

# Tenth Grade Bleeds

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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:** bewilder, bizarre, direct, essence, famished, indignant, inevitable, invincible, iridescent, mentor, oblivious, obnoxious, ornate, poise, principal, prophecy, sustenance, taint, telepathy, torment



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## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	B
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5	C
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16	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. I am trying to understand her, but I am **bewildered**.
  - A. confused
  - B. bored
  - C. distracted
2. She won one of those **bizarre** contests designed by Guinness Book of World Records.
  - A. present in great quantity
  - B. exceedingly odd or unusual
  - C. critical (full of criticism)
3. She is easy to work with. She is **direct** in her communications and expectations.
  - A. straightforward
  - B. considerate
  - C. humble
4. The **essence** of friendship is trust, even more than shared interests.
  - A. most common activity
  - B. least noticeable detail
  - C. most important quality
5. She skipped lunch and felt **famished** by dinner time.
  - A. very full
  - B. very tired
  - C. very hungry
6. 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
7. The leaves fall each year with the **inevitable** change of the seasons.
  - A. certain to happen
  - B. complete or total
  - C. minor
8. She has an **invincible** spirit.
  - A. impossible to overcome
  - B. not capable of being understood
  - C. misleading or not trustworthy
9. The hummingbird's feathers had an **iridescent** sheen, flashing brilliant colors as it moved.
  - A. rainbow like colors that shimmer or vary with movement
  - B. very bright and easily noticeable colors
  - C. dull and muted colors that blend together
10. The famous professor **mentored** her during her years in graduate school.
  - A. graded essays by
  - B. personally advised
  - C. lectured to
11. She's a happy girl--**oblivious** to most of the unhappiness around her.
  - A. unaware of
  - B. concerned with
  - C. adding to
12. Don't be **obnoxious**.
  - A. nervous or worried
  - B. rude or unpleasant
  - C. ridiculous or foolish

13. It was the most ornate building I've ever seen.
- A. ancient
  - B. boring
  - C. decorated
14. The once self-conscious girl is now a woman with considerable poise.
- A. style
  - B. education
  - C. composure
15. The principal reason for the delay was bad weather.
- A. final
  - B. main
  - C. stated
16. It was a self-fulfilling prophecy.
- A. profitable enterprise
  - B. prediction
  - C. explanation
17. The charity provided essential sustenance to the families affected by the disaster.
- A. medical supplies
  - B. moral support
  - C. food and resources
18. Authorities said the milk was tainted with rat poison.
- A. contaminated
  - B. stored
  - C. sabotaged
19. Though popular in fiction, telepathy does not exist in the real world.
- A. communication from one mind to another without using the known senses
  - B. improperly bold or disrespectful -- especially toward someone who is older or considered to be of higher status
  - C. unsophisticated (meant disapprovingly to refer to old-fashioned or narrow-minded attitudes and ideas)
20. Bullies made his school days a constant torment he could not escape.
- A. severe suffering
  - B. great enjoyment
  - C. simple confusion

# 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 It was **inevitable**.
  - A. certain to happen
  - B. size or dimension
  - C. circular movement
- 2 The **half-vampire, half-human, ruling-over-vampirekind, enslaving-the-human-race** subject of prophecy that Elysia had been watching out for for centuries.
  - A. social event or ceremony
  - B. prediction of the future
  - C. a positively charged ion
- 3 **Famished**.
  - A. strongly desired
  - B. not concentrated
  - C. extremely hungry
- 4 No. **Vlad** moved down the steps and out the gate, leaving Otis and his **bizarre** ideas behind.
  - A. the quality of disagreeing
  - B. exceedingly odd or unusual
  - C. able to meet and talk with
- 5 He took over being **principal** of the high school.
  - A. serving to help explain or demonstrate something
  - B. most important; or person that is most important
  - C. the state or degree of criticism or disagreement
- 6 The boy who'd seen Vlad's eyes flash that weird **iridescent** purple last year, the boy who'd photographed him floating up to the belfry.
  - A. bright colors that shimmer or vary with movement
  - B. something added to food to keep it from spoiling
  - C. serving to help explain or demonstrate something
- 7 Think of them as **sustenance**.
  - A. having good judgment or good taste and/or perceiving things not easily perceived by most people
  - B. the ability or act of saying or handling things in such a way that others feel good about them
  - C. food or something else that supports or strengthens the body or spirit; or the support provided
- 8 Nelly's eyes finally stopped to focus on the large bowl of blood on the counter in front of Otis, then on his blood-soaked apron, moving up to meet the **bewildered** expression on his face.
  - A. confused
  - B. restored
  - C. collided
- 9 It was the only **obnoxious** thing about Otis staying with them.
  - A. impossible to find
  - B. rude or unpleasant
  - C. good or beneficial
- 10 Without hesitation, Vlad spoke to his uncle **telepathically**.
  - A. communication from one mind to another without using the known senses (often used in fiction but not scientifically supported as real)
  - B. in a manner like a virus (often used to indicate that something spread quickly from person-to-person in a natural, unplanned manner)
  - C. submissively -- often in the manner of someone who is so submissive or eager to serve and please that they seem to lack self-respect
- 11 But **tainting** their precious time together was the matter of Henry, and the gnawing feeling that Vlad was somehow responsible for his cloudy mood.
  - A. spoiling (so as not to be desirable)
  - B. blending three or more musical notes
  - C. walking in an awkward, shuffling way

