

Nine Princes in Amber

by Roger Zelazny

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: acquire, amnesia, assail, ballad, coherent, grovel, guile, immortal, imply, inquire, loath, nevertheless, nostalgia, parry, perish, ponder, recollect, relinquish, subsequent, yield



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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2	B
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20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. They are working to **acquire** nuclear weapons.
 - A. obtain (get)
 - B. eliminate (get rid of)
 - C. disguise or hide
2. **Amnesia** is much more common in the movies than it is in life.
 - A. a minor gunshot wound
 - B. loss of memory
 - C. love at first sight
3. She took every opportunity to **assail** the policy.
 - A. study
 - B. attack
 - C. understand
4. The old **ballad** told the tragic tale of two lovers separated by war.
 - A. traditional short story
 - B. dramatic performance on stage
 - C. song that tells a story
5. Her argument is **coherent**.
 - A. unreasonable
 - B. fragmented
 - C. sensible and clear
6. Hoping for forgiveness, he **groveled** instead of calmly admitting his mistake.
 - A. acted overly submissive
 - B. spoke with confidence
 - C. refused to apologize
7. She had the **guile** to lie directly to his face.
 - A. necessity
 - B. cunning and deceit
 - C. ambition
8. She believes we have an **immortal** soul.
 - A. conflicted
 - B. perfect in every way
 - C. lasting forever
9. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
 - A. hinted
 - B. insisted
 - C. denied
10. I am here to **inquire** about the job.
 - A. answer questions
 - B. ask about
 - C. perform a task
11. Though they **loath** to admit it, there are serious divides splitting the party.
 - A. are eager
 - B. are reluctant
 - C. are excited
12. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
 - A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition

13. My parents are sometimes nostalgic about their college days.
- A. secretive
 - B. longing
 - C. bitter
14. The fencer managed to parry every thrust his opponent attempted.
- A. launch or throw
 - B. watch or admire
 - C. deflect or block
15. We can work together or perish separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
16. We pondered our fate.
- A. thought about
 - B. feared for
 - C. actively changed
17. I don't recollect her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember
18. I am relinquishing my bedroom to our house guest
- A. giving up
 - B. showing
 - C. preventing entry to
19. The results of the initial investigation were unclear, but a subsequent investigation concluded that she used good judgment.
- A. thorough
 - B. official
 - C. following
20. The experiment yielded data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down

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 The thought came to **assail** me: Maybe not.
 - A. hire again or occupy again
 - B. to attack or cause trouble
 - C. learn, discover, or decide
- 2 Nevertheless.
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 3 This had been **subsequent** to an auto accident some fifteen or so days past, in which I had suffered broken bones which no longer troubled me.
 - A. able to take on or adopt
 - B. the state of being awake
 - C. following something else
- 4 I've still so recently recovered that I have much **pondering** to do.
 - A. thinking deeply or carefully about
 - B. finding, searching, or researching
 - C. learning, discovering, or deciding
- 5 I **parried** and cut a few times.
 - A. changed
 - B. delayed
 - C. avoided
- 6 The cards were so very cold on my fingertips that I put them down again, though with a certain sense of reluctance at having to **relinquish** their touch.
 - A. gave up or let go
 - B. influence opinion
 - C. differ; or change
- 7 The word was charged with a mighty longing and a massive **nostalgia**.
 - A. the best or most important
 - B. longing for something past
 - C. a secret agreement or plot
- 8 I didn't want to sound like a dunce or a withholder of crucial information, but I had to tell him, for my sake as well as his own, when I realized what her statements **implied**.
 - A. suggested (said indirectly)
 - B. not wanting to do something
 - C. was attractive or desirable
- 9 The car was quite tall now, and we had somewhere **acquired** a hood ornament in the shape of a flamingo.
 - A. obtained (came into possession of)
 - B. not provided with investment funds
 - C. not interacting; or not interested
- 10 May I **inquire** why you are here, rather than there?
 - A. interact again or interest again
 - B. ask about or look into something
 - C. genetic change through evolution
- 11 I haven't had a good **grovel** in weeks!
 - A. show submission or fear
 - B. gradually add or remove
 - C. not possible to satisfy
- 12 I had head injuries—I'll show you the scars when we've got more light—and I am suffering from **amnesia**.
 - A. gets closer to
 - B. loss of memory
 - C. small kitchens

- 13 We were **loath** to step out into the open until we had located the precise spot, Faiella-bionin, the Stairway to Rebma, and could cross quickly to it.
- A. able to be protected or kept unchanged
 - B. reluctant or unwilling to do something
 - C. able to accept as true (without proof)
- 14 It is to restore his remembrance that we have come here, to bring back his **recollection** of the old days, that he might oppose Eric in Amber.
- A. battle
 - B. result
 - C. memory
- 15 "I doubt it," she said, "for the **ballads** of Corwin do touch upon the strings of the heart."
- A. people who believe that knowledge is acquired primarily by reason rather than by experience
 - B. formulas (mathematical expressions--each of which describe a relationship between variables)
 - C. a song (or poem) that tells a story or expresses strong feelings -- typically slow in tempo
- 16 She led me to her rooms, but discovered there that I had no money and was **incoherent**.
- A. related to the change of a light wave (or other wave) when it passes an opaque edge or narrow opening
 - B. related to a scale where each step is a multiple of the prior step rather than a fixed addition to it
 - C. not sensible or clear; or describing parts as not fitting together in a consistent or pleasing manner
- 17 But as a tactician, I had always thought him brilliant; and when he laid out the maps of Amber and the outlying Country which he himself had drawn, and when he had explained the tactics to be employed therein, I knew that he was a prince of Amber, almost matchless in his **guile**.
- A. prepare food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
 - B. cunning (shrewdness and cleverness) and deceitful
 - C. treat as a particular type that is considered bad
- 18 If we made it, they would be feted forever in the halls of the **immortals**.
- A. tiles designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
 - B. instances of taking on or adopting of power or responsibility
 - C. people who live forever OR people famous throughout history
- 19 "Not even were you to **yield**—" and he bit it off and cursed.
- A. produce or give
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 20 Then mine, should he **perish**.
- A. move into position to work; or start
 - B. die, be destroyed, or cease to exist
 - C. to spread to other parts of the body

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	assail	Used 2 times in this book.
2	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	C	subsequent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
4	A	ponder	Used 3 times in this book.
5	C	parry	Used 15 times in this book.
6	A	relinquish	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
7	B	nostalgia	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
8	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
9	A	acquire	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
10	B	inquire	Used 6 times in this book.
11	A	grovel	Used 2 times in this book.
12	B	amnesia	Used 2 times in this book.
13	B	loath	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
15	C	ballad	Used 6 times in this book.
16	C	coherent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
17	B	guile	Used 2 times in this book.
18	C	immortal	Used 6 times in this book.
19	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.