

The Bourne Identity

by Robert Ludlum

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: chameleon, contradict, convey (2), decoy, deliberate (2), delta (2), discord (2), establish (2), intrinsic, monk, propel, relevant, taut, tentative (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	A
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6	A
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8	C
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10	A
11	A
12	B
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17	C
18	B
19	A
20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The politician is a **chameleon**, changing her positions on issues depending on the audience.
 - A. someone who changes opinions
 - B. someone who is a true believer
 - C. someone who is calculating
2. Does the sentence **contradict** what is said in the previous paragraph?
 - A. disagree with
 - B. reinforce
 - C. expand upon
3. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
 - A. express
 - B. accept
 - C. understand
4. We hired a carriage to **convey** us to the city.
 - A. give service of
 - B. explain
 - C. transport
5. The detective used a fake wallet as a **decoy** to distract the thief.
 - A. valuable reward
 - B. careful warning
 - C. misleading attraction
6. She **deliberately** added false information to the Wikipedia page.
 - A. intentionally
 - B. carelessly
 - C. accidentally
7. She wasn't accustomed to cold weather, but she managed to cross the icy street with **deliberate** care.
 - A. quick and energetic
 - B. very little
 - C. slow and careful
8. We explored the Mississippi River **delta**.
 - A. where a river starts
 - B. where a river moves fastest
 - C. where branches of a river enter the ocean
9. The brain oscillations are named alpha, beta, gamma, **delta**, and theta.
 - A. a typically triangular area with sand or soil where a river divides before entering a larger body of water
 - B. the 4th number in the Greek numbering system
 - C. 4th letter of the Greek alphabet
10. There is too much **discord** in their home.
 - A. conflict
 - B. loud noise
 - C. uncritical agreement
11. She heard the **discordant** clanging of pots in the kitchen.
 - A. unpleasant sound
 - B. attractive sound
 - C. loud sound
12. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase

13. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with establishing the contrast between men and masculine traits.
- A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
14. Curiosity is an intrinsic part of learning.
- A. recently added
 - B. easily removed
 - C. built-in
15. Each monk in the order leads a simple life without luxury.
- A. a female member of a religious order
 - B. a male member of a religious order
 - C. a member of a religious order
16. The hot air balloon depends upon wind to propel it.
- A. turn
 - B. push
 - C. lift
17. It is easier to learn things that seem relevant to your life.
- A. understandable
 - B. repeated
 - C. important
18. The clothesline was taut between the two trees in the yard.
- A. shiny
 - B. tight
 - C. noisy
19. She took a tentative step to see if her injured ankle would support her weight.
- A. careful
 - B. brave
 - C. confident
20. I have a tentative plan, but don't want to make any promises until I discuss it with some friends.
- A. action without forethought; or such a tendency
 - B. intended to deceive -- usually for financial gain
 - C. subject to change (likely or possibly going to change)

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 His open shirt fell away from his **taut** frame, exposing the bandages on his chest and stomach.
A. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
B. pulled or drawn tight;
or: subjected to great tension
C. the state or degree of being pessimistic or disagreeable
- 2 You appear to be a mass of **contradictions**; there's a subsurface violence almost always in control, but very much alive.
A. things that disagree with themselves; or (more rarely) acts of disagreeing
B. things about which one feels angry or unhappy due to having to accept them
C. acts of move something out of an interacting position; or acts of stopping
- 3 He had hurled himself from a plane ...at night ...signals and metal and straps **intrinsic** to his leap.
A. meticulousness (care for small details)
B. the state or degree of being very large
C. belonging to a thing by its very nature
- 4 The entire business had taken an hour and twenty minutes, only one **discordant** note intruding on the smooth proceedings.
A. conflicting
B. without purpose, job, or natural activity
C. unable or difficult to meet and talk with
- 5 It clattered as the board lit up with incoming calls that made no connections, answered only with **discordant** hums.
A. unpleasant sounding
B. able to be found
C. likely to change
- 6 It was the pre-evening hour during an international conference, a thousand **tentative** plans being made, rank and courtesan separated by glances of approval and rebuke, odd groupings everywhere.
A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
C. subject to change (possibly going to change)
- 7 He started **tentatively** to the left; the elevator had been on his left when he had driven the car up several days ago.
A. in an unsure manner
B. in a manner that is not sincere
C. in comparison to something else
- 8 It was as it always was, the hooded figure of a man in a **monk's** habit.
A. gradual destruction (of something previously established) -- such as a government, rule, or belief
B. a male member of a religious order typically living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
C. a system of government with a ruler who has absolute power -- especially one who abuses that power
- 9 I'm a **chameleon**, designed to fit a flexible mold.
A. a person who changes opinions, behavior, or appearance depending upon the circumstances

