

Kiss the Girls

by James Patterson

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: adrenaline, analytical, arrogant, cavort, coherent, confide, dossier, enable, haughty, interstate, loathe, melodrama, rational, reciprocate, relentless, revere, serene, sinister, validate, with a vengeance



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	A
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9	B
10	C
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17	B
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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. She was still shaking from the **adrenaline** rush that came with the fright.
 - A. calming hormone
 - B. muscle protein
 - C. fight-or-flight hormone
2. We have a numbers-tested, **analytical** approach to advertising.
 - A. logical and systematic
 - B. creative and artistic
 - C. loud and aggressive
3. I'm not worried that she might appear insecure. I'm worried that she might appear **arrogant**.
 - A. warm and welcoming
 - B. shy and uncertain
 - C. overly self-important
4. Mom is always nervous when the boys are **cavorting** in the pool.
 - A. resting quietly
 - B. playing wildly
 - C. swimming carefully
5. Her argument is **coherent**.
 - A. unreasonable
 - B. fragmented
 - C. sensible and clear
6. She **confided** in her parents.
 - A. trusted
 - B. didn't trust
 - C. was proud
7. I've studied her **dossier**.
 - A. face
 - B. file
 - C. body language
8. Modern smartphones **enable** people to work from almost anywhere.
 - A. require
 - B. allow
 - C. remind
9. She has that **haughty**, rich and entitled attitude.
 - A. wealthy
 - B. arrogant
 - C. optimistic
10. We'll make good time once we're on the **interstate**.
 - A. train
 - B. plane
 - C. freeway
11. I **loathe** that man. He ruined my life.
 - A. fear
 - B. avoid
 - C. hate
12. The scene became **melodrama**, with tears, shouting, and a sudden confession.
 - A. exaggerated drama
 - B. quiet comedy
 - C. factual reporting

13. Let's try to ignore how upset we are for a moment and think about this **rationally**.
- A. in a hurried manner
 - B. in a creative manner
 - C. in a reasonable manner
14. She couldn't **reciprocate** his feelings after he professed his love for her.
- A. understand
 - B. return
 - C. hear
15. Her parents criticize her **relentlessly**.
- A. subtly (in a non-obvious way)
 - B. constantly and oppressively
 - C. with an excessive sense of superiority
16. She **reveres** nature and all that is natural.
- A. dislikes and avoids
 - B. deeply respects
 - C. thoroughly enjoys
17. She remained **serene** even when he was yelling at her.
- A. unmoved
 - B. calm
 - C. aggressive
18. In the movie, there was a **sinister** plot to kill people and harvest their organs.
- A. complicated
 - B. evil
 - C. clever
19. The test results **validated** her theory about the chemical reaction.
- A. completely contradicted
 - B. confirmed the truth of
 - C. barely addressed
20. She threw herself into work with a **vengeance**.
- A. with reluctance
 - B. with intensity
 - C. with careful thought

