

The Angel Experiment

by James Patterson

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: adrenaline, coherent, comprehend, crucial, doting, enhance, ensemble, facilitate, gene, habitat, inconspicuous, incredulous, jaunty, placate, quiver, recoil, skeptical, solemn, taunt, tentative



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. She was still shaking from the **adrenaline** rush that came with the fright.
 - A. calming hormone
 - B. muscle protein
 - C. fight-or-flight hormone
2. Her argument is **coherent**.
 - A. unreasonable
 - B. fragmented
 - C. sensible and clear
3. Washington fails to **comprehend** the change in China's strategy.
 - A. fully understand
 - B. regard respectfully
 - C. respond adequately to
4. The information is **crucial** to making a good decision.
 - A. helpful
 - B. very important
 - C. more than is needed
5. She **dotes** upon her children.
 - A. criticizes
 - B. worries
 - C. adores
6. The stunning victory over the Blue Devils **enhanced** the Bulldogs' image as title contenders.
 - A. damaged
 - B. questioned
 - C. improved
7. The comedy worked because every member of the **ensemble** played her part well.
 - A. performing group
 - B. private audience
 - C. written script
8. She argues that the stimulus **facilitated** an economic recovery.
 - A. ruled out
 - B. made easier
 - C. complicated
9. Half the **genes** come from the father and half from the mother.
 - A. advice
 - B. second cousins
 - C. DNA segments
10. They are found in the marine **habitat** of the kelp forest of southern California.
 - A. feeding routine
 - B. natural environment
 - C. breeding season
11. The microphone was small and **inconspicuous**, tucked neatly into the speaker's lapel.
 - A. not fully functional
 - B. not clearly labeled
 - C. not attracting attention
12. At first, she was **incredulous**--thinking the report was in error.
 - A. worried
 - B. confused
 - C. without belief

13. He walked down the street with a **jaunty** stride, whistling a tune.
- A. slow and weary
 - B. lively and cheerful
 - C. stiff and formal
14. He tried to **placate** his upset sister with a heartfelt apology.
- A. irritate or anger
 - B. ignore or avoid
 - C. soothe or pacify
15. Her hands began to **quiver** as she opened the envelope.
- A. slightly shake
 - B. tightly grip
 - C. quickly move
16. She reached out to take his hand. He **recoiled** from her touch.
- A. suddenly was angry
 - B. suddenly pulled back
 - C. suddenly was comforted
17. She is **skeptical** about the project.
- A. doubtful
 - B. keeping silent
 - C. excited
18. Everyone was **solemn** at the funeral.
- A. serious and dignified
 - B. teary eyed
 - C. dressed in dark colors
19. They **taunted** her until she responded physically, and then they beat her up.
- A. followed
 - B. insulted
 - C. surrounded
20. She took a **tentative** step to see if her injured ankle would support her weight.
- A. careful
 - B. brave
 - C. confident

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 Fang dropped on him, then **recoiled** with a yell, his arm dripping blood.
 - A. excessively excited
 - B. moved back suddenly
 - C. nervous or confused
- 2 When he'd been at the School, they'd tried to surgically **enhance** his night vision.
 - A. gain advantage from
 - B. influence or effect
 - C. increase or improve
- 3 "So, Ella, what have you got to say for yourself?" the lead guy **taunted**.
 - A. made appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - B. intentionally angered, challenged, or upset
 - C. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
- 4 She probably lived here with her two **doting** parents and her 1.6 siblings.
 - A. protecting something or keeping it as it is
 - B. compensating for a loss; or paying a reward
 - C. demonstrating love and uncritical affection
- 5 I looked at her **solemnly**.
 - A. with seriousness
 - B. in a manner that finds fault
 - C. in a manner that is not good
- 6 The look of **comprehending** horror that rose in my face alarmed Dr. Martinez.
 - A. understanding
 - B. bouncing back
 - C. concentrating
- 7 It was soothing, calming, **placating**.
 - A. entering another's property without right or permission
 - B. catching in; or twisting together into a confusing mass
 - C. calming (to remove anger or concern)
- 8 **Incoherent** murmurings of pleasure escaped my lips as I chewed slowly, savoring every bite.
 - A. related to the change of a light wave (or other wave) when it passes an opaque edge or narrow opening
 - B. related to a scale where each step is a multiple of the prior step rather than a fixed addition to it
 - C. not logically consistent
- 9 I gave a little halfwave, hoping it was **jaunty**, then headed out into the yard.
 - A. with the involvement of other people or things
 - B. appearing cheerful, lively, and self-confident
 - C. the state or degree of being greater than zero
- 10 Fang looked **incredulous**.
 - A. not capable of being better understood through detailed examination
 - B. clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
 - C. unbelieving; or having difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 11 We shuffled into line, trying to be **inconspicuous**.
 - A. not straightforward
 - B. not done on purpose
 - C. not very noticeable
- 12 I felt totally wired on **adrenaline**, just nuts.
 - A. declaration of invalidity; or cancelation
 - B. the branch of geology that studies rocks
 - C. "fight or flight" stimulating hormone

- 13 *They had a pretty large **habitat**, with huge rocks, an enormous swimming pool, toys to play with.*
- A. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
 - B. the type of environment in which an organism or group normally lives
 - C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 14 *Fun is **crucial** to human development.*
- A. natural
 - B. very important
 - C. more than is needed
- 15 *Relaxation **facilitates** learning and communication.*
- A. fights again
 - B. makes easier
 - C. bounces back
- 16 *Even she seemed **skeptical**.*
- A. doubtful
 - B. the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together
 - C. related to the branch of medicine that deals with the diseases of women -- especially those of the reproductive organs
- 17 *Superhumans or **Genetic Freaks**?*
- 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. segments of DNA which when combined determine biological traits such as hair color or height
- 18 *In this store, he'd exchanged his basic black **ensemble** for a slightly different basic black ensemble.*
- A. a group of parts considered as a whole
 - B. thing that affects a result or outcome
 - C. job, reservation, booking, or activity
- 19 *I looked down, then sucked in my breath so fast I almost choked. I was standing on a translucent platform suspended high over the sewer system. I wanted to scream, feeling off-balance and scared. ... I swallowed hard and tried to get a grip. **Tentatively**, I glanced down again at the translucent surface.*
- A. in an unsure or careful manner
 - B. in a manner that is not sincere
 - C. in comparison to something else
- 20 *Ari's heavily muscled body **quivered** with rage.*
- A. to shake or tremble slightly
 - B. not working or not operating
 - C. calculates or judges too low

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	recoil	Used 4 times in this book.
2	C	enhance	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	B	taunt	Used 3 times in this book.
4	C	doting	Used 2 times in this book.
5	A	solemn	Used 8 times in this book.
6	A	comprehend	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
7	C	placate	Used 2 times in this book.
8	C	coherent	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	B	jaunty	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
10	C	incredulous	Used 2 times in this book.
11	C	inconspicuous	Used 4 times in this book.
12	C	adrenaline	Used 10 times in this book.
13	B	habitat	Used 2 times in this book.
14	B	crucial	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	B	facilitate	High-utility academic word
16	A	skeptical	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
17	C	gene (<i>as in: the gene impacts eye color</i>)	Used 13 times in this book.
18	A	ensemble	Used 2 times in this book.
19	A	tentative (<i>as in: said it tentatively</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	A	quiver	Used 4 times in this book.