or:

a kind of lizard that changes its colors to match the colors around it
B. the act of forcing into an undesired activity or situation -- such as legally sentencing someone to punishment OR the act of finding guilty -- especially in court
C. a workplace where people do scientific or medical research, or produce drugs or chemicals (also used figuratively) OR (as an adjective) related to such a place

- 10 *...his vast plantation in the Mekong delta.*
A. extensive plain without trees (associated with eastern Russia and Siberia)
B. a line of elevated terrain from which a continent's rivers flow in two different directions
C. where a river divides before entering a larger body of water
- 11 *He was simply 'Delta' to me.*
A. a line of elevated terrain from which a continent's rivers flow in two different directions
B. extensive plain without trees (associated with eastern Russia and Siberia)
C. 4th letter of the Greek alphabet (used as a designation)
- 12 *The birdlike expression on Gillette's face conveyed his astonishment.*
A. communicated or expressed
B. was abundant or plentiful
C. thought -- possibly aloud
- 13 *I'll convey what you've told me to our friend.*
A. collision
B. translate
C. transport
- 14 *"But by this time hadn't you established the fact that he'd been with Medusa?" asked the Tennessean.*
A. accepted someone's membership though a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
B. examined an issue, got opinions by asking specific questions; and/or asked people for political support individually
C. determined or shown
- 15 *A delicate balance had to be found in the telling, parameters established as to time and the general's immediate contributions.*
A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
B. set
C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 16 *He threw the money on the counter, grabbed two papers, and propelled her down the dark, rainsoaked street.*
A. played cheerful and lively music
B. caused something to move forward
C. not found, sought, or researched
- 17 *Marie St. Jacques was expendable, a baited decoy that would die in the trap that caught Cain.*
A. point to differences between; or compare to show differences
B. provide investment funds for something -- such as a business
C. someone or something used for trickery -- especially to lure
- 18 *Yes, but it doesn't matter; it's not relevant.*
A. having the ability to change for different situations
B. not concerned with what others might think of oneself
C. meaningful to the issue in question
- 19 *In the stillness the old man could hear the slow, deliberate breathing of the figure beyond the cloth.*
A. lacking a reason for doing something
B. inconspicuousness or trustworthiness
C. slow
- 20 *And the sound had not been deliberate; it had not been loud enough or prolonged enough to signify a trap.*
A. intentional (done on purpose)
B. serving to help explain or demonstrate something
C. most important; or person that is most important

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	taut	Used 12 times in this book.
2	A	contradict	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
3	C	intrinsic	Used 8 times in this book.
4	A	discord (<i>as in: discord amongst the group</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
5	A	discord (<i>as in: discordant music</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	C	tentative (<i>as in: a tentative plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	tentative (<i>as in: said it tentatively</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	B	monk	Used 67 times in this book.
9	A	chameleon	Used 19 times in this book.
10	C	delta (<i>as in: river delta</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
11	C	delta (<i>as in: delta wing aircraft</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
12	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	convey (<i>as in: convey her safely to</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	propel	Used 13 times in this book.
17	C	decoy	Used 19 times in this book.
18	C	relevant	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
19	C	deliberate (<i>as in: a deliberate thinker</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
20	A	deliberate (<i>as in: deliberate insult</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.