

The Bourne Supremacy

by Robert Ludlum

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: adversary, apex, approach (2), chameleon, conspirator, consulate, continuous, disposition (2), dossier, economics, establish (2), evaluate, interpret, premier, preserve (2), subordinate



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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. Their **adversaries** outsmarted them.
 - A. sub-groups
 - B. replacements
 - C. opponents
2. She recorded the song at the **apex** of her popularity.
 - A. lowest point
 - B. highest point
 - C. beginning
3. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
4. We need to **approach** this problem in a new way.
 - A. avoid
 - B. think about
 - C. assign
5. 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
6. She was labeled a **conspirator** after leaked documents revealed her involvement in the plan.
 - A. observer of a public event
 - B. member of a secret plot
 - C. critic of a literary work
7. After 9–11, the US increased security at **consulates** around the world.
 - A. headquarters of troops stationed in foreign countries
 - B. offices of diplomats living and working in foreign countries
 - C. offices of major corporations in a foreign country
8. Alternating walk and rest was more beneficial than **continuous** walking for people with Type 2 diabetes.
 - A. occasional
 - B. scheduled
 - C. uninterrupted
9. The store is going to close forever. We have not decided on the **disposition** of the inventory.
 - A. discount rate
 - B. transferring of ownership
 - C. the process of counting
10. Was **disposition** of the troops done in a strategic manner?
 - A. positioning
 - B. withdrawal
 - C. training
11. I've studied her **dossier**.
 - A. face
 - B. file
 - C. body language
12. She earned her degree in **economics** and now works at the Federal Reserve.
 - A. study of stars and planets
 - B. study of ancient ruins
 - C. study of money and markets

13. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
- A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
14. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
- A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
15. I'm **evaluating** job options.
- A. considering
 - B. creating
 - C. avoiding
16. She will stand to his left and **interpret** his speech into sign language.
- A. refute (prove false)
 - B. elaborate upon
 - C. translate
17. She is the **premier** of Ontario, Canada.
- A. an advocate -- someone who argues for an idea or action
 - B. head of a government
 - C. a conversation (formal in modern usage); or written dialogue
18. The police closed off the room to **preserve** the crime scene.
- A. keep unchanged
 - B. keep separate
 - C. keep quiet
19. We visited the wildlife **preserve**.
- A. zoo
 - B. park
 - C. protected area
20. Every officer under the rank of Captain, shall be **subordinate** to the Officer of the Watch in regard to the performance of the duties with which he is charged.
- A. subservient
 - B. in charge of
 - C. considerate

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 You never picked up anything, any rumors or backstairs gossip from our Asian embassies or **consulates**?
 - A. soldiers living in foreign countries
 - B. diplomats living in foreign countries
 - C. corporate executives living in foreign countries
- 2 He was a fixture in the People's Republic's **economics** group and we were both assigned to the trade conferences in Peking in the late seventies.
 - A. the quality of accepting what happens without trying to take control or reacting strongly
 - B. baseball: pitches thrown with little spin (so that they move in an unpredictable manner)
 - C. the study of how limited resources are allocated in an attempt to satisfy unlimited wants
- 3 The Vice-Premier, an old revolutionary and veteran of Mao's Long March, was especially vocal.
 - A. an extremely dense collapsed star made mostly of neutrons
 - B. head of a government
 - C. highest caste of Hindu society; or a member of that caste
- 4 Multiple killings are ascribed to him, if Only to distance the real killers from the scenes – **conspirators** from the politically fanatic right and left using Bourne's lethal image as their own.
 - A. People who are of lower rank or status
 - B. participants involved in a secret plot
 - C. things that affect a result or outcome
- 5 Please bear in mind that I've only recently been assigned, with full clearance, to Mr Webb's classified **dossier**.
 - A. to find someone blameless; or to forgive OR the words by which a clergyman pronounces someone forgiven by the church
 - B. a collection of papers containing detailed information about a particular person or subject -- often a person's record
 - C. a small hole or a series of small holes such as are used to make it easy to tear a piece of paper along a specific line
- 6 The line was busy for the second time so Webb replaced the phone and returned to W. F. Vella's Siam under Rama III to see if the Burmese exchange student had been right about Rama IPs conflict with the sultan of Kedah over the **disposition** of the island of Penang.
 - A. tile designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
 - B. transferring control
 - C. relating to an ancient city state on the north African coast
- 7 The first was that the size and **disposition** of the attacking force could not be accurately estimated and the risk of capture or death outside was too great.
 - A. positioning
 - B. the main building (or buildings) of government
 - C. an order issued by a court or judicial officer
- 8 Alex Conklin was very much alive, whether drunk or not, and even if he was **preserved** in bourbon, he had his sources, those contacts he had cultivated during a lifetime of devotion to the shadow world that ultimately rejected him.
 - A. protected to keep from changing
 - B. not encouraged or emotionally aroused
 - C. genetically changed through evolution
- 9 If they were conspirators – and everything he had seen and heard from Shenzhen to Tian an men Square to this wildlife **preserve** would seem to confirm it – the conspiracy reached into the hierarchy of Beijing.
 - A. someone who believes that all knowledge is derived from experience
 - B. mild mental disorders -- usually worrying too much about something
 - C. a place where conditions are kept as they were to protect wildlife

