

The Heir

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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: blatant, candid, contradict, decisive (2), fawn, immaculate, inconspicuous, indulge, intimidate, lament, monarchy, obnoxious, phase (2), skeptical, suppress, technique, vary, waver



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
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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. They showed **blatant** disregard for international law.
 - A. evil
 - B. obvious
 - C. ignorant
2. These are **candid** pictures from last night's party.
 - A. with many people
 - B. portrait-style
 - C. unposed
3. Does the sentence **contradict** what is said in the previous paragraph?
 - A. disagree with
 - B. reinforce
 - C. expand upon
4. Tonight, they play the **decisive** game seven of the series.
 - A. determining an outcome
 - B. hardest so far
 - C. most watched
5. We need a **decisive** leader who can act quickly without losing time in consultation.
 - A. unhesitating
 - B. intelligent
 - C. popular
6. She tried not to **fawn** over the famous actor when he visited the school.
 - A. flatter too much
 - B. argue angrily
 - C. speak honestly
7. Her timing and technique were **immaculate**.
 - A. terrible
 - B. perfect
 - C. adequate
8. The microphone was small and **inconspicuous**, tucked neatly into the speaker's lapel.
 - A. not fully functional
 - B. not clearly labeled
 - C. not attracting attention
9. I **indulge** my taste for sweets more than is good for me.
 - A. give in to
 - B. hold back from
 - C. complain about
10. She was **intimidated** by the formality of her first board meeting.
 - A. made fearful
 - B. made welcome
 - C. quite amused
11. We **lamented** our sad circumstances.
 - A. made worse
 - B. improved
 - C. expressed grief about
12. He was imprisoned for insulting the Thai **monarchy**.
 - A. government rules by the military
 - B. government ruled by foreigners
 - C. government ruled by royalty

13. Don't be **obnoxious**.
A. nervous or worried
B. rude or unpleasant
C. ridiculous or foolish
14. We finished the first **phase** of the project.
A. pretending to have moral standards while not living up to them
B. a stage during the development of something
C. someone responsible for a wrongdoing -- especially a criminal
15. The total increase in the minimum wage will be **phased** in over the next three years.
A. gradually [added]
B. with all attention focused
C. intentionally insulted
16. She is **skeptical** about the project.
A. doubtful
B. keeping silent
C. excited
17. Stalin **suppressed** criticism in the press.
A. kept from spreading
B. caused to spread
C. expressed publicly
18. One **technique** I use for dealing with anger is to wait ten seconds before responding.
A. way of doing something
B. habit
C. solution to anger
19. McDonald's menu options **vary** by location.
A. are consistent
B. are different
C. are known
20. We will never **waver** in our commitment to provide the best education possible.
A. speak forcefully
B. grow rapidly
C. be unsteady

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 *Twenty years ago, Dad's first act as king was to dissolve the castes, and the old system had been **phased** out slowly over my lifetime.*
 - A. gradually eliminated
 - B. limited or with boundaries
 - C. treated as if of low worth
- 2 *I hadn't thought about that, how he'd seen me go through the many **phases** of growing up, both on and off screen.*
 - A. tiles designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
 - B. stages (of the development of something)
 - C. instances of taking on or adopting of power or responsibility
- 3 *I pulled on my outfit and brushed out my hair, preparing for another day as the future face of the **monarchy**.*
 - A. a psychologist concerned with the treatment of abnormal thinking and behavior
 - B. a usually brief state of mental confusion often accompanied by hallucinations
 - C. a government, country, or ruling family of a country ruled by a king or queen
- 4 *You need to be strong, **decisive**.*
 - A. making quick decisions and sticking by them
 - B. made by humans -- often to replace something that can be found in nature
 - C. the quality or degree of straightness, or absence of anything in between
- 5 *I'd taken a **decisive** step, and Dad could rest easy now, knowing the Selection was properly under way and that I wouldn't let him down.*
 - A. conclusive in settling a matter
 - B. relating to one-sided information that is purposefully spread to influence opinions
 - C. able to be persuaded to do something by tempting with pleasure or something desired
- 6 *"And that's what Dad's trying to figure out now?" he asked, **skeptical**.*
 - A. doubtful (that something is true or worthwhile)