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 Coty was unbearably **haughty** and untouchable.
 - A. absolute
 - B. arrogant
 - C. pleasing
- 2 There was almost a full moon, and it looked **serene** and beautiful to Tom and Roe as they slowly paddled out into the glistening lake.
 - A. not straightforward
 - B. calm and untroubled
 - C. not done on purpose
- 3 He had seen the fear and **loathing** in her eyes.
 - A. changing through evolution
 - B. stopping a battle or fight
 - C. disgust or intense dislike
- 4 He **relentlessly** searched out a great beauty—and then he took her!
 - A. in a pessimistic or disagreeable manner
 - B. in an extreme manner that does not stop
 - C. enthusiastically or with great interest
- 5 He particularly loved Kate McTiernan's **irreverence** toward university and hospital life, and especially the holier-than-thou medical school.
 - A. size or dimension
 - B. a lack of respect
 - C. circular movement
- 6 I tried to imagine "Casanova" **cavorting** around in these deep dark woods before we had arrived.
 - A. opposing (struggling against each other)
 - B. playing in a lively, unrestrained manner
 - C. examining in detail to better understand
- 7 His voice was so calm and **rational**.
 - A. very large
 - B. related to
 - C. reasonable
- 8 "Alex, Naomi and I really haven't been as close lately," Mary Ellen suddenly **confided** in me.
 - A. placed trust (in someone) by talking about private things
 - B. viewed in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
 - C. made a decision or voiced an opinion by formal group vote
- 9 I'll try to **reciprocate** as much as I can.
 - A. less than zero
 - B. give in return
 - C. begin fighting
- 10 Adrenaline **surged** powerfully through her body.
 - A. declaration of invalidity; or cancelation
 - B. the branch of geology that studies rocks
 - C. "fight or flight" stimulating hormone
- 11 She had such a nicely **arrogant**, long-legged stride.
 - A. lacking a tendency to be full of thought
 - B. without a tendency to be full of thought
 - C. having an excessive sense of superiority
- 12 The highly intelligent intern raved **incoherently** throughout most of the morning.
 - A. in a manner that violates a rule, promise, or social norm; or in a manner that exceeds a limit or boundary
 - B. based on something that is temporarily treated as true to advance a discussion or to further investigation
 - C. not in a sensible and clear manner; or not in a manner where parts fit together consistently or pleasingly

- 13 As if to **validate** that we were really in Big Sur, we passed an antique van with a bumper sticker: VISUALIZE INDUSTRIAL COLLAPSE.
- A. the right to run a local store or business under a big company's name
 - B. give evidence for the truth or value of; or declare as legally approved
 - C. dry out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight; or make very thirsty
- 14 It was interstate now, and every possible lead was being chased down **with a vengeance**.
- A. available cash
 - B. with intensity
 - C. very important
- 15 We were in the process of compiling that all-important **dossier** of shared experiences now.
- A. to find someone blameless; or to forgive OR the words by which a clergyman pronounces someone forgiven by the church
 - B. a collection of papers containing detailed information about a particular person or subject -- often a person's record
 - C. a small hole or a series of small holes such as are used to make it easy to tear a piece of paper along a specific line
- 16 High-concept **melodrama**.
- A. a story or behavior that is overly dramatic
 - B. the act of taking something on as one's own
 - C. something that helps clarify or demonstrate
- 17 In its negative form, it was based on codependency or **enabling** behavior.
- A. being a sign of
 - B. making possible
 - C. moving downward
- 18 Looks **sinister**.
- A. not able to be disagreed with
 - B. evil, harmful, or frightening
 - C. not thoughtful about the past
- 19 There was relatively heavy traffic on the **interstate**, and I was able to follow him in a safe cluster with four or five other cars.
- A. non-governmental organization (private, non-profit organization working for member goals at the international level)
 - B. the result of numerical division (if 8 divided by 4 = 2, then 8 can be described as the dividend, 4 as the divisor, and 2 as the quotient)
 - C. freeway, or highway that runs between states
- or:
- relating to the mutual relations between states -- especially of the United States
- 20 We're both obsessively **analytical**.
- A. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
 - B. the state or degree of being pessimistic or disagreeable
 - C. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	haughty	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
2	B	serene	Used 3 times in this book.
3	C	loathe	Used 3 times in this book.
4	B	relentless	Used 6 times in this book.
5	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
6	B	cavort	Used 2 times in this book.
7	C	rational (<i>as in: rational behavior</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
8	A	confide	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	B	reciprocate	High-utility academic word
10	C	adrenaline	Used 5 times in this book.
11	C	arrogant	Used 5 times in this book.
12	C	coherent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	B	validate	High-utility academic word
14	B	with a vengeance (<i>as in: with a vengeance</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
15	B	dossier	Used 2 times in this book.
16	A	melodrama	Used 4 times in this book.
17	B	enable	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
18	B	sinister	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
19	C	interstate (<i>as in: interstate commerce</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
20	A	analytical	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.