

# Red Prophet

by Orson Scott Card

## 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:** antidote, approach (2), audacious, baptism, fawn, heathen, heed, however (2), inquisition, malice, massacre, prophecy, scorn, squatter, subjugate, treason, vigor, yield



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	A
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4	B
5	A
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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. Laughter can be a good **antidote** for stress.
  - A. poison
  - B. cure
  - C. toxin
2. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
  - A. gets nearer
  - B. is remembered
  - C. continues
3. We need to **approach** this problem in a new way.
  - A. avoid
  - B. think about
  - C. assign
4. It is an **audacious** plan.
  - A. likely to succeed
  - B. bold and daring
  - C. improperly considered
5. The baby's **baptism** took place at the local church on Sunday.
  - A. religious ceremony
  - B. first birthday party
  - C. doctor's appointment
6. She tried not to **fawn** over the famous actor when he visited the school.
  - A. flatter too much
  - B. argue angrily
  - C. speak honestly
7. The Spanish colony prohibited **heathen** worship.
  - A. religious
  - B. organized
  - C. non-Christian
8. She didn't **heed** the storm warnings and got caught in the heavy rain.
  - A. pass through
  - B. tell others of
  - C. pay attention to
9. I hope to take the ACT just once. **However**, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
  - A. but
  - B. also
  - C. and
10. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
  - A. on-the-other-hand
  - B. in addition
  - C. no matter how
11. The reporter's questions felt more like an **inquisition** than an interview.
  - A. friendly chat
  - B. formal apology
  - C. harsh questioning

12. Words can be like baseball bats when used maliciously against someone who is sensitive.
- A. carelessly
  - B. mockingly
  - C. evilly
13. The village suffered a brutal massacre during the long civil war.
- A. mass slaughter
  - B. tense standoff
  - C. quiet retreat
14. It was a self-fulfilling prophecy.
- A. profitable enterprise
  - B. prediction
  - C. explanation
15. That coach scorns students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
  - B. encourages
  - C. trains
16. In a few jurisdictions, squatters can gain legal title to property if they meet a series of requirements for a long enough period of time.
- A. illegal tenants
  - B. thieves
  - C. needy people
17. The Taliban wants total subjugation to their religious law.
- A. body temperature that is dangerously low
  - B. forced submission
  - C. gullibility (being too willing to believe)
18. Benedict Arnold was not captured after he committed treason.
- A. committing acts of sabotage
  - B. war crimes against civilians
  - C. betrayal of one's own country
19. The scientist pursued her research with vigor, determined to make a breakthrough discovery.
- A. outside help
  - B. energy and strength
  - C. persistent patience
20. After the scandal, she yielded to public pressure and resigned her position.
- A. added
  - B. gave in
  - C. produced

# 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 *Your enemy is up north of here, in the town of **Vigor Church**.*
  - A. lacking things most people enjoy
  - B. strength, energy, or good health
  - C. opposed to people who are Jewish
- 2 *You mean that fat hideous red-skinned **heathen** woman?*
  - A. the ability and tendency to determine what should be done and to start doing it without instruction; or to start something
  - B. the state of not being relevant (not related to the subject being considered, or not important enough to want to consider)
  - C. someone who is not civilized or not moral OR an offensive term for a person who does not believe in a preferred religion
- 3 *You forget that our enemy is the horde of illegal **squatters**, no matter what nation they come from, who have settled in the Red Reserve.*
  - A. people who live in an unoccupied place without the legal right
  - B. results or the processes of learning, discovering, or deciding
  - C. chemicals that trigger behaviors in others of the same species
- 4 *"South of France!" said Frederic **scornfully**.*
  - A. in a disrespectful or rejecting manner
  - B. in a manner that is not easily noticed
  - C. with grace of movement and flexibility
- 5 *Frederic, **however**, knew his station in life, and knew Bonaparte's as well, and Bonaparte would have to come to him.*
  - A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though, in spite of that, in contrast, nevertheless,* etc.
  - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
  - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 6 *All that matters is what you do with **however** many years you have.*
  - A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
  - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
  - C. whatever number of
- 7 *La Fayette was **fawning**, of course.*
  - A. showing excessive flattery or affection
  - B. making different; or showing difference
  - C. adjusting a lens to make an image clear
- 8 *The **antidote** to Bonaparte's charm.*
  - A. poison
  - B. cure
  - C. toxin
- 9 *I hope your **baptism** sets you on the right road—it's plain you've been a long time on the wrong one.*
  - A. a Christian ceremony signifying spiritual cleansing and rebirth
  - B. one of two defensive players who line up closest to the sideline to defend against passes -- especially to the wide receivers
  - C. something created -- typically a work of music or writing; or the act of creating such a work; or the structure of such a work
- 10 *and Loila-Wossiky knew that there was **malice and ridicule** in the voices that said it and the voices that laughed.*
  - A. not adjusting a lens to create a clear image
  - B. the quality of lacking exactness or accuracy
  - C. desire to see others suffer

