

# Resistance

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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:** acquire, atrocity, black market, commotion, complacent, comprehend, debris, distinct, earnest, estimate, genuine, harass, inevitable, marginal, naive, quell, ration, recite, synagogue, wary



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# ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	A
2	B
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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. They are working to **acquire** nuclear weapons.
  - A. obtain (get)
  - B. eliminate (get rid of)
  - C. disguise or hide
2. The historical record is filled with examples of **atrocities** committed in the name of high ideals.
  - A. actions that are exceptionally daring
  - B. actions that are exceptionally bad
  - C. actions that are exceptionally good
3. It's illegal to sell elephant ivory, but it is still sold in the **black market**.
  - A. late-night market
  - B. discount market
  - C. illegal market
4. Her entrance created quite a **commotion**.
  - A. disturbance
  - B. outburst of laughter
  - C. accident
5. This team could win State if they stay hungry instead of getting too **complacent**.
  - A. worried
  - B. distracted
  - C. satisfied
6. Washington fails to **comprehend** the change in China's strategy.
  - A. fully understand
  - B. regard respectfully
  - C. respond adequately to
7. Crews spent hours clearing **debris** from the highway after the crash.
  - A. intact structures
  - B. valuable items
  - C. scattered wreckage
8. Two **distinct** brain networks guide our judgments.
  - A. different
  - B. similar
  - C. identical
9. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
  - A. frivolous attitude
  - B. seriousness
  - C. falseness
10. Can you **estimate** the cost of the renovation?
  - A. officially approve
  - B. roughly calculate
  - C. publicly announce
11. She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
  - A. sincere (real)
  - B. fake
  - C. generous (giving)
12. She was **harassed** by the police.
  - A. imprisoned rapidly
  - B. interviewed formally
  - C. bothered repeatedly

13. The leaves fall each year with the inevitable change of the seasons.
- A. certain to happen
  - B. complete or total
  - C. minor
14. She was feeling marginally better after a day of rest, though still too weak to return to school.
- A. a little
  - B. a lot
  - C. sometimes
15. Being naive, she is too quick to believe what people say.
- A. honest
  - B. a pleaser
  - C. too trusting
16. The principal tried to quell the rumors before they spread further.
- A. put an end to
  - B. make louder
  - C. ask about
17. 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
18. The children recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- A. memorized
  - B. said aloud
  - C. listened to
19. In his speech at the synagogue, the President repeated that the United States will support Israel.
- A. Jewish school
  - B. Jewish house of worship
  - C. universal religious building
20. She looked wary as she reached out to pet her friend's new dog.
- A. determined
  - B. distrustful
  - C. excited

# 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 *Our national monuments were looted, **synagogues** were burned, and the bronze statue of our national poet, Adam Mickiewicz, was taken for scrap metal.*
  - A. images (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
  - B. places where members of the Jewish faith worship
  - C. electronic components that act as one-way valves
- 2 *Now that we were easily identified, we became easy marks for Poles or Germans who considered **harassment** a cheap form of entertainment.*
  - A. doubt (that something is true)
  - B. concern with practical matters
  - C. to repeatedly bother or attack
- 3 *We were supposed to meet Papa at the corner outside his shoe repair shop, but then we heard a **commotion** nearby.*
  - A. noisy disturbance
  - B. circular movement
  - C. size or dimension
- 4 *They refuse to believe it, or can't **comprehend** such horrors.*
  - A. understand -- especially to understand it completely
  - B. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
  - C. rug-like artwork -- often hung on a wall for display
- 5 *But if a family kept his body in hiding, they could use his **ration** card to get an extra share of food.*
  - A. a fixed share of something, especially scarce goods like food or fuel; or to limit and distribute something in fixed shares
  - B. to corrupt or seduce from virtue, duty, or allegiance OR excessive drinking, casual sex, and/or drug abuse while partying
  - C. remove or suppress anything considered obscene, immoral, or politically unacceptable OR a person who does such suppression
- 6 ***Acquiring** weapons and ammunition were the top priority, but medical supplies, money, and food would also be valuable.*
  - A. obtaining (coming into possession of)
  - B. strongly desiring; or a strong desire
  - C. changing to fit a different situation
- 7 *I felt him staring at it, wondering what he might get in exchange for a blanket on the **black market**.*
  - A. a period of time or a stage during the development of something
  - B. a measure of north/south (relative to the equator) on the earth
  - C. the coming together of people who buy and sell things illegally
- 8 *I'll bet I'm the only courier in Poland who can **recite** whole passages of the Torah and the Catholic Catechism.*
  - A. recommend or require what should be done OR (of a medical doctor) give medical instructions -- such as writing that a patient should take antibiotics
  - B. to say or read something aloud -- especially something previously memorized such as a poem

