

Captain Underpants (# 1)

by Dav Pilkey

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: amok, animate, constant, dumfounded, emerge, enhance, expel, fiasco, forfeit, humiliate, hypnotize, hysteria, inevitable, mayhem, nonetheless, novel, precise, principal, Rama, sequence



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

- When the store reopened after the storm, shoppers ran **amok**, grabbing groceries off the shelves.
 - wildly out of control
 - clearly very hungry
 - eager for savings
- Have you seen the **animated** version of *Lord of the Rings*.
 - translated
 - moving cartoon
 - edited (to make shorter)
- Her **constant** tapping on the desk made it hard to concentrate during the meeting.
 - occasional
 - intermittent
 - never-ending
- She was too **dumbfounded** to answer.
 - surprised
 - unintelligent
 - polite
- The idea **emerged** at a Student Council meeting.
 - was forgotten
 - came out
 - was abandoned
- The stunning victory over the Blue Devils **enhanced** the Bulldogs' image as title contenders.
 - damaged
 - questioned
 - improved
- If her behavior does not improve, she could face **expulsion** from school.
 - having to repeat a grade
 - serious punishment
 - being forcing to leave
- The production was a **fiasco**.
 - success
 - failure
 - challenge
- The team was half an hour late and had to **forfeit** the game.
 - rush through
 - give up as lost
 - re-schedule
- She's convinced PE class was invented to **humiliate** innocent kids.
 - strengthen
 - extremely embarrass
 - teach hard lessons
- The police want to **hypnotize** me to see if it will help me remember what she looked like.
 - give a memory drug to
 - put into a trance
 - visit the crime scene with
- The worst legislation is passed when voters are whipped into a state of **hysteria**.
 - uncontrollable emotion
 - extreme anger
 - complete confusion

13. The leaves fall each year with the inevitable change of the seasons.
- A. certain to happen
 - B. complete or total
 - C. minor
14. City officials are concerned that celebrations will turn to mayhem if the championship is won.
- A. never-ending problems
 - B. chaotic disorder
 - C. over-charging
15. The class was hard. It was nonetheless my favorite.
- A. despite that
 - B. because of that
 - C. for that reason
16. It is a novel idea and just might work.
- A. original
 - B. important
 - C. valuable
17. The detective is talking to all the witnesses to try to determine the precise sequence of events.
- A. important
 - B. first
 - C. exact
18. The principal reason for the delay was bad weather.
- A. final
 - B. main
 - C. stated
19. Rama is the main central character of the *Ramayana*.
- A. people of the Turkish Empire (13th century until after World War I)
 - B. Hindu Religion: avatar of Vishnu whose name is synonymous with God
 - C. René Descartes -- French philosopher and mathematician (1596-1650)
20. The sequence of events in the novel kept the readers engaged and eager to find out what happens next.
- A. brief summary
 - B. order or series
 - C. random collection

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 Well, OK, maybe they weren't so sweet and lovable, but they were good **nonetheless**.
 - A. even though other things were just said that might not seem to go with this truth
 - B. less importantly
 - C. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
- 2 After a hard day of cracking jokes, pulling pranks, and causing **mayhem** at school, George and Harold liked to rush to the old tree house in George's backyard.
 - A. laughter
 - B. confusion and disorder
 - C. frustration and anger
- 3 That's Mr. Krupp, the **principal**.
 - A. a basic rule or belief
 - B. the person in charge of the school
 - C. an owner of a company
- 4 He hated their silly attitudes and their **constant** giggling.
 - A. loud
 - B. happening too often
 - C. happening all the time
- 5 The big game had been **forfeited**, and everyone in the entire school was miserable.
 - A. cancelled as punishment
 - B. lost due to not being there to play
 - C. scheduled for another day
- 6 For four long years you two have been running **amok** in this school, and I've never been able to prove anything—until now!
 - A. out of control
 - B. too fast
 - C. away
- 7 I could get you both **expelled** for this!
 - A. put in jail
 - B. put in detention (kept after school)
 - C. kicked out of school
- 8 I think the football team would be very curious to find out just who was responsible for yesterday's **fiasco**.
 - A. prank
 - B. complete failure
 - C. trouble
- 9 "All we gotta do is **hypnotize** Mr. Krupp," said George.
 - A. putting to sleep
 - B. put into a state of wanting to do what told
 - C. put into a dreamy trance
- 10 After four-to-six weeks of backbreaking slave labor, grueling homework assignments, and **humiliating** good behavior at school, a package arrived in George's mailbox from the Li'l Wiseguy Novelty Company.
 - A. extremely honorable
 - B. extremely embarrassing
 - C. extremely difficult
- 11 After four-to-six weeks of backbreaking slave labor, grueling homework assignments, and humiliating good behavior at school, a package arrived in George's mailbox from the Li'l Wiseguy Novelty Company.
 - A. the quality of being new and original
 - B. lacking or not based on basic beliefs
 - C. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...

