

Lone Survivor

by Marcus Luttrell

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: approach (2), coalition, competent, convention, direct (3), establish (2), infidel, insurgent, literal, literally, mullah, nonetheless, optimistic, reconnaissance, remnant, technique



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	B
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18	C
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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. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
2. We need to **approach** this problem in a new way.
 - A. avoid
 - B. think about
 - C. assign
3. They don't have the strength alone. They will need to form a **coalition**.
 - A. a political group made up of different groups working together
 - B. a stronger political group created by defeating weaker groups
 - C. a strong political group that does not interact with other groups
4. She is **competent** on both violin and piano.
 - A. below average
 - B. sufficiently capable
 - C. outstanding
5. The country has signed the United Nations Convention against Torture.
 - A. a large conference or meeting
 - B. written international agreement
 - C. written study with findings
6. I would like to speak **directly** to the manager.
 - A. formally
 - B. personally
 - C. when convenient
7. She is easy to work with. She is **direct** in her communications and expectations.
 - A. straightforward
 - B. considerate
 - C. humble
8. The judge **directed** the jury to ignore the question.
 - A. asked
 - B. ordered
 - C. understood
9. Which word choice would help to establish a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
10. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
 - A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
11. We will defeat the **infidels** in a holy war.
 - A. cowards
 - B. aggressors
 - C. unbelievers

12. The insurgents fought against the government.
- A. members of an irregular armed force that fight a stronger force by sabotage and harassment
 - B. members of an army fighting outside of their home country
 - C. soldiers who fight for a country that is not their own in order to earn pay
13. It's dirty money--literally and figuratively.
- A. openly
 - B. actually
 - C. completely
14. That app did a literal translation, so idioms like "drop by" didn't make any sense when translated.
- A. word for word
 - B. foolish
 - C. exact
15. He is a mullah from Iran.
- A. religious teacher
 - B. tribal leader
 - C. business person
16. The class was hard. It was nonetheless my favorite.
- A. despite that
 - B. because of that
 - C. for that reason
17. She keeps telling me her chances of dying in a car accident are 1 in 150, but I keep telling her that's too optimistic if she drives after drinking.
- A. hopeful
 - B. gloomy
 - C. simplistic
18. Satellite reconnaissance indicates they are building a nuclear facility.
- A. delivery of supplies
 - B. construction project
 - C. scouting for information
19. The Yuan dynasty conquered the last remnant of the Song dynasty in 1279.
- A. of those appearing after others
 - B. of the little that remained
 - C. group at maximum strength
20. One technique I use for dealing with anger is to wait ten seconds before responding.
- A. way of doing something
 - B. habit
 - C. solution to anger

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 **Nonetheless** we had to drive through the city in an unprotected vehicle over another causeway, the Sheik Hamad, named for the emir.
A. in spite of that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
C. therefore (for that reason)
- 2 I stand ready to bring the full spectrum of combat power to bear in order to achieve my mission and the goals **established** by my country.
A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
B. set
C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 3 Slowly, during the course of the day, we **established** there was a small American base two miles away.
A. accepted someone's membership though a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
B. examined an issue, got opinions by asking specific questions; and/or asked people for political support individually
C. learned
- 4 I was one of 146,000 American and **coalition** troops in there, under the command of General Tommy Franks.
A. a political group made up of different groups working together
B. an expert who shares professional opinions in a specific field
C. the act of being in a working position; or the act of starting
- 5 Our primary mission was special surveillance and **reconnaissance**, photographing hot spots and danger areas using unbelievable photographic lenses.
A. a powerful stimulant drug that increases activity in the brain and nervous system -- often addictive
B. aka natural right -- a right that is naturally due because of human nature and the natural condition
C. the act of exploring or information produced by such exploration -- especially for military purposes
- 6 That was really where we were blooded for battle, combing those urban streets, flushing out **insurgents** wherever they hid.
A. members of an irregular armed force that fight a stronger force by sabotage and harassment
B. the science related to DNA sequences or units of heredity that influence biological traits
C. streaks of light in the sky caused by small space rocks burning up in Earth's atmosphere
- 7 He was first up, **literally** dragging me away.
A. meticulously (with great care for small details)
B. actually (not figuratively; not an exaggeration)
C. in a manner that accepts as true (without proof)
- 8 The **literal** translation of lokhay warkawal is "giving of a pot." ... Lokhay means not only providing care and shelter, it means an unbreakable commitment to defend that wounded man to the death.
A. word for word
B. not important
C. flavorfulness
- 9 Everything I learned beyond the schoolroom, down from my early years, seems to have **directed** me to Coronado.
A. helped make clear
B. guided
C. thought carefully
- 10 Their policies concerning human rights were outrageous and brought them into **direct** conflict with the international community.
A. clear
B. the state or degree of being very large
C. meticulousness (care for small details)