or:

  - C. fear, or anticipate with worry (commonly only seen in the forms "apprehensive" and "apprehension," but seen in this form in classic literature)
- 9 *The only thing masking the sound of our feet upon the metal was the one thing I wished it wasn't: gunfire on the streets, followed **inevitably** by wails of pain and suffering.*
  - A. with certainty that it will happen
  - B. in a manner that involves betrayal
  - C. following as a result of something

- 10 Her tone was **marginally** friendly, though her eye was almost constantly on Esther.
- slightly
  - very
  - happily
- 11 She looked at Esther again, too long, too **earnestly**.
- in a self-aware manner
  - sincerely or seriously
  - finally; or in the end
- 12 Before it came to that, I'd try to **quell** his suspicions.
- suppress or stop completely
  - develop or change gradually
  - pessimistic or disagreeable
- 13 There will come a time when everyone must account for their actions during this war. Some will be judged as evil, others as **complacent**. But I suspect the greatest number of us will fall to our knees and weep when we discover the full extent of the crimes being committed here.
- unable to get closer to
  - not sensible or careful
  - passively accepting of wrong
- 14 I'm afraid there's nothing any of us can do, for her or for any of the people caught up in these **atrocities**.
- actions that are exceptionally good or kind
  - actions that are exceptionally bad or cruel
  - instances of lacking good sense and caution
- 15 I looked into his eyes and felt myself **genuinely** smile, one of the few times I'd done that in weeks.
- really
  - mainly
  - wisely
- 16 We passed whole buildings that had been leveled to the ground during the Blitzkrieg, some of the back streets still impassable with **debris**.
- the act of treating or preparing food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
  - passages food and drink follow between the back of mouths and the stomachs
  - pieces of something that has been destroyed; or trash that is lying around
- 17 My first thought was a question, wondering why these two should be **wary** of each other, as strangers.
- able to be taken on as one's own
  - careful, nervous, or distrustful
  - indicating approval or agreement
- 18 I knew the question sounded **naive**, especially given all I'd seen as a courier, but I wanted to understand.
- the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together
  - the degree of being influenced by personal belief, feelings, or preferences (rather than being based purely upon fact)
  - lacking experience or sophistication, and the understanding that comes from them -- often too trusting or optimistic
- 19 I turned to see a square-built man in his early thirties with a **distinct** scar on the side of his face.
- clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
  - not capable of being better understood through detailed examination
  - unbelieving; or having difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 20 Estimates of our dead now numbered into the hundreds, far more than the number of Germans we'd killed.
- praises, glorifies, or honors OR fills with extreme happiness
  - rough calculations or guesses of values, quantities, or extents
  - predicts or discovers something supernaturally (as if by magic)

# ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	synagogue	Used 2 times in this book.
2	C	harass	Used 4 times in this book.
3	A	commotion	Used 4 times in this book.
4	A	comprehend	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
5	A	ration	Used 11 times in this book.
6	A	acquire	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
7	C	black market	Used 5 times in this book.
8	B	recite	Used 4 times in this book.
9	A	inevitable	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
10	A	marginal	Used 2 times in this book.
11	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	A	quell	Used 2 times in this book.
13	C	complacent	High-utility academic word
14	B	atrocities	Used 3 times in this book.
15	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
16	C	debris	Used 5 times in this book.
17	B	wary	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
18	C	naive	Used 5 times in this book.
19	A	distinct	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	B	estimate	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.

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