

The Fiend And The Forge

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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: aggrieve, beckon, boon, contingent (2), edict, focus (2), however (3), languish, mystic, ogre, pique (2), profound (2), yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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2	B
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11	A
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18	A
19	A
20	B

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. Many workers were **aggrieved** by the new policy changes.
 - A. wronged
 - B. thrilled
 - C. puzzled
2. The police officer **beckoned** me to come over.
 - A. considered asking
 - B. called
 - C. prohibited
3. For remote workers, high-speed internet is a real **boon**, making it easier to stay productive from home.
 - A. something that causes great harm
 - B. a source of constant distraction
 - C. something that is of great benefit
4. We made an offer to buy the house, but the offer is **contingent** upon our selling our existing home before closing the sale on the new one.
 - A. dependent upon
 - B. grouped with things in common
 - C. is better
5. The peacekeeping force includes a British **contingent**.
 - A. leader
 - B. translator
 - C. group
6. Constantine issued an **edict** for religious tolerance throughout the Roman Empire.
 - A. suggestion
 - B. study
 - C. order
7. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
8. The **focus** of this class is classic American Literature.
 - A. hardest part
 - B. area where attention is concentrated
 - C. prerequisite (understanding required to enroll)
9. 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
10. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
11. **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

12. The bill may **languish** in committee for months without a vote.
- A. move forward quickly
 - B. win strong support
 - C. remain neglected
13. The **mystic** spent years in a remote cave seeking spiritual insight.
- A. wealthy merchant
 - B. spiritual seeker
 - C. trained warrior
14. The **ogre** in the story terrorized travelers passing through his forest.
- A. monster
 - B. princess
 - C. shepherd
15. The documentary **piqued** her interest in environmental activism.
- A. squelched
 - B. excited
 - C. made more reasonable
16. In a **pique**, I foolishly resigned.
- A. feeling of resentment
 - B. misunderstanding
 - C. thoughtless manner
17. She is a **profound** thinker.
- A. shallow
 - B. deep
 - C. quick
18. It was a **profound** spiritual experience that changed her life.
- A. intense
 - B. common
 - C. traditional
19. The experiment **yielded** data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down
20. After the scandal, she **yielded** to public pressure and resigned her position.
- A. added
 - B. gave in
 - C. produced

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 did not mention anything about a mark," said the man, sounding **aggrieved**.
 - A. felt harmed by unfair treatment
 - B. selected (on a computer screen)
 - C. learned, discovered, or decided
- 2 He couldn't help scanning the desk, **however**, and his eyes came to rest on a particularly imposing tome.
 - 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)
- 3 Tonight, Old Tom's bell shall ring once more to open this school and remind us of our sacred duty to kindle a light—**however** small—on this beloved earth.
 - A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
 - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
 - C. regardless of how
- 4 With it, he can reshape the present **however** he chooses.
 - A. in whatever way
 - B. starts fighting
 - C. starts (a fire)
- 5 A **contingent** of demons was coming to Rowan, and yet arms were looped and poses were struck while shutters clicked.
 - A. a particular understanding or explanation
 - B. the time during which something continues
 - C. group
- 6 My assistance with Vyndra is **contingent** on your becoming my champion.
 - A. dependent
 - B. clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
 - C. not capable of being better understood through detailed examination
- 7 Julie waved to her family, who were seated at a table with Mr. McDaniels, Hazel **Boon**, Cooper, and the Bristows.
 - A. something that causes great harm
 - B. a traditional practice or custom
 - C. something that is of great benefit
- 8 Max did not find the armored **ogres** strange, or even the wolfish vyes, whose feral eyes gleamed in the firelight.
 - A. a frightening giant from fairy tales, especially one who eats people; or a cruel or terrifying person
 - B. aka natural rights -- rights that are naturally due because of human nature and the natural condition
 - C. soccer players who play in the middle third of the field and who assist with both defense and offense
- 9 "Do not trouble yourself, Director," he exclaimed, **beckoning** her to rise.
 - A. providing evidence of something -- especially oral evidence in court
 - B. signaling (by using a hand gesture or a nod)
 - C. convincing (someone) that an idea previously believed is not correct
- 10 Seven Sacred Edicts are all that your people must follow to guarantee our lord's goodwill.
 - A. descriptions of unfavorable opinions; or acts of sharing unfavorable opinions
 - B. geological areas where a river divides before entering a larger body of water
 - C. an order -- typically a formal proclamation or a legally binding court decree
- 11 This branch of **mystic** study is hereby ended.
 - A. 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
 - B. relating to realities that are outside of scientific understanding and normal experience
 - C. a musical play with orchestra in which most of the dialogue is sung (or the art form that consists of such musicals; or describing something as related to that art form)

- 12 Massachusetts Bay **yielded** nothing of note; there were no indications of Boston or of any human habitation whatsoever.
- A. produced
 - B. was attractive or desirable
 - C. not wanting to do something
- 13 He would not **yield** to treachery, or, poison, or even Astaroth himself.
- A. select (on a computer screen)
 - B. give in, give way, or give up
 - C. an involuntary vomiting spasm
- 14 Something was **profoundly** wrong here,
- A. with greatest intensity
 - B. in a manner that is not aware of something
 - C. in a manner that is loving, but not sexual
- 15 ... "This is some of my great wisdom!"
But Vainamoinen merely smiled and asked his challenger to speak of more **profound** things.
- A. foolish or showing ignorance of important circumstances
 - B. deep or far-reaching in intellect or consequence
 - C. quick or efficient
- 16 Max asked, his interest **piqued**.
- A. marked important text
 - B. aroused
 - C. recognized difference
- 17 We cannot have you revealing your identity in a fit of **pique** or spite.
- A. a feeling of resentment or indignation
 - B. spend time with; or someone with whom a person spends a lot of time
 - C. an overwhelming amount; or to overwhelm -- especially said of water
- 18 This last subject was the **focus** of his attention, but Max was disappointed to learn that Nix and Valya's knowledge was hemmed by the Alps and the Apennines.
- A. calculating or judging too high
 - B. where attention is concentrated
 - C. the ability to take on or adopt
- 19 As before, the feat required him to **focus** every iota of strength and will upon the lethal point of his weapon.
- A. concentrate, or look
 - 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
- 20 All these people **languishing** in filth, praying for the 'Great Prusias' to stop and make their fortune.
- A. emphasizing (drawing attention to something)
 - B. a non-doctor assisting a women in childbirth
 - C. suffering in a bad situation for a long time

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	aggrieve	Used 4 times in this book.
2	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
3	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
4	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
5	C	contingent (<i>as in: the Canadian contingent</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	A	contingent (<i>as in: contingent upon</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
7	C	boon	Used 38 times in this book.
8	A	ogre	Used 44 times in this book.
9	B	beckon	Used 15 times in this book.
10	C	edict	Used 21 times in this book.
11	B	mystic	Used 38 times in this book.
12	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	profound (<i>as in: profound sadness</i>)	Used 8 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	profound (<i>as in: profound idea</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
16	B	pique (<i>as in: pique your interest</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
17	A	pique (<i>as in: in a pique about it</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	B	focus (<i>as in: The focus of our study is...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
19	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
20	C	languish	Used 4 times in this book.