

The Circle

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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: aggregate, clarity, constituent, crucial, democracy, enable, factor (2), focus (2), highlight, implicit (2), innovate, mandatory, monopoly, reciprocate, relevant, revelation, utopia



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	C
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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. The team's victory depended on the **aggregate** of every player's contributions.
 - A. single key effort
 - B. total combined sum
 - C. final desperate push
2. The judge praised the witnesses for the **clarity** of their testimony.
 - A. briefness
 - B. courage
 - C. clearness
3. The congresswoman held a town hall to hear from her **constituents**.
 - A. political donors
 - B. press reporters
 - C. district voters
4. The information is **crucial** to making a good decision.
 - A. helpful
 - B. very important
 - C. more than is needed
5. Canada has a **parliamentary democracy**.
 - A. government by the people
 - B. government by one ruler
 - C. government by the wealthy
6. Modern smartphones **enable** people to work from almost anywhere.
 - A. require
 - B. allow
 - C. remind
7. In the second paragraph, the narrator's focus shifts from **factors** making her unhappy to identification of possible solutions to her unhappiness.
 - A. things that are unfair
 - B. things (that influence an outcome)
 - C. examples of illnesses
8. Be sure to **factor** the cost of insurance into your decision when you think about buying a car.
 - A. do away with completely
 - B. make very angry or annoy
 - C. include for consideration
9. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
10. The **focus** of this class is classic American Literature.
 - A. hardest part
 - B. area where attention is concentrated
 - C. prerequisite (understanding required to enroll)
11. The mayor **highlighted** positive developments in the city.
 - A. encouraged
 - B. searched for
 - C. emphasized

12. The policy helps to reduce the us-versus-them mentality that is implicit in human nature.
- A. encouraging insensitivity to others
 - B. exists as an inseparable characteristic
 - C. harmful to the advancement of civilization
13. I trust her implicitly.
- A. guardedly
 - B. with concern
 - C. without question
14. Companies must innovate quickly to stay ahead of their competitors.
- A. follow old rules
 - B. create new methods
 - C. imitate rivals
15. Safety training is mandatory for all new employees.
- A. required
 - B. optional
 - C. unexpected
16. Critics warned that the tech giant's monopoly over online search could limit innovation and competition.
- A. minor stake
 - B. shared market
 - C. complete control
17. She couldn't reciprocate his feelings after he professed his love for her.
- A. understand
 - B. return
 - C. hear
18. It is easier to learn things that seem relevant to your life.
- A. understandable
 - B. repeated
 - C. important
19. I was leaning toward voting for her, but her stance on education policy was a revelation to me.
- A. something surprising and previously unknown
 - B. something that made a decision easy
 - C. something that reversed a previous decision
20. We thought we could create a utopia, but we failed because we overestimated human nature.
- A. an ideal place
 - B. constant innovation
 - C. a challenging journey

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 Another **innovation** born here.
A. "spiritually renew" in a Christian ceremony OR initiate or purify by a challenging experience
B. the introduction of something that is new and different; or something that is new and different
C. a European country (sometimes called Holland) and that literally means "lower countries"
- 2 Now she was part of the forty most **crucial** minds at the company—the Gang of 40—privy to its most secret plans and data.
A. natural
B. very important
C. more than is needed
- 3 He just loves **enabling** the curiosity of great young minds.
A. being a sign of
B. making possible
C. moving downward
- 4 He was the **anachronism** at the Circle, the flashy CEO, and created conflicted feelings among many of the **utopian** young Circlers.
A. related to an imaginary place thought to be perfect or ideal
B. tile designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
C. the state of not being in danger of suffering from something
- 5 Inside, the room was round and lined with books, but the main **focus** was a hole in the middle of the floor, surrounded by a copper barrier; a pole extended down, through the floor and to unknown regions below.
A. calculating or judging too high
B. where attention is concentrated or directed
C. the ability to take on or adopt
- 6 Okay, let's **focus** on Thursday at five fifteen.
A. concentrate
B. make one's home in; or live in; or stay (in a place)
C. a real estate loan; or pledging something for a loan
- 7 So it's good to ask them, to make sure you get that **clarity**.
A. a collection of things on public display OR a detailed explanation or background of a specific topic
B. the process of assigning a value on or judging the worth of something; or the result of such a process
C. seen, expressed, or understood clearly; or a degree of transparency such as the quality of clear water
- 8 Keep an eye on the InnerCircle feed in particular, because that's where you'll hear about staff meetings, **mandatory** gatherings, and any breaking news.
A. required by rule or law
B. interaction or interest
C. a subtle characteristic
- 9 But every time you post or comment or attend anything, that gets **factored in**, and you'll see your rank change accordingly.
A. held together (connected or united) or wrapped
B. moved to a worse or less prestigious situation
C. considered (for affect on a result or outcome)
- 10 Jennifer's score is the result of comparing her test results, her class rank, her school's relative academic strength and a number of other **factors**.
A. People who are of lower rank or status
B. things that affect a result or outcome
C. theories on the origin of the universe
- 11 It's collated this information and analyzed it for **relevance**.
A. Palestinian uprising or rebellion against Israeli control
B. the study of dinosaurs and other prehistoric ancient life
C. importance (meaningful relation to the issue in question)

