

# Prisoner B-3087

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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:** accede, anonymous, deport, devour, focus, Hitler, liberate, liquidate, meager, Nazi, perish, ration, refuge, reprieve, resolve (2), revere, solemn, sustain, yearn



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
3	B
4	B
5	A
6	C
7	B
8	B
9	C
10	A
11	B
12	A
13	A
14	B
15	C
16	A
17	B
18	A
19	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. The council was reluctant to **accede**, but public pressure was overwhelming.
  - A. disagree
  - B. act
  - C. agree
2. It is one of the **anonymous** houses on an uninteresting street.
  - A. stubbornly unyielding to the wishes of others
  - B. determined not to change a decision or belief
  - C. lacking individuality or interesting features
3. She appealed the **deportation**.
  - A. large fine
  - B. order to leave
  - C. unfavorable decision
4. The lions **devoured** the antelope.
  - A. killed
  - B. ate
  - C. caught
5. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
  - A. concentrating
  - B. depending
  - C. getting help
6. Hitler convinced many Germans that they were better than other peoples.
  - A. German philosopher during World War II
  - B. German general during World War II
  - C. Nazi dictator during World War II
7. She writes to **liberate** her readers from social conformity.
  - A. teach
  - B. free
  - C. instruct
8. After the company declared bankruptcy, it was forced to **liquidate** all its assets to pay back creditors.
  - A. protect from damage
  - B. sell for cash
  - C. combine into one group
9. She works part time to contribute to the family's **meager** income.
  - A. mixed
  - B. extra
  - C. small
10. There are still racists who call themselves **Nazis** today.
  - A. Hitler's political party in World War II
  - B. Russian security agency during World War II
  - C. Italian security agency during World War II
11. We can work together or **perish** separately.
  - A. work
  - B. die
  - C. fail

12. During the Second World War, products such as food and gasoline were rationed in the United States, so more resources could be devoted to the war effort.
- A. restricted in the amount each person could have
  - B. set at a high price only the military could afford
  - C. imported in small amounts from many countries
13. She took refuge from the sun under a beautiful oak tree.
- A. protection
  - B. shade
  - C. warmth
14. Unrest continues with no reprieve of the violence in sight.
- A. disapproval
  - B. relief
  - C. strengthening
15. I resolved to never drink again.
- A. was forced
  - B. was encouraged
  - C. firmly decided
16. She is testing my resolve to keep a good attitude.
- A. determination
  - B. ability
  - C. optimism
17. She reveres nature and all that is natural.
- A. dislikes and avoids
  - B. deeply respects
  - C. thoroughly enjoys
18. Everyone was solemn at the funeral.
- A. serious and dignified
  - B. teary eyed
  - C. dressed in dark colors
19. The donation will sustain our efforts to help the homeless.
- A. disrupt
  - B. finalize
  - C. support
20. I yearn for more independence.
- A. fear
  - B. desire
  - C. work

## 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 **Hitler** was always talking about the "Jewish menace" and how Germany and the rest of Europe should be "Jew free."
  - A. German inventor of the modern rocket
  - B. founder of Ku Klux Klan
  - C. German Nazi dictator during World War II
- 2 *The Nazis were walling us in.*
  - A. Hitler's followers
  - B. German citizens
  - C. military allies
- 3 *My friends, I come to you with a terrible request, but one which I have no choice but to **accede** to. The Nazis have ordered me to give them seven thousand Jews, to be deported from the Krakow ghetto tomorrow morning.*
  - A. completely ignore
  - B. argue forcefully against
  - C. reluctantly accept
- 4 *"Yanek, my son," he said, looking at me **solemnly**, "you are a man now, with all the duties of an adult under Jewish law. You are now responsible for your own sins, but also for your own goodness."*
  - A. in a very serious manner
  - B. in a very thoughtful manner
  - C. in a very unexpected manner
- 5 *Unless everyone comes to Zgody Square for selection, this ghetto will be **liquidated**!*
  - A. organized
  - B. eliminated
  - C. inspected
- 6 *If I had gone straight home, if I had gone out to get our **rations** with my mother and father, things might have turned out very differently than they did.*
  - A. fixed portions of food
  - B. work requirements
  - C. fence posts
- 7 *The streets of the ghetto were empty when I finally headed home that day. The emptiness could only mean one thing—another **Deportation**.*
  - A. unfavorable decision
  - B. forced removal
  - C. a coming storm
- 8 *I **resolved** then and there not to speak again until I could find Moshe and talk to him privately.*
  - A. was encouraged
  - B. was forced
  - C. firmly decided
- 9 *I had been so **resolved** to fight back, but I knew then that I wouldn't. To suffer quietly hurt only you. To suffer angrily—to fight back—was to bring hurt and pain and death to others.*
  - A. determined
  - B. afraid
  - C. hesitant
- 10 *From now on, you have no name, no personality, no family, no friends. Do you understand? Nothing to identify you, nothing to care about. Not if you want to survive. You must be **anonymous** to these monsters.*
  - A. determined not to change
  - B. stubbornly unyielding
  - C. lacking individuality