- 11 *We made our way in the dark down to a different house and stepped off the trail **directly** onto the roof.*
A. in a manner that is appropriate or related in size, amount, or degree
B. straight (without anything in between)
C. in a manner that is not sexually attractive, or persuasively tempting
- 12 *Their original leader was a village clergyman named **Mullah** Mohammad Omar, a tough guy who lost his right eye fighting the occupying forces of the Soviet Union in the 1980s.*
A. a Muslim religious teacher or leader
B. lacking experience or sophistication
C. a basic type of ecological community
- 13 *We were on our final **approach** to the enormous U.S. base at Bagram.*
A. change the direction of something or the purpose for which it is used
B. route (way to get somewhere)
C. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
- 14 *If a couple of those Taliban came around that corner to my left, the only way to **approach** me, and they had any form of light, I'd be like a jackrabbit caught in someone's headlights.*
A. get near
B. create dramatic change
C. mirror back (an image)
- 15 *That second week was very hard for a lot of guys, and my memory is clear: the instructors preached **competence** in all techniques and exercises.*
A. allowed
B. ability
C. dangers
- 16 *Down we all dropped again and went back to work with the last **remnants** of our strength, counting the push-ups.*
A. most important; or people that are most important
B. small amounts that remains after the rest is gone
C. people who do not believe in the existence of god
- 17 *His words to us were packed with meaning, edged with menace, but nonetheless **optimistic**.*
A. expecting the best; or focusing on the good part of things
B. in a manner of accepting something as true (without proof)
C. relating separately to the people or things just mentioned
- 18 *We were perfecting **techniques** in hydrology, learning tide levels and demographics of the ocean floor.*
A. ways of doing things
B. wrong understandings
C. acts of hiring again
- 19 *In the end they assume they will rid their holy Muslim soil of the **infidel** invaders.*
A. a drug that calms or puts to sleep; or describing something as calming
B. the reason for doing something; or the level of desire to do something
C. negative term for someone who does not believe in the "right" religion
- 20 *By the way, if anyone should dare to utter the words Geneva **Convention** while I'm writing this, I might more or less lose control.*
A. someone who expresses disapproval
B. an international agreement
C. purpose, job, or natural activity

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	nonetheless	Used 10 times in this book.
2	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	A	coalition	Used 4 times in this book.
5	C	reconnaissance	Used 7 times in this book.
6	A	insurgent	Used 13 times in this book.
7	B	literally (<i>as in: literally--not figuratively</i>)	Used 8 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	literal (<i>as in: a literal translation</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
9	B	direct (<i>as in: direct a question; or direct a film</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
10	A	direct (<i>as in: gave a direct answer</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
11	B	direct (<i>as in: directly above; or buy direct</i>)	Used 52 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
12	A	mullah	Used 3 times in this book.
13	B	approach (<i>as in: use the best approach</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 7 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	competent	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
16	B	remnant	Used 8 times in this book.
17	A	optimistic	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
18	A	technique	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
19	C	infidel	Used 9 times in this book.
20	B	convention (<i>as in: The Geneva Convention</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.