

My Name is Legion

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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: adapt, adapted, analogy, appropriate, approximate, conjecture, contradict, deemed, ethos, function (3), infer, irrational, phenomenon, revise, sequence, tacit, vengeance, with a vengeance



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	A
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8	A
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17	B
18	C
19	C
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. This passage is **adapted** from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
 - A. copied
 - B. read
 - C. changed
2. The human spine is not as **well adapted** to walking upright as we would like.
 - A. well suited
 - B. known widely
 - C. insured
3. 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
4. Congress **appropriated** additional funds for airport improvement.
 - A. raised through taxes
 - B. set aside
 - C. discussed spending
5. The circumference of the earth is **approximately** 24,900 miles at the equator.
 - A. exactly
 - B. commonly mistaken as
 - C. about
6. It is important to distinguish between **conjecture** and fact.
 - A. fantasy
 - B. theory
 - C. popularity
7. Does the sentence **contradict** what is said in the previous paragraph?
 - A. disagree with
 - B. reinforce
 - C. expand upon
8. The chemical was **deemed** unsafe to use in children's products.
 - A. judged
 - B. manufactured
 - C. tested
9. She admired the team's **ethos** of collaboration over competition.
 - A. winning streak or record
 - B. marketing motto or slogan
 - C. core value or spirit
10. Scientist do not know all the **functions** that the nutrient performs.
 - A. mathematical calculations
 - B. natural activities
 - C. transitions in form
11. My brain does not **function** as well when I'm under stress.
 - A. work
 - B. feel
 - C. have fun
12. The program has a **built-in function** that does that with a single user request.
 - A. predictable value
 - B. computer code that performs a specific task
 - C. formula that describes a relationship between variables

13. The meaning of the word can be inferred based on context clues.
- A. different
 - B. figured out
 - C. converted
14. I have an irrational fear of heights.
- A. reasonable
 - B. varying
 - C. unreasonable
15. The **phenomenon** was first noticed by Marie Curie.
- A. thing of interest
 - B. thing that is growing
 - C. thing that is hidden
16. Do you think the writer should revise the underlined sentence?
- A. remove
 - B. highlight
 - C. improve
17. The **sequence** of events in the novel kept the readers engaged and eager to find out what happens next.
- A. brief summary
 - B. order or series
 - C. random collection
18. We have a **tacit** agreement.
- A. reasonable
 - B. clear
 - C. implied
19. Her evolutionary benefit theory of **vengeance** is supported by studies showing that a person's desire for revenge increases when others see their mistreatment.
- A. fairness
 - B. status
 - C. revenge
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 I worked for about ten minutes, and the drifting capsule hundreds of fathoms beneath us began to **function** once again.
 - A. work or operate
 - B. think carefully
 - C. strongly desire
- 2 Prophet, seer, philosopher, musician, there is no man-made word I know of to describe this sort of one, or the **function** he performs.
 - A. someone who expresses disapproval
 - B. job
 - C. the act of recognizing difference
- 3 ...you could always argue that no matter how elaborate the program, it was basically an extension of the programmer's will and the operations of causal machines merely represented **functions** of intelligence, rather than intelligence in its own right backed by a will of its own.
 - A. requests for supernatural help -- especially prayers to God
 - B. computer code modules each of which perform a specific task
 - C. stock markets during times of generally rising stock values
- 4 A deadly force was to be employed, atomic energy, to release an even more powerful **phenomenon**, live magma, which seethed and bubbled now miles beneath the sea itself.
 - A. something that exists or happened -- often of special interest
 - B. something that was once small, but is getting very large
 - C. something important that is hard to see or sense
- 5 Depth, **approximately** 175 fathoms.
 - A. relating to the outside
 - B. cheerfully and friendly
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 6 But things like this never get the **appropriations**.
 - A. attention
 - B. budget
 - C. study
- 7 So they attempted to **adapt** the basic techniques to the needs of a larger race.
 - A. to spread one-sided information to influence opinions
 - B. alter the regular state of an otherwise stable system
 - C. change to fit a different situation; or make suitable
- 8 They are beautiful, friendly creatures, so **well adapted** to their environment that they don't have to mess it up in order to lead the life they seem to enjoy.
 - A. well suited
 - B. restraining
 - C. surrendered
- 9 Personal **vengeance**, perhaps.
 - A. something that stands out
 - B. something made from parts
 - C. the act of taking revenge
- 10 Others take it up late in life with a **vengeance** and a half.
 - A. available cash
 - B. with intensity
 - C. very important
- 11 The **inference** ...
 - A. someone who expresses disapproval
 - B. conclusion (reached by reasoning)
 - C. purpose, job, or natural activity

- 12 *Now it was sinister, bringing a fear that was none the less real for my knowing it to be irrational, to the accompaniment of sensory distortions that must have caused me to reel as I ran.*
- A. not pleasing
 - B. sticking out
 - C. unreasonable
- 13 *"You are miserable because you sweat most obscenely," Deems observed.*
- A. believes or judges
 - B. influences opinion
 - C. takes on or adopts
- 14 *I only have a few conjectures.*
- A. controls in advance (how something will turn out)
 - B. guesses (opinions based on inconclusive evidence)
 - C. things or characteristics that are bad or harmful
- 15 *At this point, we do not really understand their ethos or their particular ways of viewing life.*
- A. the belief in doing things the way they have generally been done in the past
 - B. good or bad consequence believed to reward or punish behavior metaphysically
 - C. the set of beliefs, values, or spirit that defines a group, culture, or time
- 16 *Of tacit blackmail in me implied imperative?*
- A. certain
 - B. outside
 - C. implied
- 17 *The material establishes its own routes in a fashion analogous to the functioning of the brain when it is learning something.*
- A. similar in some respect
 - B. unable to get closer to
 - C. not sensible or careful
- 18 *"Yes?" she asked, and I revised my estimate as to the age of the photo.*
- A. adapted
 - B. delayed
 - C. changed
- 19 *Try to imagine the conflicts, the contradictions involved in being four people at once ...*
- A. things that disagree with themselves; or (more rarely) acts of disagreeing
 - B. things about which one feels angry or unhappy due to having to accept them
 - C. acts of move something out of an interacting position; or acts of stopping
- 20 *"You would have to do them in sequence, though, or it could get mighty hot," I said.*
- A. tell someone about something
 - B. arranged in a specific order
 - C. something repeated regularly

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	function (<i>as in: can't function well without sleep</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
2	B	function (<i>as in: Its main function is to...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
3	B	function (<i>as in: Amazon's new search function</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
4	A	phenomenon	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
5	C	approximate	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
6	B	appropriate (<i>as in: Congress will appropriate funds</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	adapted (<i>as in: the species is well adapted for</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	C	vengeance (<i>as in: vengeance is mine</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	B	with a vengeance (<i>as in: with a vengeance</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	B	infer	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
12	C	irrational	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
13	A	deemed	Used 16 times in this book.
14	B	conjecture	Used 5 times in this book.
15	C	ethos	Used 3 times in this book.
16	C	tacit	Used 2 times in this book.
17	A	analogy	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
18	C	revise	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	A	contradict	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	B	sequence	Used 5 times in this book.