

The Elite

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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: acquire, anxiety, appease, condolence, contradict, convey, demure, dispose, distinct, engrossed, essential, fidget, genuine, imply, intimidate, intrusion, jovial, palpable, poise, regal



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. They are working to acquire nuclear weapons.
A. obtain (get)
B. eliminate (get rid of)
C. disguise or hide
2. It is a vicious cycle in which worry leads to decreased spending and decreased spending leads to increased anxiety.
A. happiness
B. worry
C. saving
3. If I fail English because I didn't do my homework, there will be no appeasing my mother.
A. calming
B. talking with
C. hiding from
4. We heard about your mother. Please accept our condolences.
A. flowers
B. sympathy
C. letter
5. Does the sentence contradict what is said in the previous paragraph?
A. disagree with
B. reinforce
C. expand upon
6. Please convey my gratitude for her hospitality.
A. express
B. accept
C. understand
7. She gave a demure nod and let her friend do most of the talking.
A. sharp and dismissive
B. modest and quiet
C. confused and nervous
8. You have a tight deadline, but the entire company is at your disposal.
A. command
B. mercy
C. office
9. Two distinct brain networks guide our judgments.
A. different
B. similar
C. identical
10. She was so engrossed in a conversation that she didn't see me.
A. interested
B. bored
C. angry
11. Regular exercise is essential for maintaining good cardiovascular health.
A. occasionally helpful
B. absolutely necessary
C. completely optional

12. She fidgeted like a child caught in a lie.
- A. moved restlessly
 - B. was embarrassed
 - C. cried
13. She has a genuine interest in each of her students.
- A. sincere (real)
 - B. fake
 - C. generous (giving)
14. She implied that she would vote with us.
- A. hinted
 - B. insisted
 - C. denied
15. She was intimidated by the formality of her first board meeting.
- A. made fearful
 - B. made welcome
 - C. quite amused
16. 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
17. She is a jovial old woman.
- A. impossible to understand
 - B. cheerful and friendly
 - C. very noticeable
18. Her concern was palpable.
- A. passing
 - B. laughable
 - C. very apparent
19. The once self-conscious girl is now a woman with considerable poise.
- A. style
 - B. education
 - C. composure
20. The actress made a regal entrance, holding her head high as she descended the staircase.
- A. clumsy
 - B. majestic
 - C. hurried

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 *She added the last words quickly, catching herself in the middle of **implying** that Maxon would be my choice.*
 - A. suggesting (saying indirectly)
 - B. going back to a previous state
 - C. acting in an official capacity
- 2 *I'd been giving Marlee piano lessons nearly every day for more than a week, and it **genuinely** sounded like she was getting worse.*
 - A. really
 - B. mainly
 - C. wisely
- 3 *When the soldiers had shown up at her door with a letter and a flag and their **meaningless** condolences, she'd caved in on herself.*
 - A. basic rules or beliefs
 - B. expression of sympathy
 - C. subtle characteristics
- 4 *We tried to be the lovely, regal young women Silvia wanted us to, but the second Kriss's and Marlee's parents made it through the doorway, it all **fell apart**.*
 - A. exceedingly funny (resulting in uncontrollable laughter); or exhibiting excessive, uncontrollable emotion
 - B. so fine, magnificent, or dignified as to be suitable for a king or queen; or belonging to a king or queen
 - C. when what happens is very different than what might be expected; or when things seem incongruous together
- 5 *The women were all still **engrossed** with the experience, with the queen herself, and no one seemed to notice us.*
 - A. with all attention focused
 - B. gradually added or removed
 - C. limited or with boundaries
- 6 *Her silken dress was an **exaggeration** of the demure ones she tended to favor.*
 - A. tendency to be direct in a disagreeable, insensitive manner
 - B. modest, quiet, and shy; or pretending such in a playful way
 - C. the quality of believing oneself morally superior to others
- 7 *"I like your **costume**," he said jovially.*
 - A. relating to the outside
 - B. cheerfully and friendly
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 8 *After I announce the dismissal tomorrow, that will **appease** the public and my father, but I don't want to rush you at all.*
 - A. satisfy or pacify (make less angry or upset)
 - B. move out of an interacting position; or stop
 - C. say something or make a sound with the voice
- 9 *Celeste was **stumbling up** the marble steps, and Natalie had acquired some poor guard's hat.*
 - A. obtained (came into possession of)
 - B. not provided with investment funds
 - C. not interacting; or not interested
- 10 *She kept **stopping and rubbing** her forehead as if she could smooth away the anxiety in her face.*
 - A. basic rule or belief
 - B. nervousness or worry
 - C. narrow water passage
- 11 *And Mr. Woodwork has **essentially stolen** property of the royal family through his relations with Miss Tames!*
 - A. with an orientation that is straight up and down (90 degrees relative to the floor)
 - B. basically (in all important respects; or relating to the basic nature of something)
 - C. in a manner that is extremely unpleasant, disgusting, dislikable, or worthy of hate
- 12 *His **relief** was palpable.*
 - A. not important
 - B. causing death
 - C. very apparent

- 13 *I fidgeted, uncertain of what to say.*
- A. made small restless movements
 - B. with rises and falls in pitch
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 14 *The look on her face conveyed her disgust.*
- A. communicated or expressed
 - B. was abundant or plentiful
 - C. thought -- possibly aloud
- 15 *My maids probably wouldn't have noticed it; and if they had, they never would have intruded on my privacy.*
- 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
- 16 *While a romantic idea at heart, some say it's unfair to force princes to marry women beneath them, though no one can deny the absolute poise and beauty of our current queen, Amberly Station Schreave.*
- A. to dominate harshly and unfairly OR to deny equal rights to others or make them suffer
 - B. persuade someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - C. calm, confident, and in control—especially in movement, behavior, or when ready to act
- 17 *Silvia claimed she would be at our disposal, but I had a feeling asking for help would make her think we couldn't do a good enough job on our own, so that was out.*
- A. command
 - B. the taking on or adoption of power or responsibility
 - C. the process of controlling (how something turns out)
- 18 *It was incredibly intimidating.*
- A. making fearful
 - B. briefly seeing
 - C. avoiding waste
- 19 *Sometime later, I heard the distinct sound of footsteps.*
- A. clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
 - B. not capable of being better understood through detailed examination
 - C. unbelieving; or having difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 20 *"You're not done, America," he contradicted me quickly, his stance saying as much as his words.*
- A. disagreed
 - B. separated
 - C. satisfied

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
2	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
3	B	condolence	Used 2 times in this book.
4	B	regal	Used 4 times in this book.
5	A	engrossed (<i>as in:</i> <i>engrossed in the book</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
6	B	demure	Used 2 times in this book.
7	B	jovial	Used 2 times in this book.
8	A	appease	Used 2 times in this book.
9	A	acquire	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
10	B	anxiety	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	B	essential	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	C	palpable	Used 2 times in this book.
13	A	fidget	Used 5 times in this book.
14	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her</i> <i>thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
15	C	intrusion	Used 6 times in this book.
16	C	poise	Used 4 times in this book.
17	A	dispose (<i>as in: disposed</i> <i>the troops along...</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
18	A	intimidate	Used 5 times in this book.
19	A	distinct	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	A	contradict	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
