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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:** alcove, analogy, bizarre, disgruntled, dominate, hubris, hysteria, infatuated, intimidate, intricate, intuition, irony, mentor, monologue, nonchalant, ornate, positive (2), prodigious, serene



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	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. We shared an intimate dinner in one of the restaurant's **alcoves**.
  - A. outdoor patios
  - B. spacious rooms
  - C. recessed or secluded spaces
2. An **analogy** can make a complex problem seem simpler by comparing it to a similar situation.
  - A. comparison of similar things
  - B. summary of key arguments
  - C. list of opposite traits
3. She won one of those **bizarre** contests designed by Guinness Book of World Records.
  - A. present in great quantity
  - B. exceedingly odd or unusual
  - C. critical (full of criticism)
4. Since the change, many **disgruntled** employees complain of worsening working conditions.
  - A. veteran
  - B. loyal
  - C. unhappy
5. She completely **dominates** her boyfriend.
  - A. worships
  - B. obeys
  - C. controls
6. Her **hubris** led to the collapse of the company.
  - A. excessive confidence
  - B. tendency to fight
  - C. excessive ambition
7. The worst legislation is passed when voters are whipped into a state of **hysteria**.
  - A. uncontrollable emotion
  - B. extreme anger
  - C. complete confusion
8. He was **infatuated** with the new singer and talked about her constantly.
  - A. foolishly fascinated
  - B. openly annoyed
  - C. slightly informed
9. She was **intimidated** by the formality of her first board meeting.
  - A. made fearful
  - B. made welcome
  - C. quite amused
10. The law in that area is **intricate**. I suggest you talk with a lawyer.
  - A. outdated
  - B. predictable
  - C. complicated
11. **Intuitively**, I knew not to trust her.
  - A. logically
  - B. instinctively
  - C. conclusively
12. **Ironically**, her strongest supporters undermined her popularity through their extremism.
  - A. when what happens is exactly what usually happens
  - B. when what happens is very different than what might be expected
  - C. when what happens is very fitting for the situation

13. The famous professor mentored her during her years in graduate school.
- A. graded essays by
  - B. personally advised
  - C. lectured to
14. Our conversation became more of a monologue on her part.
- A. speech
  - B. complaint
  - C. pity party
15. How could she be so nonchalant about making him suffer?
- A. dishonset
  - B. unconcerned
  - C. happy
16. It was the most ornate building I've ever seen.
- A. ancient
  - B. boring
  - C. decorated
17. Volunteering had a positive impact on the whole neighborhood.
- A. good or beneficial
  - B. harmful or damaging
  - C. minor and unnoticed
18. I appreciate your positive attitude.
- A. patient
  - B. open-minded
  - C. optimistic
19. The young pianist showed prodigious talent at her very first recital.
- A. carefully practiced
  - B. barely noticeable
  - C. remarkably great
20. She remained serene even when he was yelling at her.
- A. unmoved
  - B. calm
  - C. aggressive