- 11 The earth **yielded** to his feet as it did to other Red men, as it hadn't done for him in so many years; the grass rose up stronger where he stepped; the bushes parted for him, the leaves softened and yielded as he ran among the trees; and now he did cry out, shouted, sang, caring not at all who heard him.
- with rises and falls in pitch
  - gave in, gave way, or gave up
  - embarrassed or self-conscious
- 12 So when his ma went on and on about the Reds and how dangerous it was and how they might get killed, he didn't give no **heed**.
- a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
  - adjusted excessively or made up for excessively
  - pay close attention to; or do what is suggested
- 13 All his **prophecies** come true.
- interactions or interests
  - supernaturally obtained predictions of the future
  - things easily set on fire
- 14 So many times he had searched the crystal tower, trying to find some way to **approach** this day, some path that would lead to something good.
- change the direction of something or the purpose for which it is used
  - do (in a particular way)
  - to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
- 15 Taleswapper supported Alvin as they walked to the one place that let them **approach**; they climbed the gentle grassy rise between Mounds and crested the hill.
- get near
  - create dramatic change
  - mirror back (an image)
- 16 It wasn't war today, it was **massacre**,
- the savage and excessive killing of many people
  - to put someone into a state of hypnosis (a trance-like state of focused concentration and heightened suggestibility)
  - a method of artistic painting on a wall by using watercolors on wet plaster; or the painting made in such a manner
- 17 Ta-Kumsaw will thus avenge the blood of the slaughter at Tippy-Canoe, while we destroy the American army and **subjugate** the land from the Hio to Huron Lake.
- abundant or plentiful
  - force into submission
  - to strongly criticize
- 18 He has the arrogance of youth; there is no **treason** in his heart, I know it.
- easily set on fire
  - untied or released
  - betrayal
- 19 And always with him is a White boy who urges the Reds to be ever more brutal, who teaches them the secret methods of torture that used to be practiced by the Papist **Inquisitions** in Spain and Italy.
- secret political organizations of spies
  - military courts of a country ruled by the military
  - harsh and unfair historical religious investigations
- 20 "**Audacious! Offensive! To address me in this manner!**"
- strongly biased
  - offensively bold
  - material wealth

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	vigor	Used 33 times in this book.
2	C	heathen	Used 9 times in this book.
3	A	squatter	Used 2 times in this book.
4	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
5	A	however ( <i>as in: However, complications may...</i> )	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
6	C	however ( <i>as in: However much she tried...</i> )	3 meanings in this book.
7	A	fawn ( <i>as in: fawned all over her</i> )	Used 2 times in this book.
8	B	antidote	Used 2 times in this book.
9	A	baptism	Used 10 times in this book.
10	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	B	yield ( <i>as in: yield to pressure</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
12	C	heed	Used 4 times in this book.
13	B	prophecy	Used 7 times in this book.
14	B	approach ( <i>as in: use the best approach</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	approach ( <i>as in: approached the city</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
16	A	massacre	Used 12 times in this book.
17	B	subjugate	Used 2 times in this book.
18	C	treason	Used 8 times in this book.
19	C	inquisition	Used 2 times in this book.
20	B	audacious	Used 2 times in this book.