

Live Free or Die

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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: asteroid, bacteria, benefactor, component, continuous, factor (2), gradient, habitat, information technology, intuition, kinetic, proprietary, redundant, solar system, trajectory, variable, viscosity, writ (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
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17	B
18	B
19	A
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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. Astronomers monitor every **asteroid** that might pass close to Earth.
 - A. rocky object orbiting the sun
 - B. icy ball with a glowing tail
 - C. moon orbiting a large planet
2. She survived a severe infection of MRSA **bacteria**.
 - A. lice
 - B. germs
 - C. mosquitoes
3. Oprah Winfrey is often praised for overcoming diversity to become a **benefactor** to others.
 - A. helper or supporter
 - B. inspiration or example
 - C. taxpayer
4. Trust is a key **component** of any strong and lasting friendship.
 - A. goal
 - B. part
 - C. result
5. Alternating walk and rest was more beneficial than continuous walking for people with Type 2 diabetes.
 - A. occasional
 - B. scheduled
 - C. uninterrupted
6. In the second paragraph, the narrator's focus shifts from **factors** making her unhappy to identification of possible solutions to her unhappiness.
 - A. things that are unfair
 - B. things (that influence an outcome)
 - C. examples of illnesses
7. Be sure to **factor** the cost of insurance into your decision when you think about buying a car.
 - A. do away with completely
 - B. make very angry or annoy
 - C. include for consideration
8. The hikers struggled to climb the steep **gradient** of the mountain trail.
 - A. slope
 - B. cliff
 - C. ridge
9. They are found in the marine **habitat** of the kelp forest of southern California.
 - A. feeding routine
 - B. natural environment
 - C. breeding season
10. The school hired an **information technology** specialist to protect its computer network.
 - A. computer systems
 - B. office furniture
 - C. sports equipment
11. **Intuitively**, I knew not to trust her.
 - A. logically
 - B. instinctively
 - C. conclusively

12. A kinetic weapon does not contain explosives. Such a projectile gets its destructive force from its weight and speed.
- A. characterized by motion
 - B. showing little emotion
 - C. the same distance apart
13. My employment contract prohibits by sharing **proprietary** information with people outside of the firm.
- A. owned by the company
 - B. customer-related and personal
 - C. financial
14. After the merger, they concluded the office was **redundant**.
- A. more than is needed or desired
 - B. less than what is required
 - C. exactly fitting requirements
15. Earth is one of several planets in our **solar system**.
- A. one planet's weather
 - B. a single galaxy
 - C. star and its orbiting bodies
16. The rocket's **trajectory** carried it safely into orbit around the moon.
- A. speed at launch
 - B. path through space
 - C. weight at takeoff
17. Her mood was **variable** throughout the day, sometimes cheerful and at other times noticeably quiet.
- A. consistent
 - B. changing
 - C. improving
18. Modern motor oil has polymer additives to keep its viscosity from changing too much at different temperatures.
- A. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - B. resistance to flowing
 - C. found a condition or substance to be present
19. She had a writ of habeas corpus, but the right was temporarily suspended in the troubled country.
- A. order
 - B. plot
 - C. type
20. The city's passion for coffee was writ large in the number of cafes on every street corner.
- A. concealed
 - B. disproved
 - C. made obvious

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 A carbonaceous **asteroid** with a twenty-five megaton airburst yield like Tunguska was unlikely to occur over anything important.
 - A. one of the millions of rocks that move around the sun, are smaller than a planet, and larger than a meter in diameter
 - B. of the American Indian civilization of Yucatan and Belize and Guatemala that reached its peak between AD 300 and 900
 - C. a hole or dropoff so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply a frightening bottomless pit
- 2 He looked at the angle and **trajectory** again and shrugged.
 - A. something that encourages something else to happen; or the process of something being encouraged
 - B. the path followed by an object moving through space

or:

