

The 5th Wave

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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: analytical, calibrate, clone, contrast, cunning, debris, embedded, eradicate, imply, juncture, nucleus, parish, perpetual, pestilence, rational, ravine, refugee, species, stanza, superficial



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	A
2	A
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11	C
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17	A
18	A
19	C
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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. We have a numbers-tested, **analytical** approach to advertising.
 - A. logical and systematic
 - B. creative and artistic
 - C. loud and aggressive
2. The sensor needs to be **calibrated** in extreme weather.
 - A. finely adjusted
 - B. used carefully
 - C. protected
3. Dolly the sheep was the first successful mammal **clone**.
 - A. to grow worse; or describing a person or situation that is worse in the sense of deviating from what is socially acceptable
 - B. to burst, break, or tear; or the resultant damage -- can also be non-physical as in damaging a relationship or logical argument
 - C. genetically identical copy created with technology
4. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
5. The worst mix -- **greedy, cunning**, and without morals.
 - A. stupid and impatient
 - B. clever and deceitful
 - C. strong and cruel
6. Crews spent hours clearing **debris** from the highway after the crash.
 - A. intact structures
 - B. valuable items
 - C. scattered wreckage
7. I have cactus needles **embedded** in my shoulder.
 - A. loosely hanging
 - B. firmly stuck into
 - C. slightly touching
8. Farmers worked tirelessly to **eradicate** the invasive weed that threatened to overtake their crops.
 - A. relocate
 - B. eliminate
 - C. decorate
9. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
 - A. hinted
 - B. insisted
 - C. denied
10. At that **junction** I didn't know what to do.
 - A. difficult point
 - B. new point
 - C. point
11. The small reading group became the **nucleus** of a schoolwide book club.
 - A. ending
 - B. critics
 - C. center

12. Our parish raised funds to repair the old chapel's leaking roof and bell tower.
- A. large city government
 - B. private school district
 - C. local church community
13. He has a perpetual fear of forgetting important deadlines.
- A. joyful
 - B. constant
 - C. secret
14. The plague was a terrible pestilence that killed millions of people.
- A. widespread disease
 - B. antibiotic-resistant bacteria
 - C. famine-causing drought
15. Let's try to ignore how upset we are for a moment and think about this rationally.
- A. in a hurried manner
 - B. in a creative manner
 - C. in a reasonable manner
16. I was afraid that if we climbed into the ravine, we might be caught in a flood before we could get out.
- A. a hole so deep the bottom cannot be seen
 - B. deep, narrow, steep-sided valley
 - C. a large, fast-moving river
17. She was a Tutsi refugee from Rwanda.
- A. someone who fled their homeland
 - B. someone who suffered
 - C. someone who immigrated
18. It is thought that there are over 20,000 species of ants.
- A. different categories
 - B. different nest types
 - C. different diets
19. Each of the poem's four stanzas tells part of the story.
- A. rhymes
 - B. titles
 - C. verses
20. Her thinking was superficial.
- A. deep
 - B. shallow
 - C. creative

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 He wasn't that cute and he wasn't that interesting beyond the whole New Kid aura, and he definitely wasn't Ben **Parish**.
 - A. someone who abandoned their religion or separated from others with whom they used to share firmly held beliefs
 - B. an artists performance of another artist's work that expresses the performer's feelings or ideas about the work
 - C. a local church community

