

The Da Vinci Code

by Dan Brown

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Contents & Printing Notes

Unlike our most popular resources, this one's auto-selected.
Review before use, or edit the DOCX via "View / Print / Edit Web
Quiz" on the Resources menu.

PRE-READING ACTIVITY

Answer Key — Preview	2	teacher use / self-check only
Vocabulary Preview	3	

OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

Vocabulary in Context	5	
Answer Key — In Context	7	teacher use only

Pages are ordered for double-sided printing.

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: abbey, anagram, conveyor belt, critical (2), elaborate (2), establish (2), euro, however (2), keystone, monk, opus, pagan, postscript, sequence, sublime (2)



More Vocabulary Printables

verbalworkout.com

(all resources free)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

The Da Vinci Code

by Dan Brown

#	KEY
1	C
2	A
3	A
4	B
5	C
6	C
7	C
8	B
9	C
10	B
11	A
12	A
13	B
14	B
15	A
16	C
17	A
18	B
19	A
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

The Da Vinci Code

by Dan Brown

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. After years of dedicated service to the church, she retired to a quiet **abbey** in the countryside.
 - A. a small, rural parish church
 - B. a large cathedral open to the public
 - C. a building where monks or nuns live
2. An example of an **anagram** is the phrase "*The Morse Code*, which can be rearranged to spell "*Here come dots*.
 - A. a word or phrase spelled by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase
 - B. a word phrase spelled by changing one letter per word of another word or phrase
 - C. a word or phrase that rhymes with another word or phrase
3. Most luggage **conveyor belts** work at a speed of about 1 meter/second.
 - A. a moving band or belt that transports objects
 - B. parts of a poem or song where each part consists of a fixed number of lines
 - C. things that are lacking which are needed to live in a satisfactory manner
4. Ants play a **critical** role in the ecosystem.
 - A. small
 - B. important
 - C. confusing
5. She is very **critical** of the administration.
 - A. dangerous
 - B. important
 - C. tends to find fault
6. As we talked, she **elaborated** on her idea.
 - A. responded to criticism
 - B. changed thinking
 - C. added details
7. Their culture has **elaborate** wedding ceremonies.
 - A. generous
 - B. exciting
 - C. detailed
8. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
9. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
 - A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
10. The **euro** replaced the German mark as a major reserve currency.
 - A. Asian trade currency
 - B. European Union currency
 - C. ancient Roman money
11. I hope to take the ACT just once. **However**, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
 - A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and

12. However we get there, the main thing is to be absolutely sure we're not late.
- A. whatever way
 - B. even if in a non-standard manner
 - C. to whatever degree
13. Trust is the keystone of any lasting friendship or partnership.
- A. minor decoration
 - B. essential foundation
 - C. common nuisance
14. 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
15. The composer's final opus was performed at a sold-out symphony concert.
- A. major musical work
 - B. popular folk dance
 - C. famous oil painting
16. The museum displayed pagan statues from ancient Europe.
- A. highly religious
 - B. ancient political
 - C. non-mainstream religious
17. PS: Bella says she misses you too.
- A. an abbreviation for "postscript" placed before a final note at the end of a letter
 - B. an abbreviation for "postscript" placed before a final recap of a letter
 - C. an abbreviation for "postscript" indicating that the letter is confidential
18. The sequence of events in the novel kept the readers engaged and eager to find out what happens next.
- A. brief summary
 - B. order or series
 - C. random collection
19. We found a sublime seaside bed and breakfast.
- A. wonderful
 - B. shabby
 - C. old
20. With sublime stubbornness, she refused to see that the project could not succeed.
- A. newly developed
 - B. pure or extreme
 - C. optimistic

