The Bourne Ultimatum

by Robert Ludlum

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Contents & Printing Notes

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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: accord (2), chameleon, continuous, convey (2), dossier, erratic, felon, incidental, inhibit, intrusion, obscure (2), ornate, preserve (2), tranquil, transparent (2)

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
   A. opposition
   B. keeping
   C. ignorance

2. We support the Geneva **Accord**.
   A. saying
   B. agreement
   C. people

3. 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

4. Alternating walk and rest was more beneficial than **continuous** walking for people with Type 2 diabetes.
   A. occasional
   B. scheduled
   C. uninterrupted

5. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
   A. express
   B. accept
   C. understand

6. We hired a carriage to **convey** us to the city.
   A. give service of
   B. explain
   C. transport

7. I've studied her **dossier**.
   A. face
   B. file
   C. body language

8. Her heart rate increased and became **erratic**.
   A. stronger
   B. more regular
   C. irregular

9. It's difficult for ex-**felons** to find work.
   A. people who lost their jobs
   B. people convicted of serious crimes
   C. people with unpopular opinions

10. Travel costs were the main expense; meals were just **incidental**.
    A. minor and secondary
    B. central and primary
    C. carefully planned

11. Cold weather can **inhibit** the growth of many tropical plants.
    A. slow down
    B. monitor
    C. describe

12. They are a proud people and resent foreign **intrusion** into their local affairs.
    A. watching as a show
    B. showing off superior abilities
    C. unwelcome involvement

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13. Our view was **obscured** by the smoke.
    A. enhanced
    B. blocked
    C. made frightening

14. She left instructions for us, but they are so **obscure** we can't agree on what they are.
    A. unrelated to the subject at hand
    B. controversial
    C. not clearly expressed or understood

15. It was the most **ornate** building I've ever seen.
    A. ancient
    B. boring
    C. decorated

16. The police closed off the room to **preserve** the crime scene.
    A. keep unchanged
    B. keep separate
    C. keep quiet

17. We visited the wildlife **preserve**.
    A. zoo
    B. park
    C. protected area

18. After the storm passed, the village returned to its **tranquil** evening routine.
    A. loudly chaotic
    B. brightly colored
    C. peacefully calm

19. As a safety measure, the school now insists that all backpacks and school bags be **transparent**.
    A. searched upon entry
    B. weighed
    C. easily seen through

20. It was a **transparent** lie.
    A. obvious
    B. clever
    C. vicious

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 *He was determined to destroy the Sino-British Hong Kong* Accords, *shutting down the colony, leaving the whole territory in chaos.*

A. main roads
B. agreements
C. sympathies

2 *Let's just say it's a lot and you two personally can count on six figures, if everything goes* according to *the book.*

A. idiom meaning *"won the day"*
B. in keeping with
C. U.S. history: pre-Civil War period

3 *Nowhere in that very creative* dossier *was there the slightest clue of a Washington connection.*

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

4 *So the* Chameleon *retreats to another disguise.*

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

5 *Conklin paused, and when he answered his quiet voice* conveyed *his fear; it was controlled but the fear was there.*

A. communicated or expressed
B. was abundant or plentiful
C. thought -- possibly aloud

6 *He was partially right, but he had not anticipated an embarrassment of personnel and* conveyances.

A. takes on or adopts
B. influences opinion
C. means of transport

7 *Soon I'll be ice ... clear,* transparent *ice, ice so cold and pure it can move anywhere without being seen.*

A. relating to properties of sound or hearing
B. mental activity of which one is self-aware
C. capable of being seen through

8 *"Then be reasonable and use your head," he said coldly, suddenly feeling so old, too old for such a* transparently *false lack of feeling.*

A. obviously
B. in a manner that does not change
C. in a manner that deserves praise

9 *He had never had his picture in the newspapers except as a* felon.

A. an expert in the branch of geology that studies rocks
B. someone legally convicted of a felony (serious crime)
C. a lens that limits light vibrations to a single plane

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10 *Its name is* Tranquility *Isle and the resort is called Tranquility Inn.*

A. activity or natural activity
B. not in an agreement to marry
C. peace and quiet; or calmness

11 *On the opposite side of each jacket and hooked to the cloth was a pair of Zeiss Ikon 8x10 binoculars* continuously *used to scan the darkness.*

A. in a manner that serves to help explain or demonstrate something
B. in a manner that tests someone or something for a period of time
C. continuing in time or space without interruption or irregularity

12 *There had been things to conceal within that Oriental wildlife* preserve*, so it was protected by an all but impassable government barrier.*

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

13 *The properly uniformed officers decreed from far behind the lines, and the foot soldiers died to* preserve *their superiors' wisdom.*

A. protect
B. expose to life
C. put in danger

14 *The mechanized, bulletproof vehicle stopped on the narrow path at midpoint between the two front gates nearly* obscured *by the shrubbery; Jason adjusted his binoculars.*

A. emphasized (called attention to something)
B. hidden
C. not fit for service to humans or home life

15 *First, naturally, there'll be the trip to the Caymans, where, I'm told, there are excellent tailors; then perhaps a clever little yacht and a small charter business that can be substantiated as having been moved from Tierra del Fuego or the Malvinas, some godforsaken place where a little money can produce an identity and a highly credible if* obscure *past.*

A. the state of doing something intentionally
B. mental activity of which one is self-aware
C. mysterious (not clearly seen or understood)

16 *Bourne suddenly walked over to an* ornate *brass-topped coffee table, the sort so common in the bazaars of India and the Middle East.*

A. able to be taken on as one's own
B. indicating approval or agreement
C. having lots of decorative detail

17 *Two shrill beeps suddenly* intruded *on the silence of the room.*

A. a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
B. restricted in the amount each person could have
C. interrupted or involved oneself without welcome

18 *The loudspeakers on the beach* erratically *interrupted the winds and the thunder out of Basse-Terre.*

A. in a manner where a clear decision is not made
B. with a feeling of regret for having done wrong
C. in a manner that is irregular or unpredictable

19 *But then, in the recesses of his analyst's mind, by profession and training a warehouse for both essential and* incidental *data, an alarm went off.*

A. something that comes with something else, but is less important than it
B. relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
C. rude or unfriendly because of using too few words or moving too quickly

20 *Lemuel raised his hand calmly a few inches off the arm of his chair to* inhibit *a red-faced Sykes.*

A. limit or prevent
B. take on or adopt
C. make more varied

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	accord *(as in: reached an accord)*	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
2	B	accord *(as in: according to, or in accord with)*	Used 26 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	dossier	Used 11 times in this book.
4	A	chameleon	Used 46 times in this book.
5	A	convey *(as in: convey her thoughts)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	convey *(as in: convey her safely to)*	2 meanings in this book.
7	C	transparent *(as in: transparent shower door)*	2 meanings in this book.
8	A	transparent *(as in: transparent lie)*	2 meanings in this book.
9	B	felon	Used 6 times in this book.
10	C	tranquil	Used 88 times in this book.
11	C	continuous	Used 13 times in this book.
12	C	preserve *(as in: a wildlife preserve)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	A	preserve *(as in: preserve the records)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	B	obscure *(as in: it obscured my view)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	C	obscure *(as in: the view or directions are obscure)*	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
16	C	ornate	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
17	C	intrusion	Used 18 times in this book.
18	C	erratic	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
19	A	incidental *(as in: an incidental expense)*	Used 29 times in this book.
20	A	inhibit *(as in: inhibited the growth of…)*	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.

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