or in some places including Louisiana: a jurisdiction of government like a county
- 2 The **eradication** of disease.
 - A. the ability to take on or adopt
 - B. eliminate or destroy completely
 - C. where attention is concentrated
- 3 There are thousands of **species** of bird on every continent.
 - A. a similar group of animals or plants
 - B. the quality of exactness or accuracy
 - C. the gain of advantage from something
- 4 That summer of the **Pestilence** was brutally hot, and the stench of rotting flesh hung in the air like an invisible, noxious fog.
 - A. widespread disease (usually severe); or any severely harmful or evil influence that is hard to get rid of
 - B. a South African whose first language is Afrikaans -- typically descendants of 17th century Dutch settlers
 - C. something that is not obvious, but noticeable by someone with adequate sensitivity and relevant knowledge
- 5 But inside it's **perpetual** twilight.
 - A. having the characteristics of a *monk* (often inclined toward self-denial)
 - B. continuing forever without change; or occurring so frequently it seems constant
 - C. about things beyond the physical world, such as existence, reality, or the soul
- 6 We had several months' worth of supplies—or less, depending upon how many more **refugees** wandered into camp.
 - A. people who fled their homeland
 - B. understandings or explanations
 - C. quiet voices; or a quiet voice
- 7 Were the Stormtroopers or **clone** army or robot walkers next?
 - A. name
 - B. rear
 - C. copy
- 8 Tiny, hair-thin slivers **embedded** themselves in my cheek.
 - A. adjusted a lens to make an image clear
 - B. firmly within; or placed firmly within
 - C. not good at concentrating on one thing
- 9 And moving was a very good idea at that **juncture** of the battle.
 - 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. where things come together -- especially a point in time with a critical event
- 10 If you look closely, you can see the **ravine** in the left-hand corner of the tenth frame.
 - A. another battle with the same foe
 - B. deep, narrow, steep-sided valley
 - C. describing someone as antisocial

- 11 Dr. Pam tells me we're in the bomb shelter complex that's nearly as large as the base above us, built to withstand a fifty-megaton **nuclear** blast.
- A. the quality of inappropriateness in size, amount, or degree
 - B. the condition of being exclusive to (someone or some group)
 - C. relating to the central or most important part of something
- 12 I will empty you of grief and guilt and self-pity and fill you up with hate and **cunning** and the spirit of vengeance.
- A. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
 - B. good at achieving goals through cleverness and deception
 - C. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
- 13 To call what he was doing cruel **implied** he had a choice.
- A. suggested (said indirectly)
 - B. not wanting to do something
 - C. was attractive or desirable
- 14 The computer is going to send a signal to **calibrate** the transponder, and the transponder is going to send a signal back.
- A. make fine adjustments to
 - B. interfere (in another's affairs or business); or handle (something that shouldn't be handled)
 - C. separate two things to prevent passage of something such as heat, cold, noise, or electricity
- 15 The hisses and shushes pick up on the next **stanza**.
- A. any of the Scandinavian people who raided the coasts of Europe from the 8th to the 11th centuries
 - B. a compound consisting of large molecules made up of a linked series of repeated smaller molecules
 - C. part of a poem or song that has other such parts--each part consisting of a fixed number of lines
- 16 It's the Wonderland **analytics** of an infested human being.
- A. a system of logical examination of something to better understand it
 - B. acts of again being in a working position; or acts of starting again
 - C. long-established or previously long-established practices or beliefs
- 17 Weaving through the stalled cars that seem to pop through a white curtain, covered in three seasons' worth 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
- 18 "It's **superficial**," Ringer tells me.
- A. comprehensive (thorough)
 - B. relating to a surface rather than to anything deep or penetrating
 - C. deep and creative
- 19 Its light shines on her face, playing up the **contrast** between her fair skin and jet-black hair.
- A. come to terms with
 - B. block or interfere
 - C. notable difference
- 20 The last time she saw him was in their high school gymnasium after the lights went out, and then only the back of his head, and the only times that she's seen him since happened in her mind, the **rational** part of which always knew Ben Parish was dead like everyone else.
- A. very large
 - B. related to
 - C. reasonable

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	parish	Used 51 times in this book.
2	B	eradicate	Used 5 times in this book.
3	A	species	Used 6 times in this book.
4	A	pestilence	Used 6 times in this book.
5	B	perpetual	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
6	A	refugee	Used 14 times in this book.
7	C	clone (<i>as in: It is a clone.</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
8	B	embedded	Used 6 times in this book.
9	C	junction	Used 3 times in this book.
10	B	ravine	Used 18 times in this book.
11	C	nucleus	Used 4 times in this book.
12	B	cunning (<i>as in: a cunning thief</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
13	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
14	A	calibrate	Used 2 times in this book.
15	C	stanza	Used 2 times in this book.
16	A	analytical	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
17	C	debris	Used 6 times in this book.
18	B	superficial	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
19	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	C	rational (<i>as in: rational behavior</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.