- 12 *She wasn't angry at the **revelation** of her allergies.*
A. something previously unknown; or making such a thing known
B. a large, elongated gland located behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin
C. of the philosophical & religious system based on the teachings of Laozi (also spelled Taoist)
- 13 *Her temperature was rendered large, in green, 98.6, reminding her of that day's **aggregate**, 97, which she needed to improve.*
A. reporter
B. combined
C. disorder
- 14 *We believe that the Justice Department will see the Circle for what it is, a **monopoly** in its purest sense, and move to break it up, just as they did with Standard Oil, AT&T and every other demonstrated monopoly in our history.*
A. in a manner that tries to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuading
B. in the manner of someone who consumes more than they should -- especially eating and drinking too much
C. complete control over a product, service, or resource -- usually by a single person, company, or group
- 15 *We're lucky to have been born and raised in a **democracy**, but one that is always undergoing improvements.*
A. a system of government in which citizens have power with equal votes
B. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 16 *My every meeting, movement, my every word, will be available to all my **constituents** and to the world.*
A. hires, reserves, books, or occupies
B. creates, starts, or sets in a place
C. people (represented by me)
- 17 *They've accumulated enough credibility that their followers trust their recommendations **implicitly**, and are deeply thankful for the surety in their shopping.*
A. not exactly or accurately
B. in a manner like a "monk"
C. without question or doubt
- 18 *She didn't need to explain herself, or the future of the world, to the Circlers, who **implicitly** understood her and the planet and the way it had to be and soon would be.*
A. in an excessively unhappy and unsociable manner
B. inherently (automatically as a result of who they were)
C. in a manner that is not attractive or desirable
- 19 *At three she had to give a tour of the Napoleonic Era, where they were modeling the elimination of physical money—the trackability of internet currency would eliminate huge swaths of crime overnight—and at four, she was supposed to **highlight** the new musicians' residences on campus—twenty-two fully equipped apartments where musicians, especially those who couldn't count on making a living through sales of their music, could live for free and play regularly for the Circlers.*
A. an involuntary vomiting spasm
B. exchange, convert, or pay off
C. emphasize (call attention to)
- 20 *Jared had told her about a new level of **reciprocation** encouraged among the CE staff.*
A. useful
B. return
C. danger

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	innovate	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
2	B	crucial	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
3	B	enable	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
4	A	utopia	Used 5 times in this book.
5	B	focus (<i>as in: The focus of our study is...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	clarity	Used 12 times in this book.
8	A	mandatory (<i>as in: it is mandatory</i>)	Used 20 times in this book.
9	C	factor (<i>as in: factor it into your thinking</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	B	factor (<i>as in: It was the deciding factor.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	relevant	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
12	A	revelation	Used 10 times in this book.
13	B	aggregate	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
14	C	monopoly	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
15	A	democracy	Used 20 times in this book.
16	C	constituent (<i>as in: constituents from her district</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
17	C	implicit (<i>as in: I trust her implicitly.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	B	implicit (<i>as in: implicit problem with the design</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	highlight (<i>as in: highlight the main findings</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
20	B	reciprocate	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.