- 11 *The work was brutal, and the food too meager to sustain me.*  
A. impersonal  
B. uncooked  
C. little
- 12 *The work was brutal, and the food too meager to sustain me.*  
A. improve  
B. satisfy  
C. support
- 13 *The tight little crawl space under the floorboards suddenly felt like a coffin, like I was already dead and buried. My refuge from the nightmare of Plaszow was now a trap.*  
A. safe shelter  
B. warm shelter  
C. dry shelter
- 14 *There were dozens of them, rag-and-bone skeletons who had perished of hunger, or thirst, or the cold, or suffocation, or overwork.*  
A. suffered  
B. died  
C. escaped
- 15 *Water rained down on me. Freezing water so cold it made me scream. Water! Not gas! I was going to live! We celebrated as we shivered, hugging one another and shaking hands, all of us granted a last-minute reprieve by the Nazis.*  
A. secret escape  
B. temporary relief  
C. sign of approval
- 16 *I was going to be alive when the Allies liberated us.*  
A. looked after  
B. set free  
C. called out
- 17 *I tried to block out everything else and focused on putting one foot in front of the other.*  
A. concentrated  
B. avoided  
C. dreamed
- 18 *I saw a loaf of bread on the doorstep of another house, but it was gone before I could get it—snatched up by starving prisoners and devoured on the spot.*  
A. taken selfishly  
B. eaten rapidly  
C. split fairly
- 19 *I picked up the toothbrush reverently and cried as I held it in my hands. I remembered that day, standing at the pump in the camp—which camp had it been?—when I wondered when I had ever been so fortunate as to have something so simple as a toothbrush.*  
A. with disbelief or doubt  
B. with deep respect or awe  
C. with extreme happiness
- 20 *I would always yearn for them and remember them, but there was nothing left for me in Europe but ghosts.*  
A. worry  
B. long  
C. fear

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	Hitler ( <i>as in: Adolf Hitler</i> )	Used 5 times in this book.
2	A	Nazi	Used 182 times in this book.
3	C	accede ( <i>as in: accede to her suggestion</i> )	
4	A	solemn	Used about 17 times per 10 books in our high school library.
5	B	liquidate	Used 7 times in this book.
6	A	ration	Used 8 times in this book.
7	B	deport ( <i>as in: deport from the U.S.</i> )	Used 14 times in this book.
8	C	resolve ( <i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	resolve ( <i>as in: Her resolve weakened.</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	anonymous ( <i>as in: an anonymous, uninteresting house</i> )	Used 3 times in this book.
11	C	meager	Used 2 times in this book.
12	C	sustain ( <i>as in: sustained by her faith</i> )	High-utility academic word
13	A	refuge	Used 2 times in this book.
14	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	B	reprieve	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
16	B	liberate	Used 2 times in this book.
17	A	focus ( <i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
18	B	devour ( <i>as in: devoured three sandwiches</i> )	High-utility academic word
19	B	revere	High-utility academic word
20	B	yearn	Used about 9 times per 10 books in our high school library.