

Jurassic Park

Sixth Iteration

by Michael Crichton

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: cascade, euphoria, exhilaration, impregnable, inadvertently, interminable, iridescent, morbid, pungent, tentatively

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. A **cascade** of sparks flew from the grinding machine.

- A. a faint flicker
- B. a sharp crackle
- C. a sudden, rushing flow

2. Winning the championship left the whole team in **euphoria**.

- A. intense joy and bliss
- B. stunned disbelief
- C. mild contentment

3. Reaching the mountaintop filled the hikers with **exhilaration**.

- A. proud determination
- B. lively excitement and joy
- C. peaceful satisfaction

4. The fortress walls were so thick the city seemed **impregnable**.

- A. costly to maintain
- B. impossible to capture
- C. simple to defend

5. She **inadvertently** left her keys on the counter.

- A. by accident
- B. in a hurry
- C. without telling anyone

6. We sat through an **interminable** wait before the doctor called us in.

- A. surprisingly tense
- B. poorly organized
- C. seemingly endless

7. The butterfly's **iridescent** wings caught everyone's eye.

- A. covered in tiny spots
- B. glowing with shifting colors
- C. edged with fine hairs

8. He had a **morbid** fascination with old graveyards.

- A. focused on death or gloom
- B. focused on fame and money
- C. focused on rules and order

9. The **pungent** smell of onions filled the kitchen.

- A. oddly sweet
- B. smoky and warm
- C. sharp and strong

10. She **tentatively** raised her hand to answer the question.

- A. in an unsure way
- B. in a rush
- C. in an angry way

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

scavengers — animals that feed on dead or decaying matter rather than hunting live prey

validation — evidence that something is correct or successful

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
3	B
4	B
5	A
6	C
7	B
8	A
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 “You’re morbid,” Tim said.
“What’s ‘morbid’? I am not.”

As it is used in the passage, the word ‘morbid’ most nearly suggests that Lex is...

- A. easily startled
- B. rude to her brother
- C. drawn to gruesome things

2 “So what? The building’s impregnable.”
Muldoon coughed. “Apparently not. It was never expected that animals would get up on the roof.”

The passage most strongly suggests that a building called ‘impregnable’ is one that...

- A. cannot be broken into
- B. stands above its surroundings
- C. was only recently built

3 “Hey!” she shouted into the fog, tentatively.”

In calling into the fog, Ellie is characterized as...

- A. bold and commanding
- B. cheerful and relaxed
- C. hesitant and unsure

4 “He could see the iridescent speckled pattern on the back.”

Describing the raptor’s pattern as ‘iridescent’ primarily functions to...

- A. show how still it stood
- B. show its shimmering colors
- C. stress the raptor’s huge size

5 “The size, the quick movements, the pungent odor, the hissing breath ...”

It can reasonably be inferred that the raptor’s ‘pungent odor’ was...

- A. sharp and strong
- B. damp and musty
- C. sweet and flowery

6 “The velociraptor roared, a terrifying loud sound. Inadvertently, Tim took a step back—the tail was gone!”

The passage most strongly suggests that Tim’s step backward was...

- A. an accidental flinch at the roar
- B. a careful step back toward Lex
- C. a deliberate move to trap the raptor

7 “She scraped her face, but somehow the only sensation was exhilaration, as if it were a kind of game she was playing, a game she intended to win.”

Which choice best describes Ellie’s attitude during her rooftop escape?

- A. calm and unmoved
- B. thrilled, as if playing a game
- C. sick with terror

8 “It took a moment for the meaning of that to cut through her euphoria. The door was locked. She was on the roof and she couldn’t get down.”

Which choice best describes how this moment functions in Ellie’s escape?

- A. fear builds toward panic
- B. giddy joy gives way to alarm
- C. relief settles into safety

9 “For a frozen interminable moment he couldn’t remember the number, but then he remembered F4, and he pressed that.”

In context, the word ‘interminable’ emphasizes that the brief pause felt...

- A. barely noticeable
- B. oddly peaceful
- C. agonizingly long

10 “the raptors were caught between the bars, writhing and screaming in a hot cascade of sparks while Muldoon and the others cheered, their voices tinny over the radio.”

The author describes the sparks as a ‘cascade’ most likely to convey that they...

- A. poured down in a rush
- B. gave off a faint glow
- C. spread out slowly

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	C	
2	A	
3	C	
4	B	
5	A	
6	A	Event comprehension. Tim is struggling to shut the freezer door on the raptor; 'inadvertently' marks the step as an involuntary flinch, not part of the plan.
7	B	The answer may surprise a reader: though fleeing for her life, Ellie feels exhilaration, and 'a game she intended to win' confirms the key.
8	B	
9	C	Tim recalls the number almost at once; 'interminable' captures how dread stretches a brief instant.
10	A	

Teacher Context: Sixth Iteration

Grant makes his way back toward the visitor center carrying evidence that the dinosaurs are breeding in the wild despite the park's safeguards. The survivors work to bring the failed systems back online and regain control of the island. Section runs to the end of the Sixth Iteration.