

Jurassic Park

Second Iteration

by Michael Crichton

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: besieged, consternation, espionage, evasive, flagrant, flamboyant, glib, overwrought, patronage, rapacious

PRE-READING ACTIVITY

Vocabulary Preview 2

Answer Key — Preview 3

Caution: share only if self-checking

OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

Vocabulary in Context 4

Answer Key — In Context 5

Caution: do not share with students

About the Pre-Reading Activity (open-dictionary; ungraded or completion grade):

Students preview 10 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):

Same words, now in real excerpts from the text, with questions that build reading and analytical skills.

Vocabulary Sections for this Book:

Section 1 · Introduction, Prologue, and First Iteration · Strange events on the Costa Rican coast

Section 2 · Second Iteration · A paleontologist's badlands dinosaur dig

Section 3 · Third Iteration · Arriving at the island and its park

Section 4 · Fourth Iteration · The island tour, after dark

Section 5 · Fifth Iteration · A search across the island

Section 6 · Sixth Iteration · The return to the visitor center

Section 7 · Seventh Iteration and Epilogue · The group regroups at the lodge

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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. After the win, the coach was **besieged** by reporters and fans.

- A. praised loudly by a crowd
- B. watched closely by strangers
- C. overwhelmed by many demands

2. The sudden power outage caused **consternation** among the guests.

- A. noisy confusion
- B. anxiety and dismay
- C. bitter resentment

3. The novel follows an agent caught up in international **espionage**.

- A. spying for secrets
- B. travel and tourism
- C. trade and shipping

4. When asked where he had been, he gave an **evasive** answer.

- A. deliberately vague
- B. loud and angry
- C. long and detailed

5. The referee called a **flagrant** foul after the violent shove.

- A. openly outrageous
- B. clever and sneaky
- C. rare and surprising

6. The singer wore a **flamboyant** purple suit covered in glitter.

- A. stiff and formal
- B. showy and theatrical
- C. simple and modest

7. The salesman gave a **glib** reply to every hard question.

- A. slow and thoughtful
- B. smooth but shallow
- C. rude and dismissive

8. The movie's **overwrought** ending tried too hard to make us cry.

- A. overly exaggerated
- B. short and abrupt
- C. dull and forgettable

9. The young artist thrived thanks to the **patronage** of a wealthy banker.

- A. close friendship
- B. strict supervision
- C. financial support

10. The **rapacious** landlord kept raising the rent every month.

- A. wealthy but stingy
- B. nervous and unsure
- C. aggressively greedy

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

somnolent — sleepy or drowsy

wreathed — surrounded or encircled in a ring, as by smoke, mist, or vines

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
3	A
4	A
5	A
6	B
7	B
8	A
9	C
10	C

Vocabulary in Context

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 10

Read each excerpt carefully. Then choose the best answer to each question.

1 "... was besieged with requests for interviews, lectures, books."

As it is used in the passage, the word 'besieged' most nearly suggests that Grant was...

- A. sharply criticized in the press
- B. overwhelmed by many demands
- C. eager to seek out publicity

2 "The most flagrant, Morris explained, was the Biosyn rabies case."

Which detail best supports calling the Biosyn case the most 'flagrant' violation?

- A. releasing an untested live virus
- B. developing a rabies vaccine
- C. relocating a lab overseas

3 "Pound for pound, a velociraptor was the most rapacious dinosaur that ever lived."

The author most likely calls the velociraptor 'rapacious' in order to...

- A. stress its fierce, predatory nature
- B. note its unusually large size
- C. show how rare it was

4 "Hammond was flamboyant, a born showman, and back in 1983 he had had an elephant that he carried around with him in a little cage."

In the passage, Hammond is characterized as...

- A. a cautious, modest planner
- B. a showy, theatrical promoter
- C. a shy, retiring scientist

5 "... Gennaro thought about how evasive Hammond was. The old man was now ignoring the fact that Gennaro's law firm had forced this trip on him."

It can reasonably be inferred that Hammond is being 'evasive' in order to...

- A. correct Gennaro's mistaken view
- B. show real warmth toward Gennaro
- C. avoid admitting he is in trouble

6 "... if John Hammond asked for his help, he would give it. That was how patronage worked—how it had always worked."

The passage most strongly suggests that 'patronage' creates...

- A. a sense of mutual obligation
- B. government control of research
- C. a strictly commercial contract

7 "The consternation that followed was entirely misplaced, in Dodgson's view."

Which choice best describes the board's 'consternation' at Dodgson's news?

- A. eager enthusiasm
- B. anxious dismay
- C. amused indifference

8 "And that fact of life had created a bizarre new world of industrial espionage. Dodgson was especially skilled at it."

According to the passage, Dodgson's industrial 'espionage' involved...

- A. stealing rivals' genetic secrets
- B. selling InGen its own products
- C. openly publishing his findings

9 "Grant knew that Ian Malcolm had his share of detractors, and he could understand why some found his style too abrasive, and his applications of chaos theory too glib."

In context, the word 'glib' emphasizes that critics found Malcolm's chaos theory...

- A. careful and rigorous
- B. dull and overcomplicated
- C. smooth but shallow

10 "The awesome power of the new genetic technology, which he had formerly considered to be just so many words in an overwrought sales pitch—the power suddenly became clear to him."

The information in the excerpt primarily functions to...

- A. question whether the tech works
- B. recap a careful technical case
- C. show the hype proved real

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	B	
2	A	Event comprehension.
3	A	
4	B	
5	C	Character comprehension.
6	A	
7	B	
8	A	
9	C	'Glib' here means facile or too-easily applied, not merely talkative.
10	C	Here 'overwrought' means exaggerated or overblown, not emotionally agitated.

Teacher Context: Second Iteration

Paleontologist Alan Grant and Ellie Sattler are excavating dinosaur fossils when billionaire John Hammond summons them to consult on a mysterious island resort. The iteration introduces the major players, including the mathematician Ian Malcolm and the lawyer Gennaro, and the genetic-engineering work behind Hammond's project. Section runs to the end of the Second Iteration.