# 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 *Looking around I felt a small measure of relief that K and I were the only ones in the math hall, and then I had to choke back what I knew was **hysterical** laughter.*
  - A. exceedingly funny (resulting in uncontrollable laughter); or exhibiting excessive, uncontrollable emotion
  - B. when what happens is very different than what might be expected; or when things seem incongruous together
  - C. marked by a colonnade (series of regularly spaced columns) surrounding a building or enclosing a courtyard
- 2 *I tried to sound normal and **nonchalant**.*
  - A. sensible and careful
  - B. calm and unconcerned
  - C. sincerity (realness)
- 3 *I could feel them press against me as they twirled and moved with graceful, **intricate** steps around and around the shadowy image of a Cherokee campfire.*
  - A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
  - B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
  - C. complicated -- having many complexly arranged elements
- 4 *Each fledgling is paired with an adult **mentor**.*
  - A. to gradually destroy or change the purpose of something -- such as a government, institution, or rule
  - B. someone who guides and advises another who is less experienced; or the act of providing such guidance
  - C. a beam, bracket, or other structure supported only on one side; or to support something in that manner
- 5 *I hoped her **analogy** didn't have anything to do with Titanic-sized disasters.*
  - A. a comparison of different things to point to a shared characteristic
  - B. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
  - C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 6 *In a little **alcove** not far from me were two people.*
  - A. a room leading to a larger or more important room
  - B. extensive plain without trees (associated with eastern Russia and Siberia)
  - C. a recessed or secluded space -- such as in a room or garden
- 7 *And then something truly **bizarre** happened.*
  - A. the quality of disagreeing
  - B. exceedingly odd or unusual
  - C. able to meet and talk with
- 8 *It was the less **intimidating** of the two (and I was scared I'd see him).*
  - A. making fearful
  - B. briefly seeing
  - C. avoiding waste
- 9 *Vampyres **dominated** the arts,*
  - A. tried to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuaded
  - B. did not vote OR did not drink alcohol OR (more rarely) did not do something else
  - C. were most influential or powerful (in the area of)
- 10 *Each uniform had an **ornate** design embroidered in gold or silver on either its jacket breast pocket or blouse pocket.*
  - A. able to be taken on as one's own
  - B. indicating approval or agreement
  - C. having lots of decorative detail
- 11 *"I keep thinking that **hubris** is eventually going to bring Aphrodite down," Damien said.*
  - A. excessive pride, arrogance, or confidence
  - B. ability to accept as true (without proof)
  - C. characterized by having multiple purposes

- 12 I especially love Count Chocula—yet another vampyre irony.
- A. lymph node -- one of many bean-sized organs that filter bacteria and other toxins from circulating white-blood-cell filled lymph fluid
  - B. an amusing coincidence
  - C. someone who believe behavior should be guided by high ideals or standards -- often with the implication that the person is unrealistic
- 13 I blurted, totally overwhelmed by the schedule, but trying to keep a positive attitude.
- A. unable to get closer to
  - B. not sensible or careful
  - C. optimistic or agreeable
- 14 I'm thinkin' only positive things, like how great it would be if Zoey was leader of the Dark Daughters.
- A. good
  - B. not representative
  - C. impossible to find
- 15 I think Professor Nolan has just begun working on monologues.
- A. long uninterrupted speeches
  - B. social events or ceremonies
  - C. reasons for doing something
- 16 She was staring at me with huge eyes and she definitely looked disgruntled.
- A. not made different; or shown to be different
  - B. not changed directly from a solid to a vapor
  - C. dissatisfied - typically unhappy and annoyed
- 17 Okay, there's no need to forever make fun of my unfortunate ex-infatuation with Leonardo.
- A. deeply but often foolishly in love with or obsessed with someone or something
  - B. a psychologist concerned with the treatment of abnormal thinking and behavior
  - C. a stone shaped like a disk that spins and is used to grind, sharpen or polish
- 18 "Yeah, the circle was prodigious," Erin said.
- A. in a manner of taking on or adopting power or responsibility
  - B. producing a stream of atomic particles through nuclear decay
  - C. enormous
- 19 Her voice was serene, but filled with commanding strength.
- A. not straightforward
  - B. calm and untroubled
  - C. not done on purpose
- 20 The intuitive voice inside me that had become familiar was screaming.
- 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

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	hysteria	Used 5 times in this book.
2	B	nonchalant	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
3	C	intricate	Used 3 times in this book.
4	B	mentor	High-utility academic word; used 18 times in this book.
5	A	analogy	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
6	C	alcove	Used 6 times in this book.
7	B	bizarre ( <i>as in: is bizarre</i> )	Used 10 times in this book.
8	A	intimidate	Used 4 times in this book.
9	C	dominate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	C	ornate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
11	A	hubris	Used 3 times in this book.
12	B	irony ( <i>as in: situational irony</i> )	Used 6 times in this book.
13	C	positive ( <i>as in: a positive attitude</i> )	3 meanings in this book.
14	A	positive ( <i>as in: had a positive effect</i> )	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
15	A	monologue	Used 18 times in this book.
16	C	disgruntled	Used 2 times in this book.
17	A	infatuated	Used 3 times in this book.
18	C	prodigious	Used 3 times in this book.
19	B	serene	Used 3 times in this book.
20	B	intuition	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.