Vocabulary in Context

The Da Vinci Code

by Dan Brown

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 20

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

- 1 *Opus Dei* has just completed construction of a \$47 million World Headquarters at 243 Lexington Avenue in New York City.
A. an major artistic work -- especially a numbered work of a musical composition
B. a psychologist concerned with the treatment of abnormal thinking and behavior
C. a stone shaped like a disk that spins and is used to grind, sharpen or polish
- 2 According to lore, the brotherhood had created a map of a stone ... or **keystone**—an engraved tablet that revealed the final resting place of the brotherhood's greatest secret...
A. the reason for doing something; or the level of desire to do something
B. something of importance upon which other things depend
C. a drug that calms or puts to sleep; or describing something as calming
- 3 *The circle had been the missing* **critical** *element.*
A. not clear or easily identifiable
B. important
C. the condition of being different
- 4 Recently the Board of Ministers and the media had become more openly **critical** of Fache's aggressive tactics, his clashes with powerful foreign embassies, and his gross overbudgeting on new technologies.
A. the state or degree of not finding a condition or substance to be present
B. not co-existing peacefully; or with components that are pleasing together
C. disapproving
- 5 Twenty million **euro**, the bishop thought, now gazing out the plane's window.
A. the act of treating or preparing food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
B. European Union currency
C. passages food and drink follow between the back of mouths and the stomachs
- 6 "Captain," Sophie said, her tone dangerously defiant, "the **sequence** of numbers you have in your hand happens to be one of the most famous mathematical progressions in history."
A. tell someone about something
B. arranged in a specific order
C. something repeated regularly
- 7 She apparently believed the curator had left her a cryptic **postscript** telling her to find Langdon.
A. a note added to the end of a letter after the signature -- usually preceded with "PS:" or "P.S."
B. treatment with extra kindness or tolerance OR (more rarely) a special pleasure (typically something done in excess of what is thought good -- such as eating too much cake, or being too lazy)
C. a person with or something related to an eating disorder in which overeating is followed by guilt and unhealthy attempts at correction -- especially self-induced vomiting
- 8 Dear God, I offer up to you this work I do today.... Crouching in the shadows of the choir balcony high above the altar, Sister Sandrine peered silently through the balustrade at the cloaked **monk** kneeling alone.
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 Few people realized that **anagrams**, despite being a trite modern amusement, had a rich history of sacred symbolism.
A. a word or phrase spelled by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase
B. descriptions of unfavorable opinions; or acts of sharing unfavorable opinions
C. geological areas where a river divides before entering a larger body of water
- 10 And it all fits perfectly with their fascination for goddess iconology, **paganism**, feminine deities, and contempt for the Church.
A. highly contagious respiratory disease commonly called *the flu*
B. the state or degree of being appropriate in size, amount, or degree
C. an offensive term for a person who follows a non-mainstream religion

- 11 *Opus Dei is a personal prelature of Vatican City, and His Holiness can disperse monies **however** he sees fit.*
A. in whatever way
B. starts fighting
C. starts (a fire)
- 12 *The entrance to the Chapter House, **however**, was much farther away, at the far end of the long hallway.*
A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though, in spite of that, in contrast, nevertheless*, etc.
B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
C. therefore (for that reason)
- 13 *He walked them to the far wall where a wide **conveyor belt** entered the room in a graceful curve, vaguely resembling a baggage claim carousel.*
A. a moving band or belt that transports objects -- such as goods in a factory
B. the four-dimensional combination of space and time where everything happens
C. a connection or relationship by being equivalent, proportionate, or matched
- 14 *My grandfather loved creating **elaborate** treasure hunts around our house, a string of clues that eventually led to my real gift.*
A. accelerated or fast
B. make-believe
C. detailed and complicated
- 15 *Vernet didn't **elaborate**, but he sounds like he's willing to do anything to get it back.*
A. exaggerate the truth
B. make eye contact
C. explain in more detail
- 16 *Nonetheless, **establishing** Christ's divinity was critical to the further unification of the Roman empire and to the new Vatican power base.*
A. viewing in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
B. placing trust (in someone) by talking about private things
C. demonstrating
- 17 *I suggest you cite your differences of opinion with the Holy See and **establish** yourself as your own Christian organization.*
A. interact again or interest again
B. set in place
C. genetic change through evolution
- 18 *What Robert is fumbling with is the fact that the blossoming flower resembles the female genitalia, the **sublime** blossom from which all mankind enters the world.*
A. wonderful
B. mirror back (an image)
C. create dramatic change
- 19 *"Atbash is **sublimely** appropriate," Teabing said.*
A. done on purpose
B. extremely
C. with steadiness
- 20 *More than three thousand people are entombed or enshrined within Westminster Abbey.*
A. a small, rural parish church
B. a large cathedral open to the public
C. church

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

The Da Vinci Code

by Dan Brown

#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	opus	Used 84 times in this book.
2	B	keystone (<i>as in: keystone of our philosophy</i>)	Used 171 times in this book.
3	B	critical (<i>as in: a critical problem</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	C	critical (<i>as in: don't be so critical</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	B	euro (<i>as in: 10 euro</i>)	Used 8 times in this book.
6	B	sequence	Used 18 times in this book.
7	A	postscript	Used 31 times in this book.
8	B	monk	Used 45 times in this book.
9	A	anagram	Used 22 times in this book.
10	C	pagan	Used 52 times in this book.
11	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
12	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	A	conveyor belt	Used 12 times in this book.
14	C	elaborate (<i>as in: an elaborate design</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	C	elaborate (<i>as in: elaborate on your plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	sublime (<i>as in: she is sublime</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	B	sublime (<i>as in: sublime ignorance</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
20	C	abbey	Used 30 times in this book.