

The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest

by Stieg Larsson

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: analytical, anarchist, competent, conspiracy, correspond (2), disseminate, establish (2), evaluate, forgery, interpret (2), minute, minutes, paranoid (2), reciprocate, resignation (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	A
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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. We have a **numbers-tested, analytical** approach to advertising.
 - A. logical and systematic
 - B. creative and artistic
 - C. loud and aggressive
2. She didn't call herself an **anarchist**, but she refused to follow rules she saw as unfair.
 - A. someone with anxiety
 - B. someone against authority
 - C. someone who gives advice
3. She is **competent** on both violin and piano.
 - A. below average
 - B. sufficiently capable
 - C. outstanding
4. She is inclined to believe **conspiracy** theories.
 - A. unproven
 - B. scientific
 - C. secret plot
5. The bones in a bat's wing exactly correspond to those in a human forearm.
 - A. are equivalent
 - B. are opposite
 - C. are unrelated
6. Do either of you have copies of your **correspondence**?
 - A. instructions
 - B. letters or emails
 - C. pictures or drawings
7. She uses social media to **disseminate** her research findings to a broader audience.
 - A. summarize briefly
 - B. organize carefully
 - C. spread widely
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. I'm **evaluating** job options.
 - A. considering
 - B. creating
 - C. avoiding
11. Experts proved the painting was a clever **forgery**, not the real masterpiece.
 - A. original work of art
 - B. early rough draft
 - C. fake passed off as real

12. She will stand to his left and interpret his speech into sign language.
- A. refute (prove false)
 - B. elaborate upon
 - C. translate
13. How will a court interpret the word *careless* if there is a lawsuit?
- A. understand
 - B. insist on
 - C. ignore
14. Even a minute amount of lead can be harmful to children.
- A. large
 - B. 60 seconds
 - C. tiny
15. I always review the minutes to make sure there are no errors.
- A. written record of what happened at a meeting
 - B. plans that detail how something will be done
 - C. time that has just passed
16. He grew paranoid that his coworkers were secretly plotting against him.
- A. deeply grateful to friends
 - B. overly suspicious of others
 - C. completely unaware of trouble
17. Excessive or prolonged use of the drug can cause paranoid delusions.
- A. excessive fear of others
 - B. excessive belief in one's importance
 - C. excessive need to do repeat actions
18. She couldn't reciprocate his feelings after he professed his love for her.
- A. understand
 - B. return
 - C. hear
19. She said that if I don't resign, I will be fired.
- A. do better
 - B. quit
 - C. renew an agreement
20. She was resigned to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
 - B. resistant
 - C. with acceptance

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 An analysis of the blood will probably **establish** that Salander was shot and buried here, and I'm beginning to expect that we'll find her fingerprints on the cigarette case.
 - A. take (power or responsibility)
 - B. accept as true (without proof)
 - C. show
- 2 It was an almost shocking feeling when the hand-held suddenly showed that it had **established** a connection.
 - A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - B. created
 - C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 3 I'm not **competent** to judge whether or not Salander is mentally ill.
 - A. sincerity (realness)
 - B. sufficiently capable
 - C. sensible and careful
- 4 Usually he was cool and **analytical**, but he knew that at some time in the future he would have to pay her back and erase the shame.
 - A. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
 - B. the state or degree of being pessimistic or disagreeable
 - C. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
- 5 According to the PG, the 'top secret' classification means that the report may not be **disseminated** or copied.
 - A. not having begun speaking with someone about something
 - B. entered another's property without right or permission
 - C. to spread widely -- especially information or opinions
- 6 Most of the cases, however, could never be proven, and some senior officers began to wonder whether the Section was run by **paranoid** conspiracy theorists.
 - A. the practice or tendency to be critical--especially in a non-helpful manner
 - B. with excessive fear
 - C. the quality of using extreme or violent actions to achieve a political goal
- 7 It is also my duty to remind the court that Lisbeth Salander has been diagnosed as a **paranoid schizophrenic**.
 - A. someone suffering from a psychological disorder characterized by excessive distrust of others
 - B. bacterial infection typically contracted through a puncture wound with a dirty object
 - C. the doctrine that knowledge is acquired primarily by reason rather than by experience
- 8 Most of the cases, however, could never be proven, and some senior officers began to wonder whether the Section was run by **paranoid conspiracy** theorists.
 - A. the best or most important
 - B. harsh and unfair treatment
 - C. a secret agreement or plot
- 9 Gullberg knew the most **minute** character traits, the strengths and weaknesses, of all his colleagues, but he had only a vague notion of their family lives.
 - A. awake
 - B. exact
 - C. minor
- 10 She got the board to approve two decisions and enter them in the **minutes**.
 - A. formal notes (from a meeting)
 - B. results or predictable values
 - C. things not easily set on fire

