

Spare Parts

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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: allocate, approximate, consulate, contend (2), feasible, focus (2), immigrate, ingenuity, innovate, intermittent, migrant, nonetheless, novel, positive (2), refract, taunt, tether



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	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. Let's think about how to best **allocate** time and resources.
 - A. decide on a minimum amount of
 - B. ration (distribute according to a plan)
 - C. decide on a maximum amount of
2. The circumference of the earth is **approximately** 24,900 miles at the equator.
 - A. exactly
 - B. commonly mistaken as
 - C. about
3. After 9–11, the US increased security at **consulates** around the world.
 - A. headquarters of troops stationed in foreign countries
 - B. offices of diplomats living and working in foreign countries
 - C. offices of major corporations in a foreign country
4. Politicians have to **contend** with false attacks.
 - A. struggle
 - B. campaign
 - C. raise money
5. The teams are in fierce **contention** for first place.
 - A. surrender
 - B. confidence
 - C. competition
6. The goal is good, but the plan doesn't seem very **feasible**.
 - A. profitable
 - B. practical
 - C. impressive
7. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
8. The **focus** of this class is classic American Literature.
 - A. hardest part
 - B. area where attention is concentrated
 - C. prerequisite (understanding required to enroll)
9. At that time, most of the people who **immigrated** to the United States came from Latin America and Asia.
 - A. relocated
 - B. exported goods
 - C. visited
10. It's going to take a lot of **ingenuity**, but I think we can save the company.
 - A. creativity
 - B. money
 - C. time
11. Companies must **innovate** quickly to stay ahead of their competitors.
 - A. follow old rules
 - B. create new methods
 - C. imitate rivals
12. She experienced **intermittent** back-pain.
 - A. happening constantly and without pause
 - B. occurring at regular and predictable times
 - C. stopping and starting at irregular intervals

13. The crops won't be picked without **migrant** workers.
- A. hard-working
 - B. from elsewhere
 - C. low-wage
14. The class was hard. It was **nonetheless** my favorite.
- A. despite that
 - B. because of that
 - C. for that reason
15. It is a **novel** idea and just might work.
- A. original
 - B. important
 - C. valuable
16. Volunteering had a **positive** impact on the whole neighborhood.
- A. good or beneficial
 - B. harmful or damaging
 - C. minor and unnoticed
17. I appreciate your **positive** attitude.
- A. patient
 - B. open-minded
 - C. optimistic
18. Light passing through water is **refracted**, so when a pole or stick is partially submerged at an angle in clear water, it appears to be bent at the water's surface.
- A. increased in brightness
 - B. changed in velocity
 - C. changed in color
19. They **taunted** her until she responded physically, and then they beat her up.
- A. followed
 - B. insulted
 - C. surrounded
20. The astronaut is **tethered** to the space station while doing outside repairs.
- A. close
 - B. outside
 - C. tied

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 *"We captured its readout with a CCD camera and manually corrected by thirty percent to account for the index of **refraction**," Cristian explained to the judges.*
 - A. a melody that, after a short interval, is exactly repeated by a different instrument or voice to create competing melodic lines (a strict counterpoint)
 - B. to change the velocity of a beam of light or other wave-form as it passes from one medium into another (apparently bending it when passing at an angle)
 - C. a figure of speech in which a similarity between two things is highlighted by using a word to refer to something that it does not *literally* mean
- 2 *So we decided to extend our **tether** to thirty-three meters.*
 - A. express personal artistic ideas or feelings while performing (or performing to) someone else's work
 - B. to gradually destroy or change the purpose of something -- such as a government, institution, or rule
 - C. to tie so as to limit the boundaries of movement; or the rope or other material used to do the tying
- 3 *Laura got **intermittent** work as a hotel maid, and Pablo worked landscaping jobs throughout the scorching Arizona summer.*
 - A. happening constantly and without pause
 - B. occurring at regular and predictable times
 - C. stopping and starting at irregular intervals
- 4 ***Nonetheless**, as Christmas neared, the teacher handed him a uniform and hat and told him to get ready for the annual holiday parade.*
 - A. in spite of that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 5 *He had little money, a small set of hand tools, and his **ingenuity**.*
 - A. ability to solve problems in smart creative ways
 - B. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 - C. a general feeling of not being as good as others
- 6 *He didn't fit into white American culture and couldn't find his place in the **immigrant** community.*
 - A. a person who came to live in a new country
 - B. something accepted as true (without proof)
 - C. relating to properties of sound or hearing
- 7 *As the city developed, tax revenue was largely **allocated** to infrastructure for the neighborhoods settled by Anglos.*
 - A. selected (on a computer screen)
 - B. distributed (according to a plan)
 - C. took up or received into heaven
- 8 *Kids felt bolder on the bus because the bus driver was driving and couldn't do anything to stop the **taunting**.*
 - A. giving an opinion of what is wrong with something
 - B. intentionally angering, challenging, or upsetting
 - C. keeping people and goods from reaching a location
- 9 *At **approximately** 11:00 p.m. that night, officers banged on the door of a sleeping family.*
 - A. relating to the outside
 - B. cheerfully and friendly
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 10 *In 2000, a rancher named Roger Barnett declared open season on **migrants**.*
 - A. dreamlike states of altered consciousness
 - B. those who moves from one place to another
 - C. characteristics (of something or someone)