the path of any sequence of events

 - C. a colonnade (series of regularly spaced columns) surrounding a building or enclosing a courtyard
- 3 Most of the "stuff" in the inner **Solar System** lay along a vaguely flat plane called the "plane of ecliptic."
 - A. connected by blood or marriage; or a plant or animal related by origin or grouping
 - B. relating to the south Asian Muslim republic that is the fifth most populous country
 - C. the area that includes the sun (or any star) and everything that revolves around it
- 4 There was, of course, a huge outcry amongst "real" researchers who had grants to study oxygen production of Mira **Variables** that, naturally, were more important than anything else that could possibly be happening especially with those bunglers at Skywa—A WHAT?
 - A. someone who disturbs or annoys
 - B. things that are able to change
 - C. calculating or judging too low
- 5 Efforts to duplicate their **information technology** had so far been unsuccessful and most experts put humans as at least five hundred years behind current Glatun technology.
 - A. relating to computers or telecommunications
 - B. a judicial mandate ordering a prisoner to be brought before a judge to determine whether that person is imprisoned lawfully or should be released from custody
 - C. a type of logical argument in which one assumes a claim, derives an absurd outcome, and therefore concludes that the original assumption must have been wrong
- 6 Now our Horvath **benefactors** receive the pearls as an honorarium for their defense of our system.
 - A. people who help a person or organization
 - B. acts of taking something on as one's own
 - C. logical conclusions reached by reasoning
- 7 "I'll let the term '**proprietary**' hang in the air," Tyler said, sipping his coffee.
 - A. relating to ownership, or something that is owned and controlled by a specific person or company
 - B. the state or degree of being clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
 - C. having two or more sounds (phonetic values) such as the letter "a" in *cat* and *date*
- 8 Given that the current output of the Very Large Array is only eight point six times ten to the sixth joules per second, even **factoring** for the projected rate of increase, subtracting anticipated heat dissipation, it will require some six months to observe noticeable heating, much less melting, of the material.
 - A. writing or exchanging written letters or emails
 - B. moving to a worse or less prestigious situation
 - C. considering (the affect on a result or outcome)
- 9 There were a bunch of people predisposed to cancer and other **factors** that weren't caught in time that were ...gainfully employed and productive members of society?
 - A. People who are of lower rank or status
 - B. things that affect a result or outcome
 - C. theories on the origin of the universe

- 10 To achieve even that degree of efficiency will require solid and **continuous** transfer, which requires a low rotational period to prevent convection transfer.
- A. the state of being capable of thought, self-reflection, and will
 - B. pertaining to the working together of different religious groups
 - C. continuing in time or space without interruption or irregularity
- 11 The Horvath have **kinetic**: bombardment systems and heavy lasers.
- A. characterized by motion
 - B. not sensible or careful
 - C. optimistic or agreeable
- 12 If the gray drive goes out, which is pretty unlikely given the **redundancy**, it's going to have exactly the flight characteristics of a brick.
- A. more than is needed -- often something that is unnecessarily repeated
- or in technical usage: describing a secondary component designed to work if the primary component fails
- B. a person with or something related to an eating disorder in which overeating is followed by guilt and unhealthy attempts at correction -- especially self-induced vomiting
 - C. a musical play with orchestra in which most of the dialogue is sung (or the art form that consists of such musicals; or describing something as related to that art form)
- 13 Some of it is **intuitive** but that takes a lot of explanation.
- A. the quality of being without boundaries or limits
 - B. known instinctively rather than through reasoning
 - C. suitability; or the degree of having been adapted
- 14 I know, I know, it's nothing more than Archimedes' Mirror writ large.
- A. sticking out
 - B. bending down
 - C. made obvious
- 15 In general, absent sonic overriding requirement, the **writ** of the DoD starts at our borders, not within them.
- A. authority
 - B. the main building (or buildings) of government
 - C. two successive lines of poetry; usually rhymed
- 16 "Very high **viscosity** you are looking at," Dr. Chu said.
- A. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - B. the measure of a liquid's resistance to flow
 - C. found a condition or substance to be present
- 17 "The plates create a gravitational **gradient**," Diw said.
- A. a slope or gradual change in something, often measured in size, height, strength, or another quantity
 - B. something (typically a statement) that disagrees with itself; or (more rarely) the act of disagreeing
 - C. something made of the brownish metal with the same name -- such as a sculpture or a third place medal
- 18 "I want to make a **habitat** eventually," Tyler said, shrugging.
- A. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
 - B. the type of environment in which an organism or group normally lives
 - C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 19 "There's definitely a suite of **bacteria** there, but I don't think that's the central problem."
- A. the smallest part of any material that cannot be broken up by chemical means
 - B. microorganisms (living creatures so small it takes a microscope to see them)
 - C. psychoanalysis: that part of the unconscious mind that acts as a conscience
- 20 The quarters had been shipped in vacuum-scaled **components** that would fit through the cargo hatches on the Business.
- A. intangible (non-touchable) properties that are the result of creativity (such as patents or trademarks or copyrights)
 - B. a self-contained part of something that when combined with other parts makes something that is larger or more complex
 - C. things that are different than others of their type (synonyms could include: adaptations, versions, alternate forms)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	asteroid	Used 138 times in this book.
2	B	trajectory	Used 8 times in this book.
3	C	solar system	Used 14 times in this book.
4	B	variable	Used 8 times in this book.
5	A	information technology (as in: IT or Information Technology)	Used 14 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
6	A	benefactor	Used 16 times in this book.
7	A	proprietary	Used 13 times in this book.
8	C	factor (as in: factor it into your thinking)	2 meanings in this book.
9	B	factor (as in: It was the deciding factor.)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	continuous	Used 7 times in this book.
11	A	kinetic	Used 4 times in this book.
12	A	redundant	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
13	B	intuition	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
14	C	writ (as in: writ large)	2 meanings in this book.
15	A	writ (as in: writ from the court)	2 meanings in this book.
16	B	viscosity	Used 3 times in this book.
17	A	gradient	Used 7 times in this book.
18	B	habitat	Used 7 times in this book.
19	B	bacteria	Used 9 times in this book.
20	B	component	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.