

The Host

by Stephenie Meyer

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: adapt, adapted, agony, anomaly, bewilder, chagrin, coherent, compassion, conflict, convey (2), curt, glower, inconspicuous, intrigue (2), recoil, repugnant, species, yearn



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. This passage is **adapted** from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
 - A. copied
 - B. read
 - C. changed
2. The human spine is not as **well adapted** to walking upright as we would like.
 - A. well suited
 - B. known widely
 - C. insured
3. She cried out in **agony**.
 - A. sudden surprise
 - B. intense anger
 - C. intense suffering
4. We consider the accident an **anomaly**--not a reason to change standard procedures.
 - A. normal occurrence
 - B. unusual occurrence
 - C. proof of concept
5. I am trying to understand her, but I am **bewildered**.
 - A. confused
 - B. bored
 - C. distracted
6. The state cut education funding, much to the **chagrin** of our school board.
 - A. ignorance
 - B. surprise
 - C. disappointment
7. Her argument is **coherent**.
 - A. unreasonable
 - B. fragmented
 - C. sensible and clear
8. It is not enough to be **compassionate**. We must act. It is not enough to act. We must act with intelligence.
 - A. lucky
 - B. sympathetic
 - C. talented
9. The Israeli-Palestinian **conflict** flared up again in Jerusalem.
 - A. agreement
 - B. border
 - C. struggle
10. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
 - A. express
 - B. accept
 - C. understand
11. We hired a carriage to **convey** us to the city.
 - A. give service of
 - B. explain
 - C. transport
12. I tried asking open-ended questions, but all I could get were curt replies.
 - A. angry
 - B. selfish
 - C. short

13. She **glowered** at the ref, but she held her tongue.
- A. winked happily
 - B. stared angrily
 - C. smiled briefly
14. 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
15. It was the first time she met him, and she was **intrigued** by his easy confidence.
- A. interested
 - B. unimpressed
 - C. surprised
16. I suspect there's some kind of **intrigue** between the two of them.
- A. relationship
 - B. scheme
 - C. resentment
17. She reached out to take his hand. He **recoiled** from her touch.
- A. suddenly was angry
 - B. suddenly pulled back
 - C. suddenly was comforted
18. His **repugnant** behavior at the party made everyone want to go home early.
- A. warmly welcomed
 - B. highly amusing
 - C. deeply offensive
19. It is thought that there are over 20,000 **species** of ants.
- A. different categories
 - B. different nest types
 - C. different diets
20. I **yearn** for more independence.
- A. fear
 - B. desire
 - C. work

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 *Because he was a soul, by nature he was all things good: **compassionate**, patient, honest, virtuous, and full of love.*
 - A. did not find a condition or substance to be present
 - B. feeling or showing sympathy for another's suffering
 - C. to support by providing money or other economic aid
- 2 *My job is to help this soul **adapt** herself to her new host without unnecessary pain or trauma.*
 - A. to spread one-sided information to influence opinions
 - B. alter the regular state of an otherwise stable system
 - C. change to fit a different situation; or make suitable
- 3 *My mind seemed **well adapted** to inferring the true meanings from tones and inflections.*
 - A. well suited
 - B. restraining
 - C. surrendered
- 4 *I considered the **conflicting** opinions of the Healer and the Seeker.*
 - A. hiring, reserving, booking, or occupying
 - B. examining in detail to better understand
 - C. opposing (struggling against each other)
- 5 *My mind gave me the words I needed, and the tone that would **convey** what I couldn't say without using many words.*
 - A. collision
 - B. translate
 - C. transport
- 6 *I patted the hand on my elbow lightly, hesitantly, trying to **convey** that I understood and wouldn't cause a problem.*
 - A. communicate or express
 - B. create dramatic change
 - C. mirror back (an image)
- 7 *My body **recoiled** from the thought.*
 - A. excessively excited
 - B. moved back suddenly
 - C. nervous or confused
- 8 *The idea of having the Seeker inside me, even though I knew that I would not be here, was so **repugnant** that I felt a return of last week's nausea.*
 - A. related to
 - B. very large
 - C. disgusting
- 9 *Uncle Guy had died before the others disappeared during the invasion, in a car accident so commonplace that even Maggie and Jeb had struggled to make an **intrigue** out of it.*
 - A. a subtle characteristic
 - B. secret scheme or plot
 - C. interaction or interest
- 10 *He raised an eyebrow at my answer, **intrigued**.*
 - A. interested
 - B. not provided with investment funds
 - C. stopped (something from happening)
- 11 *I saw the whole journey now, saw her and Jared's and Jamie's careful trek across the country, always by night in their **inconspicuous** stolen vehicle.*
 - A. not straightforward
 - B. not done on purpose
 - C. not very noticeable

- 12 The **yearning** belonged to us both; the image of their faces, one man, one child, came from both memories.
- A. changing to fit a different situation
 - B. strongly desiring; or a strong desire
 - C. charging (with having broken the law)
- 13 Of course it would be wasteful to have water running to this secluded place; the souls managed details like that better than to leave such an **anomaly** behind.
- A. in a manner that moves back and forth, or is unsure or weak
 - B. something outside of the range of what is normally expected
 - C. with energetic effort (in a difficult and demanding manner)
- 14 The **chagrin** in her tone was not because I was upset, but because she did not like being wrong.
- A. recognize the value or importance of; and/or to be grateful for
 - B. degrade (decrease) the purity, quality, or status of something
 - C. ill feeling of embarrassment
- 15 Jared **glowered** at me with disgust in every line of his expression.
- A. not controlled
 - B. stared angrily
 - C. told (a story)
- 16 The long tunnel was followed by a series of **bewildering** twists in opposing directions.
- A. confusing
 - B. restoring
 - C. differing
- 17 "I am," he answered **curtly**.
- A. in a manner that makes uncomfortable (weighs heavily on the senses or spirit)
 - B. in a manner that is the most exciting or important part of a series of events
 - C. in a manner that uses few words or is abrupt and perhaps discourteous or rude
- 18 I was mumbling weak assurances, barely **coherent**,
- A. not relating to practice or belief that is long-established or was previously long-established
 - B. relating to a residential area located near the outer edge of a city where it isn't as crowded
 - C. reasonable and understandable
- 19 In my **species**, I am the one that bears young.
- A. similar group of animals whose members can interbreed
 - B. the quality of exactness or accuracy
 - C. the gain of advantage from something
- 20 This body had never felt such **agony** before.
- A. size or dimension
 - B. circular movement
 - C. intense feelings of suffering

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	compassion	Used 11 times in this book.
2	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	adapted (<i>as in: the species is well adapted for</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	C	conflict	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
5	C	convey (<i>as in: convey her safely to</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	B	recoil	Used 12 times in this book.
8	C	repugnant	Used 7 times in this book.
9	B	intrigue (<i>as in: involved in intrigue</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	A	intrigue (<i>as in: she was intrigued</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	inconspicuous	Used 6 times in this book.
12	B	yearn	Used 13 times in this book.
13	B	anomaly	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
14	C	chagrin	Used 7 times in this book.
15	B	glower	Used 12 times in this book.
16	A	bewilder	Used 10 times in this book.
17	C	curt	Used 17 times in this book.
18	C	coherent	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
19	A	species	Used 36 times in this book.
20	C	agony	Used 19 times in this book.