

Listening for Lions

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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: antagonism, coax, coy, deceive, deception, diagnose, edify, impetuous, influenza, malice, mane, notify, omit, perish, persevere, prejudice, regent, rigorous, scarcity, scorn



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
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9	A
10	C
11	B
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13	C
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18	C
19	C
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. I don't understand her **antagonism** toward me.
 - A. kindness
 - B. hostility
 - C. positive attitude
2. Let's see if we can **coax** her into coming with us.
 - A. trick
 - B. gently persuade
 - C. drag forcefully
3. She gave a **coy** smile and refused to say whether she liked him.
 - A. openly angry
 - B. shy but playful
 - C. deeply confused
4. The fake article was written to attract attention and **deceive** readers.
 - A. entertain
 - B. attract
 - C. lie to or mislead
5. The con artist used clever **deception** to trick wealthy investors.
 - A. kindness
 - B. trickery
 - C. praise
6. What was her **diagnosis**?
 - A. identification of an illness
 - B. treatment for the illness
 - C. major symptom
7. She both entertains and **edifies** when she speaks.
 - A. puzzles listeners
 - B. teaches or instructs
 - C. learns from others
8. She made an **impetuous** purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
 - A. impulsive
 - B. cautious
 - C. wealthy
9. Three **influenza** pandemics occurred in the 20th century killing tens of millions of people.
 - A. flu
 - B. measles
 - C. polio
10. Words can be like baseball bats when used **maliciously** against someone who is sensitive.
 - A. carelessly
 - B. mockingly
 - C. evilly
11. She brushed the horse's tangled **mane** until it flowed smoothly down its neck.
 - A. long curved tail
 - B. thick neck hair
 - C. sharp pointed hoof
12. The school will **notify** parents if the schedule changes.
 - A. ignore
 - B. punish
 - C. inform

13. She **omitted** a few details to place herself in a more favorable light.
- A. made up
 - B. exaggerated
 - C. left out
14. We can work together or **perish** separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
15. Top athletes **persevere** through pain to reach their goals.
- A. give up at first try
 - B. push on through hardship
 - C. rest before any effort
16. Seeing the defendant wear prison clothes may **prejudice** the jury against the defendant.
- A. create a sympathetic belief in
 - B. create a serious attitude in
 - C. create an unfair belief in
17. While the young king was ill, his uncle served as **regent** to rule the kingdom.
- A. temporary substitute ruler
 - B. elected prime minister
 - C. royal court advisor
18. Navy SEALs go through an incredibly **rigorous** qualification and training program.
- A. up-to-date
 - B. fun and energetic
 - C. difficult and demanding
19. Work is **scarce** in the region.
- A. easily found
 - B. extremely hard
 - C. in short supply
20. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains

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 All over the world the cruel **influenza** had been taking lives.
 - A. highly contagious respiratory disease commonly called *the flu*
 - B. the state or degree of being appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - C. a fact or bit of information that is generally considered unimportant
- 2 She showed me how to **coax** the patients into taking their medicine, which they often refused, and how to give them goat broth with a lot of salt to treat the dehydration that came with cholera.
 - A. to think of something as true or likely, even though it is not known with certainty
 - B. try to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gentle persuasion
 - C. give authority, power, knowledge, or confidence to someone so they can do something
- 3 The orphans had to listen to someone reading from the Bible or some other **edifying** book during meals and could not talk with one another.
 - A. disagreeing
 - B. instructive
 - C. translating
- 4 "The mission board will have to be **notified**," I said.
 - A. not judged in a negative way
 - B. found, sought, or researched
 - C. told someone about something
- 5 **Prejudiced**?
 - A. injured the ligaments of a joint by stretching them too far (ligaments are the tough, fibrous bands that connect bones across joints)
 - B. corrupted or seduced from virtue, duty, or allegiance OR excessively drunk, engaged in casual sex, and/or drug abuse while partying
 - C. bias that prevents objective consideration -- especially an unreasonable belief that is unfair to members of a race, religion, or other group
- 6 We took a taxi across the city to the ship, which looked to me as large as Noah's ark, but Mrs. Pritchard was **scornful**.
 - A. full of strong disrespect or rejection
 - B. able to accept as true (without proof)
 - C. able to be protected or kept unchanged
- 7 That was just **malicious** talk, I am sure.
 - A. exceedingly important, serious, or dangerous
 - B. designed to be useful; or capable of working
 - C. the intention or desire to see others suffer
- 8 What if upon hearing the news he threw up his hands and **perished** in front of me?
 - A. examined in detail to better understand
 - B. died, was destroyed, or ceased to exist
 - C. moved into position to work; or started
- 9 Wherever I went, tea would be set out, weak tea where money was **scarce**.
 - A. the state of not being aware or concerned about something
 - B. a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything
 - C. in short supply OR barely or hardly (by a small margin)
- 10 I told him of the lion that had carried away small children and how the lion had been hunted down and a mask made of his **mane** and a great ngoma held to both celebrate and mourn his death.
 - A. select (on a computer screen)
 - B. long coarse hair on an animal
 - C. exchange, convert, or pay off
- 11 I had thought my **deception** would be for only a few weeks.
 - A. someone bound to serve another without pay -- such as a slave or serf
 - B. the act of lying to or misleading someone; or something that misleads
 - C. the degree to which something can change to fit a different situation

