

The Hot Zone

by Richard Preston

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: adapt, bacteria, biopsy, cadaver, designate (2), deteriorate, diagnose, factor, immune, imply, influenza, lethargic, notify, nucleus, precede, rainforest, sedative, species, spontaneous



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
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8	A
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10	B
11	A
12	A
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15	C
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17	A
18	A
19	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. This passage is **adapted** from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
 - A. copied
 - B. read
 - C. changed
2. She survived a severe infection of MRSA **bacteria**.
 - A. lice
 - B. germs
 - C. mosquitoes
3. We were relieved that the **biopsy** showed the polyp was benign.
 - A. skin allergy test
 - B. blood pressure check
 - C. tissue sample test
4. Both Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo studied **cadavers** to advance their understanding of the human form.
 - A. unclothed models
 - B. famous sculptures
 - C. corpses
5. The Red Cross **designated** this building as a shelter.
 - A. built
 - B. assigned
 - C. eliminated
6. The rank of sergeant is **designated** by three chevrons (inverted Vs) on the shoulder.
 - A. honored
 - B. shown
 - C. out-ranked
7. Shortly after the invasion, the security for most Iraqi people **deteriorated**.
 - A. became a top priority
 - B. became worse
 - C. improved
8. What was her **diagnosis**?
 - A. identification of an illness
 - B. treatment for the illness
 - C. major symptom
9. In the second paragraph, the narrator's focus shifts from **factors** making her unhappy to identification of possible solutions to her unhappiness.
 - A. things that are unfair
 - B. things (that influence an outcome)
 - C. examples of illnesses
10. She is **immune** to chickenpox because she has been vaccinated.
 - A. at risk
 - B. resistant
 - C. open
11. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
 - A. hinted
 - B. insisted
 - C. denied

12. Three influenza pandemics occurred in the 20th century killing tens of millions of people.
- A. flu
 - B. measles
 - C. polio
13. Large lunches make me feel lethargic in the afternoon.
- A. sluggish
 - B. upset
 - C. energetic
14. The school will notify parents if the schedule changes.
- A. ignore
 - B. punish
 - C. inform
15. The small reading group became the nucleus of a schoolwide book club.
- A. ending
 - B. critics
 - C. center
16. In English, most adjectives precede the noun they modify.
- A. follow
 - B. describe
 - C. go before
17. When farmland replaces rainforest, many species lose their habitat at once.
- A. dense tropical wet forest
 - B. dry open grassland plain
 - C. cold rocky mountain meadow
18. I took a sedative, but still couldn't sleep.
- A. sleep aid
 - B. break
 - C. quiet room
19. It is thought that there are over 20,000 species of ants.
- A. different categories
 - B. different nest types
 - C. different diets
20. The group broke into spontaneous laughter.
- A. quiet and polite
 - B. sudden and unplanned
 - C. loud and bothersome

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 They were trunks of **rain-forest** trees turned to stone—teaks, podo trees, evergreens.
 - A. dense, rainy forest with many species
 - B. a short part of a longer written work
 - C. the act of stopping a battle or fight
- 2 The passengers looked out the windows at the place where the human **species** was born.
 - A. a similar group of animals or plants
 - B. the quality of exactness or accuracy
 - C. the gain of advantage from something
- 3 It was yellow, and parts of it had liquefied—it looked like the liver of a **cadaver**.
 - 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. the dead body of a human being -- especially one used for medical study
- 4 Unable to **diagnose** himself, in severe pain, and unable to continue with his work, he presented himself to Dr. Antonia Bagshawe, a physician at Nairobi Hospital.
 - A. determine or identify the nature of a problem or an illness
 - B. something constructed to control the flow of sound or fluid
 - C. provide investment funds for something -- such as a business
- 5 They cut a wedge out of his liver —a liver **biopsy**—and dropped the wedge into a bottle of pickling fluid and closed up Musoke as quickly as they could.
 - A. someone who believes in Hinduism (the third most common religion--which has many gods and is associated with India)
 - B. something that causes a reaction--especially anger or violence OR the act of causing an angry or violent reaction
 - C. removal and examination of tissues or liquids from the living body to determine the existence or cause of a disease
- 6 He **deteriorated** rapidly after the surgery, and his kidneys began to fail.
 - A. concentrated
 - B. became worse
 - C. not fighting
- 7 He said, "I can have anybody I want in my group"—**implying** that he didn't want her because she wasn't good enough—and he mentioned the great Thoroughbred stallion Secretariat.
 - A. suggesting (saying indirectly)
 - B. going back to a previous state
 - C. acting in an official capacity
- 8 Her **immune** system reacted badly to all the shots: they made her sick.
 - A. the state or character of having found a condition or substance to be present
 - B. not in danger of suffering from something OR relating to disease resistance
 - C. a health indicator measured by the force of circulating blood on the arteries
- 9 Even fungi and **bacteria** are inhabited by viruses and are occasionally destroyed by them.
 - A. the smallest part of any material that cannot be broken up by chemical means
 - B. microorganisms (living creatures so small it takes a microscope to see them)
 - C. psychoanalysis: that part of the unconscious mind that acts as a conscience
- 10 The woman then aborted **spontaneously**, and the nun who assisted at this grotesque delivery came away from the experience with blood on her hands.
 - A. in a manner that serves to help explain or demonstrate something
 - B. happening in a natural manner without planning or external force
 - C. in a manner that tests someone or something for a period of time
- 11 The blood has been stripped of its clotting **factors**.
 - A. People who are of lower rank or status
 - B. things that affect a result or outcome
 - C. theories on the origin of the universe

