

Jurassic Park

Third Iteration

by Michael Crichton

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: antithetical, circumstantial, fraught, haphazard, inherently, personified, redundant, squander, vindicated, waning

PRE-READING ACTIVITY

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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 regroupes 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. Her cheerful optimism was **antithetical** to his gloomy outlook.

- A. directly opposed
- B. loosely linked
- C. closely connected

2. The detective's case rested on **circumstantial** evidence, not eyewitness accounts.

- A. carefully recorded
- B. based on indirect clues
- C. newly uncovered

3. Starting a business with no savings is a **fraught** venture.

- A. full of risk
- B. very costly
- C. highly complex

4. His **haphazard** approach to studying meant he was never quite prepared.

- A. deeply serious
- B. lacking any plan
- C. overly cautious

5. Some tasks are **inherently** difficult, no matter how you approach them.

- A. by their very nature
- B. from time to time
- C. more and more often

6. In the painting, a blindfolded woman **personified** justice.

- A. loudly called for
- B. gave living form to
- C. openly fought against

7. The aircraft includes **redundant** control systems for safety.

- A. no longer necessary
- B. freshly installed
- C. duplicated as backups

8. She tends to **squander** her allowance as soon as she gets it.

- A. secretly hide
- B. carefully save
- C. waste recklessly

9. After new evidence appeared, the accused man was finally **vindicated**.

- A. closely watched
- B. openly questioned
- C. cleared of blame

10. The team's energy was **waning** in the final minutes of the game.

- A. steadily decreasing
- B. wildly swinging
- C. staying constant

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

felt a chill — a sudden feeling of fear or dread

life finds a way — Malcolm's claim that living things adapt, survive, and overcome attempts to contain or control them

ANSWER KEY

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

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 "... whenever we faced a critical matter such as this, we designed redundant systems. That is, we always arranged at least two control procedures."

As used in the passage, "redundant" systems are best understood as systems designed to...

- A. provide backup controls
- B. run without oversight
- C. remove extra controls

2 "... it seems to me that irradiation is fraught with uncertainty. The radiation dose may be wrong..."

It can reasonably be inferred that Malcolm sees the irradiation method as something that...

- A. is mostly dependable
- B. is full of error sources
- C. has one fixable flaw

3 "... children liked dinosaurs because these giant creatures personified the uncontrollable force of looming authority. They were symbolic parents. Fascinating and frightening, like parents."

The author most likely says dinosaurs "personified" looming authority in order to...

- A. recall the author's childhood
- B. frame them as stand-ins for parents
- C. stress their physical size

4 "... the evidence for pack hunting is all circumstantial. It derives in part from the appearance of the animals..."

According to the passage, the evidence that velociraptors hunted in packs is...

- A. confirmed by fossil DNA
- B. just a matter of chance
- C. drawn from indirect clues

5 "You said yourself, John, this park is entertainment," Wu said. "And entertainment has nothing to do with reality. Entertainment is antithetical to reality."

The passage most strongly suggests that, for Wu, entertainment and reality are...

- A. in complete opposition
- B. two stages of one process
- C. equally important to him

6 "A brilliant man can't squander precious time with forms and committees."

The information in the excerpt primarily functions to...

- A. praise university research
- B. describe Wu's daily routine
- C. explain Wu's scorn for red tape

7 "... he found his influence waning with each passing day."

In the passage, Wu is characterized as someone whose role in the project is...

- A. steadily losing importance
- B. growing more essential
- C. respected and secure

8 "Because in fact there are great categories of phenomena that are inherently unpredictable."

According to the passage, Malcolm says such events are unpredictable because the trait is...

- A. caused by poor planning
- B. due to too little data
- C. built into their nature

9 "Grant said, 'You must feel vindicated. About your theory.'"

It can reasonably be inferred that Grant expects Malcolm to feel vindicated because Malcolm had...

- A. warned the park would fail
- B. helped design the park
- C. doubted the dinosaurs were real

10 "... at the end of your life, your whole existence has that same haphazard quality, too."

In context, the word "haphazard" emphasizes...

- A. a sense of lost time
- B. a lack of order or plan
- C. a feeling of regret

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	A	The engineering sense of 'redundant' – duplicated as a backup – is not the everyday 'unnecessary'; the excerpt glosses it as two independent control procedures.
2	B	
3	B	
4	C	'Circumstantial' here means based on indirect evidence, not on luck or mere circumstance – a common student confusion.
5	A	
6	C	
7	A	Character comprehension.
8	C	
9	A	Character comprehension.
10	B	

Teacher Context: Third Iteration

The visitors arrive on Isla Nublar and tour Jurassic Park, seeing living dinosaurs for the first time and learning how InGen cloned them from ancient DNA. Malcolm presses his chaos-theory warnings that the park's control is an illusion, even as the guided tour gets under way. Section runs to the end of the Third Iteration.