or more rarely:

generally tending to doubt what others believe

 - B. the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together
 - C. related to the branch of medicine that deals with the diseases of women -- especially those of the reproductive organs
- 7 *He'd gone to Fennley to enroll in some accelerated course, and his mother had been **lamenting** his absence ever since the day he left.*
 - A. stopping a battle or fight
 - B. changing through evolution
 - C. expressing grief or regret
- 8 *No matter how romantic he thought this was, all I could think of were the thirty-five loud, **obnoxious**, weird-smelling boys who were about to invade my home.*
 - A. impossible to find
 - B. rude or unpleasant
 - C. good or beneficial
- 9 *I could be **intimidating** when I needed to be or find ways to make the palace a very unwelcoming environment.*
 - A. making fearful
 - B. briefly seeing
 - C. avoiding waste

- 10 *She held me for a moment, then pulled away, smoothing my dress to make sure I was still **immaculate** before she went to find Dad.*
A. certain
B. perfect (without fault or error)
C. outside
- 11 *Years of lessons on how to address an audience had drilled the proper **technique** into me, and I knew I was hitting every last point I was meant to as I delivered my announcement.*
A. way of doing something
B. not easily set on fire
C. surrounding conditions
- 12 *He knew he had to make it **varied** enough to seem legit, so there were three Fives thrown into the mix but nothing below that.*
A. took on as one's own
B. differed; or changed
C. began fighting again
- 13 *There was one who was sweating so much I had to call over a butler to give me a towel for my hand once he left, and the one after him **blatantly** stared at my chest for the entirety of our meeting.*
A. in a wasteful manner
B. in an obvious manner
C. with great annoyance
- 14 *Henri got down on one knee, trying to hit anything that came near us, and Hale guarded me without **wavering**, even though I heard him grunt and felt him clench up when he was hit with something heavy.*
A. thinking carefully and making a judgment about
B. returning to an undesirable previous condition
C. moving back and forth; or being unsure or weak
- 15 *I noted the camera coming to hover behind him, trying to capture my expression, and I shook my head at him, **suppressing** a smirk.*
A. trying to keep under control
B. gradually adding or removing
C. thinking about or discussing
- 16 *I stood there alone, trying to be **inconspicuous** as I scanned the room.*
A. not straightforward
B. not done on purpose
C. not very noticeable
- 17 *"You have," she **contradicted**.*
A. disagreed
B. separated
C. satisfied
- 18 *Thank you all for **indulging** me this morning, and I will keep this information in mind as I continue to narrow down suitors in the next few weeks.*
A. enjoying to excess
B. leaping or jumping
C. thinking carefully
- 19 *I kept the people I love close, and they have **fawned** over you since the moment they knew you were coming.*
A. showed excessive flattery or affection
B. not good at concentrating on one thing
C. differed notably in brightness or tone
- 20 *Several **candid** shots, like a kiss or a smile, had been blown up and changed to black-and-white, making them seem more classic than casual.*
A. thought
B. loyalty
C. unposed

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	phase (<i>as in: phased out over three years</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
2	B	phase (<i>as in: a critical phase</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
3	C	monarchy	Used 8 times in this book.
4	A	decisive (<i>as in: a decisive decision maker</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
5	A	decisive (<i>as in: a decisive defeat</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	A	skeptical	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
7	C	lament	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
8	B	obnoxious	Used 5 times in this book.
9	A	intimidate	Used 5 times in this book.
10	B	immaculate (<i>as in: immaculate timing</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
11	A	technique	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
12	B	vary	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
13	B	blatant	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	waver	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
15	A	suppress	Used 5 times in this book.
16	C	inconspicuous	Used 3 times in this book.
17	A	contradict	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
18	A	indulge	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
19	A	fawn (<i>as in: fawned all over her</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
20	C	candid (<i>as in: a candid photograph</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.