- 11 His energy caught the attention of the Phoenix Jaycees, a charitable organization of businessmen, who named Fredi the city's Most **Innovative** Teacher in 1988.
- A. greater than zero
 - B. new and different
 - C. not demonstrating
- 12 Despite its diminutive size, the bot still had to **contend** with a problem endemic to ROVs: its tether.
- A. struggle
 - B. disagree
 - C. subtract
- 13 They were now in **contention** for a top spot.
- A. translation
 - B. quiet voice
 - C. competition
- 14 He decided to offer Lorenzo a **novel** solution: "Next time somebody wants to fight you, pretend you're having a seizure."
- A. new and original
 - B. important and valuable
 - C. traditional (having withstood the test of time)
- 15 For this broader team, Kamen's event was the main **focus**.
- A. calculating or judging too high
 - B. where attention is concentrated or directed
 - C. the ability to take on or adopt
- 16 When ABC's Nightline aired their segment on the Carl Hayden kids, Arizona State Representative Russell Pearce explained to viewers that it was inappropriate to **focus** on a small group of students: "You can't paint this picture of this sweet child over here that we all probably know."
- A. concentrate, or look
 - B. make one's home in; or live in; or stay (in a place)
 - C. a real estate loan; or pledging something for a loan
- 17 While Oscar and Cristian debated the **feasibility** of a surgical demolition, Lorenzo held his breath and examined the pipes around the briefcase.
- A. not appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - B. the degree to which something is practical
 - C. the degree of not being easily set on fire
- 18 She described Oscar's success in Santa Barbara, noting that his team triumphed due to their "ingenuity, **positive** outlook, and willingness to work hard."
- A. unable to get closer to
 - B. not sensible or careful
 - C. optimistic
- 19 To some, these are **positive** developments.
- A. good
 - B. not representative
 - C. impossible to find
- 20 On the far side of the bridge, they got into a taxi and drove to a medical clinic a block from the U.S. **consulate**.
- A. a math value that tells how many times a number is multiplied by itself to reach another number -- often used to describe very big or very small quantities
 - B. a diplomat appointed by a government to live in a foreign country and help its citizens visiting that country; or the offices of that person and assistants
 - C. someone who believes in the teaching of Buddha -- that aims to end suffering by ending selfish desire and following a path of wisdom, ethics, and meditation

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	refract	Used 5 times in this book.
2	C	tether	Used 16 times in this book.
3	C	intermittent	Used 6 times in this book.
4	A	nonetheless	Used 6 times in this book.
5	A	ingenuity	Used 5 times in this book.
6	A	immigrate	Used 88 times in this book.
7	B	allocate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
8	B	taunt	Used 5 times in this book.
9	C	approximate	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
10	B	migrant	Used 14 times in this book.
11	B	innovate	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
12	A	contend (<i>as in: She contended with it</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	contend (<i>as in: She contended for the gold medal</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	novel (<i>as in: a novel situation</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
15	B	focus (<i>as in: The focus of our study is...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	B	feasible	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
18	C	positive (<i>as in: a positive attitude</i>)	4 meanings in this book.
19	A	positive (<i>as in: had a positive effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; 4 meanings in this book.
20	B	consulate	Used 7 times in this book.