- 11 *Hans von Rottinger had first hired Falun for the Section in 1986 for an operation that involved forcing entry into the home of the leader of an **anarchist** group.*
- A. involvement in or the suggestion that someone was involved
 - B. someone who favors eliminating all government or authority
 - C. of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and sometimes Finland & Iceland
- 12 *He had had the feeling before and had trained himself to **interpret** it as an alarm triggered by instinct.*
- A. to understand or explain something in a particular way
 - B. excessively examine in an attempt to better understand
 - C. become less drunk (or get completely past drunkenness)
- 13 *He could sense a cold shadow passing through the room, and **interpreted** this as a sign that the patient felt fear and shame beneath her imperturbable exterior.*
- A. subtracted
 - B. questioned
 - C. translated
- 14 *When their love was not **reciprocated**, it could quickly turn to violent hatred.*
- A. said indirectly
 - B. given in return
 - C. greatly annoyed
- 15 *After the tumult of Zalachenko's murder and Gullberg's attempted suicide, Jonasson had done an **evaluation** of Salander's condition.*
- A. the process of thinking carefully and making a judgment about something
 - B. the act of finding fault and telling others; or a description of faults
 - C. an international boundary or a wilderness at the edge of a settled area
- 16 *And you're saying that it's an invention, a **forgery**?*
- A. any of the Scandinavian people who raided the coasts of Europe from the 8th to the 11th centuries
 - B. a compound consisting of large molecules made up of a linked series of repeated smaller molecules
 - C. something that is represented as real even though it is a fake; or the making of such a fake item
- 17 *So why did you **resign** from the police force?*
- A. draw
 - B. quit
 - C. rule
- 18 *It was evident to everyone that he was **resigned** to his fate.*
- A. to be or to become used to (adapted to and with an expectation of)
 - B. showed something -- such as demonstrated, expressed, or represented
 - C. had accepted something undesirable as unavoidable
- 19 *She could see how even from day one there had been a hostile undertone in her **correspondence** with Holm.*
- A. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - B. communication by written letters or messages
 - C. found a condition or substance to be present
- 20 *She says she thinks everything is connected with a little club inside Säpo, pointing to the existence of something **corresponding** to the Section.*
- A. connected or fitting together by being equivalent, proportionate, or matched
 - B. drying out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight; or making very thirsty
 - C. sticking out, attracting more attention than desired, or imposing on others

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	competent	High-utility academic word; used 24 times in this book.
4	A	analytical	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
5	C	disseminate	Used 6 times in this book.
6	B	paranoid (<i>used casually</i>)	Used 12 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	paranoid (<i>used clinically</i>)	Used 16 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
8	C	conspiracy	Used 29 times in this book.
9	C	minute (<i>as in: minute size</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
10	A	minutes (<i>as in: keep the minutes</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
11	B	anarchist	Used 6 times in this book.
12	A	interpret (<i>as in: her interpretation of the data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	Used 11 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
14	B	reciprocate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
15	A	evaluate	High-utility academic word; used 17 times in this book.
16	C	forgery	Used 7 times in this book.
17	B	resignation (<i>as in: submitted her resignation</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	C	resignation (<i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i>)	Used 31 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	B	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding by email</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
20	A	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding time period</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.