

The Hunt for Red October

by Tom Clancy

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: atoll, blockade, communism, console (2), correspond (2), deploy, enable, evaluate, factor (2), invincible, maritime, petty, positive (2), redundant, sentry, stallion



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	B
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6	A
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8	A
9	B
10	A
11	B
12	C
13	A
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15	A
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17	A
18	A
19	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. The Maldives is a small island nation that consists of 26 **atolls**.
 - A. volcanic islands
 - B. coral reef islands
 - C. sinking islands
2. The protesters formed a **blockade** across the main highway.
 - A. an open pathway
 - B. a blocking barrier
 - C. a welcome banner
3. Marx's writings on **communism** inspired revolutions across many countries in the 1900s.
 - A. free market trade
 - B. collective ownership
 - C. religious reform
4. "You'll be alright," she said in a **consoling** voice.
 - A. confident
 - B. energetic
 - C. comforting
5. The sound engineer worked her **console**.
 - A. seemingly magic powers
 - B. a standard 8-hour work shift
 - C. controls (for electronic equipment)
6. The bones in a bat's wing exactly **correspond** to those in a human forearm.
 - A. are equivalent
 - B. are opposite
 - C. are unrelated
7. Do either of you have copies of your **correspondence**?
 - A. instructions
 - B. letters or emails
 - C. pictures or drawings
8. The city **deployed** snowplows before the storm reached downtown.
 - A. sent out
 - B. held back
 - C. sold off
9. Modern smartphones **enable** people to work from almost anywhere.
 - A. require
 - B. allow
 - C. remind
10. I'm **evaluating** job options.
 - A. considering
 - B. creating
 - C. avoiding
11. 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

12. Be sure to **factor** the cost of insurance into your decision when you think about buying a car.
- A. do away with completely
 - B. make very angry or annoy
 - C. include for consideration
13. She has an **invincible** spirit.
- A. impossible to overcome
 - B. not capable of being understood
 - C. misleading or not trustworthy
14. The museum displayed maps from the town's **maritime** history.
- A. related to deserts
 - B. related to the sea
 - C. related to music
15. She is the chief **petty officer** responsible for the review.
- A. non-commissioned officer
 - B. an officer who complains about unworthy things
 - C. a police officer who focuses on misdemeanors
16. I'm **positive** our team will win on Friday.
- A. happy
 - B. pretty sure
 - C. certain
17. Volunteering had a **positive** impact on the whole neighborhood.
- A. good or beneficial
 - B. harmful or damaging
 - C. minor and unnoticed
18. After the merger, they concluded the office was **redundant**.
- A. more than is needed or desired
 - B. less than what is required
 - C. exactly fitting requirements
19. The **sentry** challenged anyone who tried to enter the camp after dark.
- A. kitchen helper
 - B. watchful guard
 - C. village healer
20. The powerful **stallion** galloped across the open field.
- A. wild deer
 - B. young calf
 - C. male horse

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 "Death is virtually instantaneous—but also it is quite painless," the doctor added **consolingly**.
 - A. in a manner that is not aware of something
 - B. in a manner that is not successful or good
 - C. in a manner meant to be emotionally comforting
- 2 Chief Franklin's **console** received data from a string of sensors planted off the coast of Iceland.
 - A. in a state where something cannot be seen clearly
 - B. the state or character of being greater than zero
 - C. computer monitor
- 3 A lifetime of self-control had **enabled** him to conceal it, and a lifetime of naval training had enabled him to choose a purpose worthy of it.
 - A. got closer to
 - B. made possible
 - C. not satisfied
- 4 As a boy, Ramius sensed more than thought that Soviet **Communism** ignored a basic human need.
 - A. a will (written instructions expressing how somebody wants their property distributed after they die)
 - B. an economic system that abolishes private ownership of property with the goal of a classless society
 - C. infectious disease characterized by inflammation of the tissues that surround the brain or spinal cord
- 5 We don't, and we **deploy** our boomers a lot further forward than they do.
 - A. place or activate
 - B. differ; or change
 - C. influence opinion
- 6 They love **redundancies**.
 - A. more than is needed -- often something that is unnecessarily repeated

or in technical usage: describing a secondary component designed to work if the primary component fails