- 12 *George and Harold were **dumbfounded**.*
- A. so surprised that they couldn't immediately think of what to say
 - B. so stupid they didn't know what to do
 - C. blindfolded and gagged
- 13 *They **dropped their loot and fell to the sidewalk screaming in hysterics**.*
- A. a state of excessive, uncontrollable emotion
 - B. settings or situations in which things occur
 - C. public commendations or statements of praise
- 14 *Suddenly, two robots with one stolen crystal **emerged** from the smoke and jumped into an old van.*
- A. ran
 - B. came out
 - C. jumped
- 15 *With careful and **precise** aim, George shot the rubber doo-doo through the air and across the room.*
- A. fast (without delay)
 - B. thoughtful
 - C. exact (accurate)
- 16 *As everybody knows, nothing **enhances** silly action sequences more than really cheesy animation.*
- A. makes possible
 - B. worsens
 - C. improves
- 17 *As everybody knows, nothing enhances silly action **sequences** more than really cheesy animation.*
- A. things or characteristics that are critical or express disagreement or answers of "no"
 - B. a set of things arranged or happening in a specific order -- often chronological order
 - C. changes one's mind back and forth between conflicting ideas OR sways back and forth
- 18 *As everybody knows, nothing enhances silly action sequences more than really cheesy **animation**.*
- A. jokes
 - B. moving cartoons
 - C. coloring
- 19 *And so for the first time in the history of great literature, we proudly bring you the latest in cheesy animation technology: **The art of Flip-O-Rama!***
- A. people of the Turkish Empire (13th century until after World War I)
 - B. Hindu Religion: avatar of Vishnu whose name is synonymous with God
 - C. René Descartes -- French philosopher and mathematician (1596-1650)
- 20 *So George, Harold, and Captain Underpants frantically looked all over the Laser-Matic 2000, searching for a way to shut it down and stop the **inevitable** disaster.*
- A. certain to happen
 - B. complete or total
 - C. questionable

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	nonetheless	Used about 10 times per 10 books in our high school library.
2	B	mayhem	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
3	B	principal	Used 13 times in this book.
4	C	constant	High-utility academic word
5	B	forfeit	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
6	A	amok	
7	C	expel	Used about 8 times per 10 books in our high school library.
8	B	fiasco	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
9	B	hypnotize (<i>as in: hypnotized to try to remember</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
10	B	humiliate	Used about 19 times per 10 books in our high school library.
11	A	novel (<i>as in: a novel situation</i>)	High-utility academic word
12	A	dumfounded	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
13	A	hysteria	Used 2 times in this book.
14	B	emerge	High-utility academic word
15	C	precise (<i>as in: about noon; 12:03 to be precise</i>)	High-utility academic word
16	C	enhance	High-utility academic word
17	B	sequence	Used about 7 times per 10 books in our high school library.
18	B	animate (<i>as in: an animated cartoon</i>)	Used 7 times in this book.
19	B	Rama	Used 5 times in this book.
20	A	inevitable	High-utility academic word