- 12 *They would surely punish me if I did not, but if I had **deceived** Grandfather once, I would not deceive him again.*
A. told (a story)
B. began fighting
C. lied or misled
- 13 *He cautioned me, "Though sensible in her own way, my sister is inclined to be somewhat **impetuous** and is, I'm afraid, a little too involved with art and other nonsense."*
A. impulsive (acting suddenly without much thought)
B. most important; or person that is most important
C. tending to have exceedingly unfavorable opinions
- 14 *That was very instructive, although you would have done well to **omit** your last words.*
A. stop (something from happening)
B. fulfill one's highest potential
C. to exclude or neglect something
- 15 *He gave me a rather **coy** smile and added, "It would give me so much pleasure to have you here in Stagsway."*
A. the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together
B. subtly playful
C. the degree of being influenced by personal belief, feelings, or preferences (rather than being based purely upon fact)
- 16 *...she would have no idea of the **rigors** of running a hospital in Africa.*
A. periods of time when someone exhibits unusual behavior
B. formal expressions of opinion arrived at by group vote
C. difficulties (things that are difficult and demanding)
- 17 *One Sunday afternoon I followed the crowds to the zoological gardens in **Regent's** Park.*
A. someone appointed to a position of temporary or delegated authority -- such as a temporarily while the king or queen is too young, too sick, or away; or a member of a governing board
B. relating to an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
C. someone who walks slowly without definite direction OR someone who writes or talks without definite direction (changing subjects or rambling rather than in a purposeful direct way)
- 18 *I **persevered**.*
A. held together (connected or united) or wrapped
B. kept working at something despite difficulties
C. considered (for affect on a result or outcome)
- 19 *Raspton chose a young resident who looked stunned at being singled out—"give us your **diagnosis**."*
A. the identification of the cause of a problem or illness
B. a period of time when someone exhibits unusual behavior
C. the act or process of stopping something from happening
- 20 *By our last year the early **antagonisms** were forgotten.*
A. basic building blocks of matter that makes up protons and neutrons
B. hostility, opposition, or tension between opposing forces or ideas
C. instances of donating one's income to a church; or the gifts given

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	influenza	Used 18 times in this book.
2	B	coax (<i>as in: coax her to join us</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
3	B	edify	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
4	C	notify	Used 2 times in this book.
5	C	prejudice	Used 2 times in this book.
6	A	scorn	High-utility academic word
7	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
8	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	C	scarcity	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
10	B	mane	Used 2 times in this book.
11	B	deception	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
12	C	deceive	Used 9 times in this book.
13	A	impetuous (<i>as in: an impetuous decision</i>)	High-utility academic word
14	C	omit	High-utility academic word
15	B	coy	Used 2 times in this book.
16	C	rigorous (<i>as in: a rigorous math class</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
17	A	regent	Used 3 times in this book.
18	B	persevere	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
19	A	diagnose	Used 2 times in this book.
20	B	antagonism	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library