- 10 *Be what they want you to be — be the **chameleon**!*
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
- 11 *The mists rose like layers of diaphanous scarves above Victoria Harbour as the huge jet circled for the final **approach** into Kai Tak Airport.*
A. getting near
B. create dramatic change
C. mirror back (an image)
- 12 *I'd prefer a less direct **approach**, but there isn't time.*
A. change the direction of something or the purpose for which it is used
B. technique (way of doing something)
C. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
- 13 *He had walked through the crowded pedestrian lanes to the wild confusion that was the Star Ferry, the island's **continuous** link to Kowloon.*
A. the state of being capable of thought, self-reflection, and will
B. pertaining to the working together of different religious groups
C. continuing in time or space without interruption or irregularity
- 14 *It's frequently used to obscure **duplicity**, as well as to disarm an **adversary**.*
A. disorder
B. reporter
C. opponent
- 15 *Among other things, the major here **established** the fact that she did go to the Canadian consulate.*
A. accepted someone's membership through 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. proved
- 16 *D'Anjou had been right again: with one spectacular kill under these conditions an assassin's supremacy would be **established** — or re-established.*
A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
B. set in place
C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 17 *The dispatcher at the **Apex** agency on Bonham Strand East was still there and he has cars available but nobody to drive one here.*
A. determination
B. highest point
C. use of reason
- 18 *The leaders then **filed** out waving to the onlookers; they started down the staircase followed by two lines of awkwardly grinning **subordinates**.*
A. less important or subservient; or to rank as such
B. is considered (for affect on a result or outcome)
C. things or characteristics that are bad or harmful
- 19 *One rushed ahead to the lobby liquor store as the others detained him by the elevator, chattering continuously through the **interpreter**.*
A. people who criticize or condemn
B. someone who extensively damages
C. someone who translates language
- 20 *Okay, pal, I'll wire back an **evaluation** report that'll get you transferred to Central American demolitions until your time's up — if you last that long.'*
A. the process of thinking carefully and making a judgment about something
B. the act of finding fault and telling others; or a description of faults
C. an international boundary or a wilderness at the edge of a settled area

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	consulate	Used 71 times in this book.
2	C	economics	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
3	B	premier (<i>as in: premier of Ontario</i>)	Used 7 times in this book.
4	B	conspirator	Used 20 times in this book.
5	B	dossier	Used 13 times in this book.
6	B	disposition (<i>as in: disposition of the assets</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	disposition (<i>as in: strategic troop disposition</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	preserve (<i>as in: preserve the records</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	C	preserve (<i>as in: a wildlife preserve</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	A	chameleon	Used 18 times in this book.
11	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 77 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	B	approach (<i>as in: use the best approach</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	continuous	Used 16 times in this book.
14	C	adversary	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
15	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	B	apex	Used 9 times in this book.
18	A	subordinate	High-utility academic word; used 17 times in this book.
19	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	Used 11 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
20	A	evaluate	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.