 - B. special pleasures--typically things done in excess of what is thought good--such as eating too much cake, or being too lazy OR (more rarely) special privileges or kindnesses
 - C. organisms in the early stages of growth prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting; in humans organisms during the first eight weeks of development (prior to the fetal stage)
- 7 He had access to all of the **correspondence** from the former, while that from the latter had been carefully vetted since the Soviet armed services share as little information as possible.
 - 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
- 8 Moreover, there is no **corresponding** activity whatever in their other armed services.
 - 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
- 9 This was theoretically possible, but the captain quickly realized that the inertial navigation system had a built-in error **factor** of several hundred yards; this was aggravated by gravitational disturbances, which affected the "local vertical," which in turn affected the inertial fix.
 - A. job, reservation, booking, or activity
 - B. thing that affects a result or outcome
 - C. something that is made or manufactured
- 10 For us this would be a technical operation, but they **factor** politics into everything they do.
 - A. struggle or disagreement
 - B. make nervous or confused
 - C. include consideration of (for the affect on a result or outcome)

- 11 *The captain studied the chart as his navigator gave the necessary orders, **evaluating** the tactical situation.*
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
- 12 *On the other hand, HMS **Invincible** was just over here for the NATO exercise, sailed from Norfolk Monday night.*
A. impossible to defeat or overcome
B. the condition of being different
C. indicating approval or agreement
- 13 *Their army and air force—except for **maritime** surveillance aircraft—and their Pacific Fleet are engaged in routine training operations.*
A. pessimism or unpleasantness
B. related to the sea or ships
C. arousing or inspiring again
- 14 *For example, Painter requested some E-3 **Sentries** to support you out here.*
A. things that stand out
B. people standing guard
C. shows or demonstrates
- 15 *Somebody did that back in World War II, to put the grab on a German **blockade** runner right before we got into it.*
A. aka analyze -- analyze based upon a theory of psychiatry
B. action to keep people and goods from reaching a location
C. search for and discover through persistent investigation
- 16 *But he was carrying a pair of **Atoll** heat-seeking missiles which he would be sure to show the imperialists.*
A. dense, rainy forest with many species
B. island (that is made of a coral reef)
C. a room leading to a larger or more important room
- 17 *The **petty officer** saw it first.*
A. non-commissioned officer
B. lowering moral standards
C. changing or not reliable
- 18 *THE FOURTEENTH DAY THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER A Super **Stallion** They were traveling at one hundred fifty knots, two thousand feet over the darkened sea.*
A. a large, elongated gland located behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin
B. of the philosophical & religious system based on the teachings of Laozi (also spelled Taoist)
C. a male horse that has not been castrated (gelded) -- especially one used for breeding purposes
- 19 *It's a **positive** sign.*
A. good
B. not representative
C. impossible to find
- 20 *It was **positively** from Red October.*
A. without regret
B. with hard work
C. absolutely (used for emphasis)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	console (<i>as in: console her grief</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
2	C	console (<i>as in: plug it into the console</i>)	Used 12 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	enable	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
4	B	communism	Used 17 times in this book.
5	A	deploy	Used 14 times in this book.
6	A	redundant	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
7	B	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding by email</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
8	A	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding time period</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	factor (<i>as in: It was the deciding factor.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	factor (<i>as in: factor it into your thinking</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	A	evaluate	High-utility academic word; used 17 times in this book.
12	A	invincible	Used 68 times in this book.
13	B	maritime	Used 7 times in this book.
14	B	sentry	Used 28 times in this book.
15	B	blockade	Used 7 times in this book.
16	B	atoll	Used 7 times in this book.
17	A	petty (<i>as in: petty officer</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	C	stallion	Used 13 times in this book.
19	A	positive (<i>as in: had a positive effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	C	positive (<i>as in: I'm absolutely positive!</i>)	Used 8 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.