

Jurassic Park

Seventh Iteration and Epilogue

by Michael Crichton

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: averted, folly, humility, jeopardy, matriarchal, migrate, paradigm, promise, rebuke, shirked

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 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. Thanks to the new brakes, the driver **averted** a serious collision.

- A. prevented from happening
- B. barely lived through
- C. calmly described

6. Each spring, the herds **migrate** across the open plains.

- A. graze together
- B. move to a new region
- C. scatter in fear

2. Spending his entire savings on lottery tickets was sheer **folly**.

- A. plain bad luck
- B. foolishness
- C. stubbornness

7. A single experiment can sometimes overturn an entire scientific **paradigm**.

- A. community of experts
- B. method of testing
- C. framework of ideas

3. Despite her fame, the champion accepted praise with great **humility**.

- A. confidence
- B. patience
- C. modesty

8. Even as a rookie, the young engineer showed genuine **promise**.

- A. future potential
- B. steady patience
- C. quiet confidence

4. Driving recklessly in the storm put their lives in **jeopardy**.

- A. serious danger
- B. total confusion
- C. sudden panic

9. The coach's **rebuke** left the players staring silently at the floor.

- A. a firm command
- B. a stern warning
- C. a sharp criticism

5. The tribe has a **matriarchal** structure that has lasted for centuries.

- A. led by elders
- B. led by women
- C. led by warriors

10. He **shirked** his chores and left the dishes for his sister.

- A. deliberately avoided
- B. quietly forgot about
- C. loudly complained about

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	A
2	B
3	C
4	A
5	B
6	B
7	C
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 "... the earth would survive our folly. Life would survive our folly. Only we, Malcolm said, think it wouldn't."

As it is used in the passage, the word 'folly' most nearly means...

- A. humanity's pride in itself
- B. humanity's foolish mistakes
- C. humanity's slow extinction

2 "We can't imagine its slow and powerful rhythms, and we haven't got the humility to try."

The passage most strongly suggests that humans fail to grasp the planet's rhythms because they...

- A. lack the tools to measure it
- B. lack the time to study it
- C. lack the modesty to try

3 "Let's be clear. The planet is not in jeopardy. We are in jeopardy. We haven't got the power to destroy the planet—or to save it. But we might have the power to save ourselves."

The information in the excerpt primarily functions to...

- A. warn that the planet may die
- B. shift the danger onto humanity
- C. urge people to protect nature

4 "You've shirked your responsibility all along, from the very beginning."

In the passage, Gennaro is characterized as someone who has...

- A. misjudged his duties badly
- B. resented his duties quietly
- C. dodged his duties all along

5 "Malcolm's death, should it occur, would be the final rebuke, and that was more than Hammond could bear."

The passage most strongly suggests that Hammond dreads Malcolm's death because it would...

- A. stand as a final criticism of him
- B. leave the park without a defender
- C. end his last chance to apologize

6 "Say what they would, he knew that his park had promise. ... It would not be a problem to grow them again, on another island, elsewhere in the world. And if there had been problems here, then the next time they would solve those problems. That was how progress occurred. By solving problems."

As it is used in the passage, the word 'promise' most nearly means...

- A. a firm public guarantee
- B. signs of future success
- C. a solemn vow to others

7 "Paradigm shifts were said to occur whenever science made a major change in its view of the world. Such changes were relatively rare, occurring about once a century."

According to the passage, a paradigm shift occurs when...

- A. science overturns its worldview
- B. a new theory is proven true
- C. scientists repeat an experiment

8 "... the raptors were organized around a matriarchal pecking order, and that this striped animal was the alpha female of the colony."

It can reasonably be inferred that the striped raptor holds the highest rank because she...

- A. is the colony's dominant female
- B. is the largest of the adults
- C. is the oldest in the colony

9 "They don't want to escape at all. ... They want to migrate."

Which choice best describes how the excerpt functions in the section as a whole?

- A. it warns that the raptors will attack
- B. it shows the raptors fleeing danger
- C. it reveals the raptors' true purpose

10 "The plain fact was that an ecological disaster had been narrowly averted."

According to the text, the ecological disaster on the island was...

- A. barely prevented in time
- B. predicted well in advance
- C. caused by sheer bad luck

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	B	
2	C	
3	B	
4	C	
5	A	Character comprehension. Hammond's dread makes sense only against his refusal to admit that Malcolm's warnings were right.
6	B	Tests the 'potential' sense of 'promise,' not the everyday 'pledge' sense — that contrast is the teachable point.
7	A	
8	A	
9	C	Event comprehension. The line resolves the section's mystery of the raptors lining up and rushing to the beach.
10	A	

Teacher Context: Seventh Iteration and Epilogue

In the lodge, Malcolm and Hammond argue over the meaning of the disaster and human overreach while the remaining characters make a final reckoning with the island. The Epilogue, 'San Jose,' follows the survivors' detention in Costa Rica and the aftermath. Includes the Epilogue, which closes the novel after the Seventh Iteration; section runs to the end of the novel.