9. 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
10. She made an **impetuous** purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
  - A. impulsive
  - B. cautious
  - C. wealthy
11. 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

12. The phenomenon was first noticed by Marie Curie.
- A. thing of interest
  - B. thing that is growing
  - C. thing that is hidden
13. In English, most adjectives precede the noun they modify.
- A. follow
  - B. describe
  - C. go before
14. This diagram is like a map that draws states proportional to their population rather than their geographic size.
- A. with color according
  - B. in order according
  - C. related in size
15. Courage is dangerous without prudence.
- A. good sense
  - B. good purpose
  - C. good support
16. She is investigating the rock strata to better understand the Antarctic ice sheet.
- A. layers
  - B. erosion
  - C. hardness
17. The archaeologists discovered a network of subterranean tunnels beneath the ancient city.
- A. under the ground
  - B. above the trees
  - C. near the river
18. She's a bit taciturn by nature, but before breakfast you'd think she is deaf and mute.
- A. reserved
  - B. outgoing
  - C. low-energy
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 It is a matter of great doubt to me now, to what violent measures my uncle's **impetuosity** might have led him, had not the clock struck two, and our old French cook called out to let us know that dinner was on the table.*
  - impulsiveness (the trait of acting suddenly without much thought)
  - a ceiling designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
  - a person (often a writer or artist) living an unconventional life
- 2 "The book in which we find it is sufficient proof of its **authenticity**," he replied.*
  - not recognizable as different
  - quality of being real or true
  - not mirroring back (an image)
- 3 While the excellent Professor spoke sentence after sentence, he stood with folded arms, utterly still, motionless to all my uncle's **gesticulations**.*
  - gestures (hand or body movements) made while speaking or to express something
  - descriptions of unfavorable opinions; or acts of sharing unfavorable opinions
  - members of the Society of Jesus (known for their schools and missionary work)
- 4 The lantern is in front, and **enables** the benighted wanderer to see in the most profound obscurity.*
  - stops fighting
  - makes possible
  - leaps or jumps
- 5 As soon, however, as the inevitable soup was placed on the table, the natural **taciturnity**, common even to Icelandic babies, prevailed over all else.*
  - with a tendency to be reserved and not to talk
  - held together (connected or united) or wrapped
  - a document granting permission to do something
- 6 New volcanic eruptions are always **preceded** by perfectly well-known phenomena.*
  - wrongly understood
  - influenced opinion
  - went or was before
- 7 If this really be the case, its origin can be attributed to only one cause—that of the continued action of **subterranean fires**.*
  - under the ground
  - likely to change
  - able to be found
- 8 Hans, however, did not think it **prudent** to pass the night on the bare side of the cone.*
  - sensible and careful
  - not demonstrative of
  - sincerity (realness)
- 9 I became intoxicated with a sense of lofty sublimity, without thought of the **abysses** into which my daring was soon about to plunge me.*
  - removals and examination of tissues or liquids from the living body to determine the existence or cause of diseases
  - holes or dropoffs so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply frightening bottomless pits
  - people characterized by withdrawal, an inability to form close relationships, and taking pleasure in few activities
- 10 Consequently, no chance of discovering the right aperture.*
  - resultantly (as a result)
  - despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
  - even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas

- 11 *As if it were of any consequence!*  
A. translates  
B. importance  
C. sticks out
- 12 *The disposition of these volcanic **strata** absolutely confirms the theories of Sir Humphry Davy.*  
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
- 13 *The lamps were hung to **fissures** in the lava rock.*  
A. prepares food in a way that keeps it from spoiling  
B. moves again into position to work; or starts again  
C. long, narrow cracks or splits; or creation of them
- 14 *The tunnel, **moreover**, instead of going down into the bowels of the earth, became absolutely horizontal.*  
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
- 15 *The working of these mines could only be carried out at an expense that would never **yield** a profit.*  
A. produce or give  
B. stop (something from happening)  
C. think deeply or carefully about
- 16 *But whatever might have been my wish, I was compelled to **yield** to the weight of ocular demonstration.*  
A. select (on a computer screen)  
B. give in, give way, or give up  
C. an involuntary vomiting spasm
- 17 *According to which, it is demonstrated that the **proportional** increase in temperature is an exploded error.*  
A. suitability; or the degree of having been adapted  
B. the quality of being without boundaries or limits  
C. appropriate or related in size, amount, or degree
- 18 *...the luminous state of the atmosphere ... was a **phenomenon** upon the duration of which we could calculate with certainty.*  
A. thing that exists  
B. something that was once small, but is getting very large  
C. something important that is hard to see or sense
- 19 *My uncle at last, of his own **accord**, broke silence.*  
A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport  
B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito  
C. own mind (without anyone asking)
- 20 *Each now acted in **accordance** with his own private character.*  
A. the quality of being continuous  
B. keeping  
C. doubt (that something is true)

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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1	A	impetuous ( <i>as in: an impetuous decision</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
2	B	authenticity	Used 3 times in this book.
3	A	gesticulate	Used 6 times in this book.
4	B	enable	High-utility academic word; used 19 times in this book.
5	A	taciturn	Used 4 times in this book.
6	C	precede	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
7	A	subterranean	Used 35 times in this book.
8	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
9	B	abyss	Used 17 times in this book.
10	A	consequence ( <i>as in: a direct consequence of</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	B	consequence ( <i>as in: of little consequence</i> )	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	A	strata	Used 18 times in this book.
13	C	fissure	Used 25 times in this book.
14	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
15	A	yield ( <i>as in: will yield valuable data</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	yield ( <i>as in: yield to pressure</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	proportional	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
18	A	phenomenon	High-utility academic word; used 37 times in this book.
19	C	accord ( <i>as in: done of her own accord</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
20	B	accord ( <i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i> )	Used 32 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.