- 12 *They put her in a private room at the hospital, where she began to die with the same signs and symptoms that had **preceded** Sister M. E.'s death.*
- A. wrongly understood
 - B. influenced opinion
 - C. went or was before
- 13 *They put her in a private room, and there she falls into **lethargy**, and her face freezes into a mask.*
- A. lack of energy; or (often in historic literature) a state of sleep
 - B. not appropriate or not properly related in size, amount, or degree
 - C. the quality or degree of the involvement of other people or things
- 14 *We didn't know if the virus could be spread by droplets in the air, somewhat like **influenza**.*
- A. highly contagious respiratory disease commonly called *the flu*
 - B. the state or degree of being appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - C. a fact or bit of information that is generally considered unimportant
- 15 *These cabinets were similar in design to the safety cabinets that are used for handling **nuclear-bomb** parts.*
- A. the quality of inappropriateness in size, amount, or degree
 - B. the condition of being exclusive to (someone or some group)
 - C. relating to the central or most important part of something
- 16 *There were twelve monkey rooms in the monkey house, and they were **designated** by the letters A through L. Two of the monkeys that arrived on October 4 were dead in their crates.*
- A. consistent or the same
 - B. signified (indicated in a particular way)
 - C. influenced or effected
- 17 *He's the **designated** team leader.*
- A. not said
 - B. assigned
 - C. restored
- 18 *He waited for a minute to give his eyes time to **adapt** to the dark, and the little sparkles of light in his eyes as they adjusted to the darkness eventually faded away, while cool, dry air roared around his face and whiffled the hair on his forehead.*
- 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
- 19 *General Russell also decided to call an assistant secretary of defense, just to get the Pentagon **notified**.*
- A. not judged in a negative way
 - B. found, sought, or researched
 - C. told someone about something
- 20 *Once a monkey was down, Jerry gave it a shot of a **sedative** called Rompun, which put it into a deep sleep.*
- A. a drug that calms or puts to sleep; or describing something as calming
 - B. the reason for doing something; or the level of desire to do something
 - C. a serious mental disorder in which people interpret reality abnormally

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	rainforest	Used 46 times in this book.
2	A	species	Used 28 times in this book.
3	C	cadaver	Used 7 times in this book.
4	A	diagnose	Used 10 times in this book.
5	C	biopsy	Used 4 times in this book.
6	B	deteriorate	Used 6 times in this book.
7	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
8	B	immune	Used 9 times in this book.
9	B	bacteria	Used 9 times in this book.
10	B	spontaneous	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
11	B	factor (<i>as in: It was the deciding factor.</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
12	C	precede	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
13	A	lethargic	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
14	A	influenza	Used 8 times in this book.
15	C	nucleus	Used 5 times in this book.
16	B	designate (<i>as in: designated by a star on the map</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
17	B	designate (<i>as in: designated driver</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
19	C	notify	Used 6 times in this book.
20	A	sedative	Used 3 times in this book.