

The Border Legion

by Zane Grey

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: amiable, augment, contrast, cunning, divine, implacable, infer, intangible, intuition, manifest, motive, nevertheless, peril, remorse, rouse, scorn, sinister, somber, stolid, yield



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	A
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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. It was an **amiable** gathering of old friends.
 - A. friendly
 - B. rare
 - C. emotional
2. The purpose of this exercise is to **augment** the natural vocabulary growth that comes with reading.
 - A. increase
 - B. study
 - C. argue for
3. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
4. The worst mix -- greedy, **cunning**, and without morals.
 - A. stupid and impatient
 - B. clever and deceitful
 - C. strong and cruel
5. She wouldn't talk about it, but I was able to **divine** that the project isn't going well.
 - A. figure out
 - B. state
 - C. share
6. The storm raged with **implacable** force, showing no signs of stopping.
 - A. diminishing
 - B. unyielding
 - C. increasing
7. The meaning of the word can be **inferred** based on context clues.
 - A. different
 - B. figured out
 - C. converted
8. Trust between coworkers is an **intangible** quality that takes years to build.
 - A. easily broken
 - B. extremely heavy
 - C. non-material
9. **Intuitively**, I knew not to trust her.
 - A. logically
 - B. instinctively
 - C. conclusively
10. Her program has been a **manifest** failure. Everyone is trying to blame someone else for it.
 - A. sudden
 - B. obvious
 - C. surprising
11. A desire for religious freedom was their **motive** for leaving England.
 - A. excuse
 - B. technique
 - C. reason
12. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
 - A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition

13. The journalist's investigation put her in great **peril**.
A. fame
B. danger
C. weariness
14. I expressed my remorse at having let them down.
A. frustration
B. worry
C. regret
15. The smell of freshly brewed coffee roused her from her sleep.
A. interrupted
B. deepened
C. awakened
16. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
A. disrespects
B. encourages
C. trains
17. In the movie, there was a **sinister** plot to kill people and harvest their organs.
A. complicated
B. evil
C. clever
18. She exhibited a **somber** mood.
A. happy
B. curious
C. cheerless
19. Her face showed nothing but **stolid** indifference.
A. emotionless
B. confused
C. bitter
20. After the scandal, she **yielded** to public pressure and resigned her position.
A. added
B. gave in
C. produced

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 Her **remorse** and dread increased.
 - A. two successive lines of poetry; usually rhymed
 - B. the main building (or buildings) of government
 - C. deep regret for doing something that was wrong
- 2 Silhouetted against the red of the sunset they made dark and **sinister** figures.
 - A. not able to be disagreed with
 - B. evil, harmful, or frightening
 - C. not thoughtful about the past
- 3 But there was something strange, **intangible**, immense about him.
 - 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. unable to be physically touched (existing but not material or concrete); or something that is hard to identify
- 4 Nevertheless, resignation would not come to her and her hope began to flag.
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 5 The snort and tramp of horses **roused** her, and upon sitting up she saw the men about to pack and saddle again.
 - A. beyond the permitted boundary or limit
 - B. explains something in a particular way
 - C. to awaken, make more active, or excite
- 6 He seemed to have a preoccupied air that somehow did not fit the **amiableness** of his face.
 - A. friendliness and agreeableness
 - B. a sensible view of a situation
 - C. made by taking on as one's own
- 7 She was quick to divine from that the **inference** in his words—he suspected her of flirting with those ruffians, perhaps to escape him through them.
 - A. someone who expresses disapproval
 - B. conclusion (reached by reasoning)
 - C. purpose, job, or natural activity
- 8 She lifted her chin **scornfully** and remained silent.
 - A. in a disrespectful or rejecting manner
 - B. in a manner that is not easily noticed
 - C. with grace of movement and flexibility
- 9 It appeared to be her skill, rather than her willingness, that he **yielded** to.
 - A. with rises and falls in pitch
 - B. gave in, gave way, or gave up
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 10 The murmuring of insects seemed **augmented** into a roar; the mourn of wolf and scream of cougar made her start; the rising wind moaned like a lost spirit.
 - A. enlarged or increased
 - B. recognized difference
 - C. marked important text
- 11 There was just a flickering of life in him, **manifest** only in his slow, faint heart-beats.
 - A. excessively examine in an attempt to better understand
 - B. shown
 - C. to understand or explain something in a particular way

- 12 How strange to hear this bandit warn her of **peril** the like of which she had encountered through him!
- useful
 - danger
 - allows
- 13 Evil power stood out in the lines, in the strange eyes, stranger than ever, now in shadow; and it seemed once more the face of an alert, listening, **implacable** man, with wild projects in mind, driving him to the doom he meant for others.
- diminishing
 - unyielding
 - increasing
- 14 ...he would **divine** the truth in the flash of an eye.
- discover through intuition
 - a rough calculation or guess of a value, quantity, or extent of something
 - add fuel or stir a fire to make it burn hotter; or make feelings stronger
- 15 She grasped the fact **intuitively**, and then she verified it by proof.
- with suffering in a bad situation for a long time
 - known instinctively rather than through reasoning
 - in a manner that is sensitive to others' feelings
- 16 Gulden alone presented a **contrast** and a problem.
- come to terms with
 - block or interfere
 - something notably different
- 17 Gulden, huge, **stolid**, gloomy, was entering the cabin.
- having or revealing little emotion -- sometimes indicating qualities of not changing or being dependable
- or (much more rarely):
- of an object: not interesting -- often large and unmoving
- the quality or degree of being straightforward or clear (sometimes indicating that truth is not worded carefully to spare feelings or gain advantage)
 - the degree to which a performance of or to someone else's work lends itself to the expression of personal artistic ideas or feelings by the performer
- 18 Joan's intuition convinced her that if Gulden had any **motive** at all in gambling it was only an antagonism to men of his breed.
- small quantity or indication
 - the sacred writings of Islam
 - reason (for doing something)
- 19 In the silence that ensued Pearce's spirit dominated the moment with its **cunning**, hate, and violence.
- related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
 - good at achieving goals through cleverness and deception
 - relating to logical examination to improve understanding
- 20 "We'd better run for it at the first chance," he said, **somberly**.
- in a manner that influences reason or general desire to do something
 - with disbelief; or with difficulty accepting something so unexpected
 - solemnly (in a manner that is serious--not cheerful or lighthearted)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	remorse	Used 11 times in this book.
2	B	sinister	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
3	C	intangible	Used 5 times in this book.
4	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
5	C	rouse	Used 15 times in this book.
6	A	amiable	Used 17 times in this book.
7	B	infer	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
8	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 20 times in this book.
9	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	A	augment	Used 4 times in this book.
11	B	manifest (<i>as in: manifest destiny</i>)	Used 20 times in this book.
12	B	peril	Used 12 times in this book.
13	B	implacable	Used 6 times in this book.
14	A	divine (<i>as in: divined through intuition</i>)	Used 20 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
15	B	intuition	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
16	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	stolid	Used 4 times in this book.
18	C	motive (<i>as in: What is her motive?</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
19	B	cunning (<i>as in: a cunning thief</i>)	Used 15 times in this book.
20	C	somber (<i>as in: a somber mood</i>)	Used 15 times in this book.