- 12 Meredith looked from Nelly to Vlad and back, shaking her head, completely **oblivious** to what had almost transpired.
- A. unaware of
  - B. related to
  - C. very large
- 13 Henry sat with an air of **indignation**.
- A. anger or annoyance at something unjust or wrong
  - B. surprise as something unexpected
  - C. acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 14 He paused, mourning the loss of such a great **mentor** and friend, before continuing along the town's borders in an effort to quiet his mind.
- A. to gradually destroy or change the purpose of something -- such as a government, institution, or rule
  - B. someone who guides and advises another who is less experienced; or the act of providing such guidance
  - C. a beam, bracket, or other structure supported only on one side; or to support something in that manner
- 15 Looking back, Vlad could almost forget the horror of that moment when he realized he'd been **poised** to snack on the girl of his dreams.
- A. removed or suppressed something considered obscene, immoral, or politically unacceptable
  - B. without a personal preference; or without any tendency to move in a particular direction
  - C. calm, confident, and in control—especially in movement, behavior, or when ready to act
- 16 As he whipped through the town, it occurred to Ignatius that a more **direct** approach would be called for.
- A. straightforward (uncomplicated)
  - B. the state or degree of being very large
  - C. meticulousness (care for small details)
- 17 Pain that was unending, unyielding, and could only be measured by peaks and valleys of **torment**.
- A. to cause or to experience great mental or physical suffering
  - B. provide investment funds for something -- such as a business
  - C. point to differences between; or compare to show differences
- 18 The elevator doors opened and D'Ablo led them down the hall wordlessly, stopping only to pull open a large, **ornate** metal door.
- A. able to be taken on as one's own
  - B. indicating approval or agreement
  - C. having lots of decorative detail
- 19 Besides, **invincibility** is well worth the wait.
- A. impossible to defeat or overcome
  - B. lacking things most people enjoy
  - C. of the Netherlands or its people
- 20 It doesn't matter if you manage to drain my **essence** and become invincible.
- A. any of the military expeditions in the 11th to 13th centuries when Christian powers of Europe invaded Muslims in the Holy Land in the Middle East
  - B. one who believes in an economic system based on voluntary exchange in a competitive environment with private ownership of property and businesses
  - C. the defining or most important quality of something

or:

a extract that concentrates important qualities of something such as smell or taste

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	inevitable	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
2	B	prophecy	Used 7 times in this book.
3	C	famished	Used 5 times in this book.
4	B	bizarre ( <i>as in: is bizarre</i> )	Used 5 times in this book.
5	B	principal	Used 13 times in this book.
6	A	iridescent	Used 5 times in this book.
7	C	sustenance	Used 3 times in this book.
8	A	bewilder	Used 3 times in this book.
9	B	obnoxious	Used 5 times in this book.
10	A	telepathy	Used 9 times in this book.
11	A	taint	Used 5 times in this book.
12	A	oblivious	Used 4 times in this book.
13	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
14	B	mentor	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
15	C	poise	Used 5 times in this book.
16	A	direct ( <i>as in: gave a direct answer</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	torment	Used 4 times in this book.
18	C	ornate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
19	A	invincible	Used 9 times in this book.
20	C	essence	Used 6 times in this book.

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