

School's Out – Forever

by James Patterson

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: adrenaline, anguish, antiseptic, appropriate, coherent, debris, earnest, hybrid, indignant, optimistic, preparatory, redundant, serene, squatter, stoic, suburban, vary, virtual, wistful, wry



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. She was still shaking from the **adrenaline** rush that came with the fright.
 - A. calming hormone
 - B. muscle protein
 - C. fight-or-flight hormone
2. Her guilt led to **anguish** until she committed her life to good.
 - A. extreme solitude
 - B. extreme distress
 - C. extreme depression
3. The nurse always wipes the skin with an **antiseptic** swab before administering a shot.
 - A. a substance used to clean wounds because it makes the pain go away
 - B. a pain killer
 - C. a substance used to clean wounds because it prevents infection by killing harmful bacteria
4. She **appropriated** my idea as her own.
 - A. built
 - B. bought
 - C. took
5. Her argument is **coherent**.
 - A. unreasonable
 - B. fragmented
 - C. sensible and clear
6. Crews spent hours clearing **debris** from the highway after the crash.
 - A. intact structures
 - B. valuable items
 - C. scattered wreckage
7. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - A. frivolous attitude
 - B. seriousness
 - C. falseness
8. The new **hybrid** combines features from sedans and SUVs in one vehicle.
 - A. exact copy of one source
 - B. mix of different types
 - C. single pure version
9. She was **indignant**, but she agreed to be searched when they accused her of shoplifting.
 - A. annoyed at something unjust
 - B. surprised at the unexpected
 - C. defensive about being suspected
10. She keeps telling me her chances of dying in a car accident are 1 in 150, but I keep telling her that's too **optimistic** if she drives after drinking.
 - A. hopeful
 - B. gloomy
 - C. simplistic
11. She took a **preparatory** class before the difficult entrance exam.
 - A. helping prepare
 - B. making easier
 - C. causing trouble

12. After the merger, they concluded the office was **redundant**.
A. more than is needed or desired
B. less than what is required
C. exactly fitting requirements
13. She remained **serene** even when he was yelling at her.
A. unmoved
B. calm
C. aggressive
14. 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
15. She remained **stoic** during the crisis and did not show fear.
A. asking many questions
B. acting without caution
C. not showing emotion
16. They open restaurants in nice **suburban** areas.
A. located in the center of the city
B. located far from any city
C. located outside the edge of a city
17. McDonald's menu options **vary** by location.
A. are consistent
B. are different
C. are known
18. I qualified for the tournament but have **virtually** no chance of winning.
A. absolutely
B. almost
C. sadly
19. She had a **wistful**, dreamy look as she thought about how life would change if she could get a good job.
A. showing longing
B. showing determination
C. showing optimism
20. Her **wry** comment made the bad news sound almost funny.
A. openly cheerful
B. dryly humorous
C. deeply serious

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 You want an **adrenaline** rush?

- A. members of a board that oversee the affairs of a corporation or other institution
- B. a branch of computer science developing software that mimics human intelligence
- C. the intense feeling that comes from an increase in the "fight or flight" hormone

2 But his **anguish** after he'd discovered his dead son had sounded real.

- A. extreme introversion
- B. extreme pain, suffering, or distress
- C. extreme depression

3 I felt kind of **optimistic**.

- A. expecting the best; or focusing on the good part of things
- B. in a manner of accepting something as true (without proof)
- C. relating separately to the people or things just mentioned

4 The **antiseptic** smell inside made my stomach knot with nightmare memories of the School.

- A. a point on a curve where the concavity changes to convexity or vice versa

or more generally: a time of significant change (a turning point)

- B. part of the brain responsible for hormone levels which influence such things as appetite, digestion, sexuality, circulation, emotions, and sleep

- C. a substance that prevents infection by killing harmful micro-organisms; or (as an adjective) describing something very clean and free of germs

5 I couldn't say anything to the flock, not in front of the EMT, and I was too upset, scared, and mad to come up with anything **coherent** anyway.

