

Speak

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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: accompany, demented, demure, deprive, devious, discriminate, dominate, dormant, evaluate, gene, immigrate, incite, incriminate, integral, paralysis, probation, species, suburban, theme, wistful



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
3	B
4	B
5	B
6	A
7	C
8	A
9	A
10	C
11	A
12	A
13	C
14	A
15	C
16	A
17	A
18	C
19	A
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. The exact numbers are shown in the **accompanying** table.
 - A. provided together
 - B. informative
 - C. previously published
2. Stay away from her. She's dangerous and **demented**.
 - A. devious (clever)
 - B. overly confident
 - C. insane (crazy)
3. She gave a **demure** nod and let her friend do most of the talking.
 - A. sharp and dismissive
 - B. modest and quiet
 - C. confused and nervous
4. The court ruling **deprived** him of custody of his children.
 - A. granted
 - B. stripped
 - C. delayed
5. She is a **devious** opponent.
 - A. widely respected
 - B. deceitful and clever
 - C. not very challenging
6. It is wrong to **discriminate** against people because of their race.
 - A. treat unfairly
 - B. treat fairly
 - C. argue with
7. She completely **dominates** her boyfriend.
 - A. worships
 - B. obeys
 - C. controls
8. Although her illness was currently **dormant**, the doctors advised regular checkups to watch for any changes.
 - A. inactive but still present
 - B. mild and unimportant
 - C. recently discovered
9. I'm **evaluating** job options.
 - A. considering
 - B. creating
 - C. avoiding
10. Half the **genes** come from the father and half from the mother.
 - A. advice
 - B. second cousins
 - C. DNA segments
11. 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

12. The rumors were spread by her enemies to incite the people against her.
- A. provoke
 - B. calm the anger of
 - C. distract
13. Her actions are incriminating.
- A. making her look foolish
 - B. making her look worried
 - C. making her look guilty
14. The National Guard is an integral part of U.S. armed services.
- A. essential
 - B. unimportant
 - C. additional
15. She is paralyzed from the waist down.
- A. feeling a painful tingling
 - B. having muscle spasms
 - C. unable to move the body
16. She didn't adjust to college freedoms and now must pass academic probation or be expelled in the Fall.
- A. period of supervision
 - B. honors recognition
 - C. scholarship offer
17. It is thought that there are over 20,000 species of ants.
- A. different categories
 - B. different nest types
 - C. different diets
18. 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
19. What is the theme of your essay?
- A. basic idea
 - B. grammatical voice
 - C. narrative point of view
20. 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

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 I went through a **demented** phase when I thought that roses should cover everything and pink was a great color.
 - A. having the characteristics of a *monk* (often inclined toward self-denial)
 - B. the quality of holding something back or holding others down through oppression
 - C. crazy
- 2 Jessica did hers in a desert 'n' cowdudes **theme**.
 - A. recurring idea
 - B. excessively examine in an attempt to better understand
 - C. to understand or explain something in a particular way
- 3 And they cheer on our boys, **inciting** them to violence and, we hope, victory.
 - A. provoking
 - B. colliding
 - C. restoring
- 4 **Deprived** of Victim, Mom and Dad holler at each other.
 - A. of the Netherlands or its people
 - B. lacking things most people enjoy
 - C. referring to any rocky mountains
- 5 He is poetic about it, in an **integral**-number sort of way.
 - A. an essential part or characteristic
 - B. extra
 - C. unimportant
- 6 an **endangered** species
 - A. a similar group of animals or plants
 - B. the quality of exactness or accuracy
 - C. the gain of advantage from something
- 7 She is a freshman member on **probation**.
 - A. a period of testing
 - B. wrongly understands
 - C. wrong understanding
- 8 We can't be the Buccaneers because pirates supported violence and **discrimination** against women.
 - A. unfair treatment to a group
 - B. intangible (non-touchable) property that is the result of creativity (such as patents or trademarks or copyrights)
 - C. an English Protestant who in the 16th and 17th centuries who wanted simpler worship and strict, hard-working lives
- 9 Anyone whose family **immigrated** in the last century has a story to tell about how hard their relatives have worked, the contributions they make to the country, the taxes they pay.
 - A. came to live
 - B. with rises and falls in pitch
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 10 Connors did not win a lacrosse scholarship by being **demure** or hesitant.
 - A. tendency to be direct in a disagreeable, insensitive manner
 - B. modest, quiet, and shy
 - C. the quality of believing oneself morally superior to others
- 11 Getting knocked around by **genetic** mutants?
 - A. something exclusive to (someone or some group) -- such as an activity or place
 - B. a rough substance that can be rubbed against something else to polish or clean
 - C. related to DNA sequences or units of heredity that influence biological traits

- 12 *A color picture of the work-in-progress accompanied the article.*
- A. complemented (was also provided to make the whole better)
 - B. exercised privileges to which one is not entitled
 - C. having multiple areas of control or concentration
- 13 *Each week he evaluates our progress and makes a note on the wall.*
- A. thinks carefully and makes a judgment about
 - B. stops interacting; or stops having interest
 - C. indulges a hunger; or fills to satisfaction
- 14 *"Your imagination is paralyzed," he declares.*
- A. portrayed or created something in a particular way OR interpreted, translated, or extracted from
 - B. changed the direction of a light wave (or other wave) by passing an opaque edge or narrow opening
 - C. unable to act (function)
- 15 *We get a lot of dead deer in the suburbs.*
- A. soccer: unopposed kicks awarded to a team due an infraction by the opposing team
 - B. compounds best known for causing an allergic reaction after exposure to allergens
 - C. residential areas located near the outer edge of a city where it isn't as crowded
- 16 *She looks wistful.*
- A. showing longing or unfulfilled desire
 - B. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - C. able to be restored to good condition
- 17 *Keen writes "Dominant/Recessive" on the board.*
- A. the state of not representing or imitating external reality or the objects of nature
 - B. a solution that is simpler (and often more comprehensive) than most would anticipate
 - C. controlling; or most influential
- 18 *Maybe I don't want to incriminate myself.*
- A. notable difference
 - B. come to terms with
 - C. make appear guilty
- 19 *Some part of me has planned this, a devious internal compass pointed to the past.*
- A. able to be persuaded to do something by tempting with pleasure or something desired
 - B. deceitful (not honest and straightforward)
 - C. relating to one-sided information that is purposefully spread to influence opinions
- 20 *...how to come back to life after my long undersnow dormancy.*
- A. long-term inactivity
 - B. the belief that the pursuit of pleasure is the highest good
 - C. the quality of being a lot more than is reasonable or typical

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	demented (<i>as in: demented lyrics</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
2	A	theme (<i>as in: theme of the novel</i>)	High-utility academic word
3	A	incite	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
4	B	deprive	Used 2 times in this book.
5	A	integral (<i>as in: integral part</i>)	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
6	A	species	Used 2 times in this book.
7	A	probation	Used 2 times in this book.
8	A	discriminate (<i>as in: suffered discrimination</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
9	A	immigrate	Used 3 times in this book.
10	B	demure	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
11	C	gene (<i>as in: the gene impacts eye color</i>)	Used 8 times in this book.
12	A	accompany (<i>as in: the accompanying chart</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	A	evaluate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
14	C	paralysis	Used 2 times in this book.
15	C	suburban	Used 2 times in this book.
16	A	wistful	Used 2 times in this book.
17	C	dominate	High-utility academic word
18	C	incriminate	Used 2 times in this book.
19	B	devious (<i>as in: a devious plan</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
20	A	dormant	Used 2 times in this book.