- A. not relating to practice or belief that is long-established or was previously long-established
- B. relating to a residential area located near the outer edge of a city where it isn't as crowded
- C. sensible and clear; or describing parts as fitting together in a consistent or pleasing manner

6 The others nodded with **varying** levels of enthusiasm.

- A. gaining advantage from
- B. differing; or changing
- C. taking on as one's own

7 Anne's huge **Suburban** held us all, and Fang got to recline most of the way.

- A. not relating to practice or belief that is long-established or was previously long-established
- B. outstanding or surpassing others in status, ability, or possession of a notable characteristic
- C. relating to a residential area located near the outer edge of a city where it isn't as crowded

8 I motioned to Fang, but just as he started toward me, the two crackhead **squatters** lurched into the hall between us.

- 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

9 Wouldn't that be **redundant**?

- A. more than is needed -- often something that is unnecessarily repeated

or in technical usage: describing a secondary component designed to work if the primary component fails

- B. the degree to which a performance of or to someone else's work lends itself to the expression of personal artistic ideas or feelings by the performer

- C. the quality or degree of being straightforward or clear (sometimes indicating that truth is not worded carefully to spare feelings or gain advantage)

10 "Uh-huh," she said, giving me a **wry** look.

- A. the quality of being clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
- B. humor -- often understated, sarcastic, or ironic -- often expressed by twisting the face
- C. the quality of not being clear, easily noticed, or identifiable as different or separate

- 11 *"I look like prep school Barbie," Nudge complained, as she entered the kitchen.*
A. done to get ready for something that will happen later
B. injured muscles or tendons (despite calling it muscle)
C. the idea that anything that can go wrong will go wrong
- 12 *I looked indignant.*
A. angered or annoyed at something unjust or wrong
B. surprised as something unexpected
C. accepted of something undesired as unavoidable
- 13 *A girl was with him, talking to him, looking earnest.*
A. impossible to find
B. sincere or serious
C. good or beneficial
- 14 *Erasers are human-lupine hybrids.*
A. members of Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
B. creatures made by combining different life forms
C. extremely dense collapsed stars made mostly of neutrons
- 15 *Nudge got onto the laptop we'd more or less appropriated from Anne.*
A. discovered
B. purchased
C. taken
- 16 *"It's what we've all waited for," said Nudge, sounding wistful.*
A. showing longing or unfulfilled desire
B. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
C. able to be restored to good condition
- 17 *Angel didn't try to be stoic but climbed into my lap sobbing.*
A. suitability; or the degree of having been adapted
B. appropriate or related in size, amount, or degree
C. seeming unaffected by pleasure, pain, or emotions
- 18 *I mean, there was no way I was going to wallow in serenity for more than two seconds, right?*
A. relative amount
B. untroubled calm
C. in disagreement
- 19 *Gliders are virtually soundless.*
A. in an artificial manner to make an impression
B. to almost be so, but not so strictly speaking
C. in a manner that relates to the eyes or sight
- 20 *I couldn't see Ari anywhere, but I did see a couple pairs of feet sticking out from beneath piles of debris.*
A. the act of treating or preparing food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
B. passages food and drink follow between the back of mouths and the stomachs
C. pieces of something that has been destroyed; or trash that is lying around

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	adrenaline	Used 9 times in this book.
2	B	anguish	Used 4 times in this book.
3	A	optimistic	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
4	C	antiseptic	Used 4 times in this book.
5	C	coherent	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
6	B	vary	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
7	C	suburban	Used 5 times in this book.
8	A	squatter	Used 2 times in this book.
9	A	redundant	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
10	B	wry	Used 3 times in this book.
11	A	preparatory	Used 2 times in this book.
12	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
13	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
14	B	hybrid	Used 6 times in this book.
15	C	appropriate (<i>as in: appropriate from their culture</i>)	High-utility academic word
16	A	wistful	Used 3 times in this book.
17	C	stoic	Used 4 times in this book.
18	B	serene	Used 3 times in this book.
19	B	virtual (<i>as in: virtual organization</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
20	C	debris	Used 3 times in this book.