

# The Infinite Sea

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## Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

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#### PRE-READING ACTIVITY

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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:** abyss, annihilate, augment, calibrate, coherent, cynical, debris, delude, embedded, enhance, entity, feasible, hideous, indifferent, infinite, irony, naive, parish, pyre, stealth



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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| #  | KEY |
|----|-----|
| 1  | B   |
| 2  | C   |
| 3  | A   |
| 4  | A   |
| 5  | C   |
| 6  | A   |
| 7  | C   |
| 8  | C   |
| 9  | B   |
| 10 | C   |
| 11 | C   |
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| 13 | B   |
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| 17 | C   |
| 18 | C   |
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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. Our foot is stuck on the accelerator, and we are headed towards an **abyss**.
  - A. turning point
  - B. dangerous situation
  - C. major opportunity
2. Black holes **annihilate** all traces of what falls into them.
  - A. carefully preserve
  - B. slowly examine
  - C. completely destroy
3. The purpose of this exercise is to **augment** the natural vocabulary growth that comes with reading.
  - A. increase
  - B. study
  - C. argue for
4. The sensor needs to be **calibrated** in extreme weather.
  - A. finely adjusted
  - B. used carefully
  - C. protected
5. Her argument is **coherent**.
  - A. unreasonable
  - B. fragmented
  - C. sensible and clear
6. Over the years, she has grown **cynical** and unhappy.
  - A. distrustful of others
  - B. trusting of strangers
  - C. envious of friends
7. Crews spent hours clearing **debris** from the highway after the crash.
  - A. intact structures
  - B. valuable items
  - C. scattered wreckage
8. Do not **delude** yourself into thinking one late apology fixes everything.
  - A. praise
  - B. protect
  - C. deceive
9. I have cactus needles **embedded** in my shoulder.
  - A. loosely hanging
  - B. firmly stuck into
  - C. slightly touching
10. The stunning victory over the Blue Devils **enhanced** the Bulldogs' image as title contenders.
  - A. damaged
  - B. questioned
  - C. improved
11. The corporation is treated as a separate legal **entity** from its owners.
  - A. type of legal document
  - B. form of financial debt
  - C. distinct thing or being
12. The goal is good, but the plan doesn't seem very **feasible**.
  - A. profitable
  - B. practical
  - C. impressive

13. He had a hideous scar running from his forehead to his jaw.
- A. barely noticeable
  - B. extremely ugly
  - C. perfectly healed
14. She was indifferent to his anger.
- A. without interest
  - B. with fear
  - C. with anger
15. The night sky seemed infinite as we gazed at countless stars.
- A. blurry
  - B. silent
  - C. endless
16. Ironically, her strongest supporters undermined her popularity through their extremism.
- A. when what happens is exactly what usually happens
  - B. when what happens is very different than what might be expected
  - C. when what happens is very fitting for the situation
17. Being naive, she is too quick to believe what people say.
- A. honest
  - B. a pleaser
  - C. too trusting
18. Our parish raised funds to repair the old chapel's leaking roof and bell tower.
- A. large city government
  - B. private school district
  - C. local church community
19. In 1829 India banned the Hindu custom of a widow's suicide on her husband's funeral pyre.
- A. coffin
  - B. fire
  - C. gravestone
20. The soldiers are trained to move through the night with stealth.
- A. a manner that is considered safe
  - B. a manner that is very fast
  - C. a manner that is hard to detect

## 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 The old house built by the farmer's grandfather was now a deserted island surrounded by an **infinite** sea of brown.
  - A. power or responsibility that can be taken on or adopted
  - B. the characteristic of bouncing back light/heat/sound...
  - C. unlimited; without boundaries; or too numerous to count
- 2 She saw the **inflamed** tissue at the back of his mouth, but she did not see the hair-thin wire **embedded** near the opening of his throat.
  - A. adjusted a lens to make an image clear
  - B. firmly within; or placed firmly within
  - C. not good at concentrating on one thing
- 3 She could not know, as she bent over the child to **peer** into his mouth, that the device inside the child was **calibrated** to detect the carbon dioxide in her breath.
  - A. make fine adjustments or measurements; or divide into marked intervals for optimal measuring;
  - B. separated two things to prevent passage of something such as heat, cold, noise, or electricity
  - C. interfered (in another's affairs or business); or handled (something that shouldn't be handled)
- 4 Life is full of little **ironies**, but it's also pockmarked with some the size of that big rock in Australia.
  - A. people who share professional opinions in a specific field
  - B. things that are very different than what might be expected; or things that seem incongruous together
  - C. unborn children (or other unborn or unhatched vertebrates)
- 5 Um, that would be one percent, **Parish**.
  - A. someone who abandoned their religion or separated from others with whom they used to share firmly held beliefs
  - B. an artists performance of another artist's work that expresses the performer's feelings or ideas about the work
  - C. a local church community

or in some places including Louisiana: a jurisdiction of government like a county
- 6 He **winc**ed, hand tucked in the pocket of that **hideous** hoodie like he was doing a Napoleon impression, pressing on the bullet wound that Ringer had given him.
  - A. the characteristic of demonstrating something
  - B. extremely ugly, offensive, and/or frightening
  - C. the quality of not being sensible and careful
- 7 If they wanted to **annihilate** us, why didn't they just go ahead and annihilate us?
  - A. stop (something from happening)
  - B. fulfill one's highest potential
  - C. to completely destroy or defeat
- 8 Debris crackling beneath my boots.
  - A. the act of treating or preparing food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
  - B. passages food and drink follow between the back of mouths and the stomachs
  - C. pieces of something that has been destroyed; or trash that is lying around
- 9 A bird perched on a tree branch above him, a crow, regarding him with regal **indifference**.
  - A. without interest
  - B. risky investment
  - C. chaotic disorder
- 10 In another year, perhaps two, though no more than five, there would be no need for **stealth**, because there would be no more prey to stalk.
  - A. not trustworthy with secrets, and/or conspicuous or obtrusive
  - B. the state or degree of being able to be taken on as one's own
  - C. hard to see or detect; or done in a manner to avoid detection

- 11 *His body had been **augmented** in preparation for his awakening.*  
A. enlarged or increased  
B. recognized difference  
C. marked important text
- 12 *Blond hair that fell to the middle of her back, cool, nearly arctic features, especially the ice-blue eyes, and the **cynical** turn of her mouth, glistening with juice.*  
A. someone who expects the worst -- especially of people (such as expecting them to be selfish and lie)  
B. characterized by recurrent and persistent thoughts and feelings and repetitive, ritualized behaviors  
C. related to the change of a light wave (or other wave) when it passes an opaque edge or narrow opening
- 13 *They bored into his, and in a knee-weakening instant, he knew the **entity** hiding inside Grace's body.*  
A. the act of taking someone up or receiving someone in heaven  
B. an agreement to marry; or relating to an agreement to marry  
C. person, organization, or anything with a separate existence
- 14 *His bodily systems had been augmented, but an **enhanced** body could reach a tipping point from which there was no return.*  
A. recognized difference  
B. marked important text  
C. increased or improved
- 15 *Cynical, **naïve**, kind, cruel, soft as down, hard as tungsten steel.*  
A. the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together  
B. the degree of being influenced by personal belief, feelings, or preferences (rather than being based purely upon fact)  
C. lacking experience or sophistication, and the understanding that comes from them -- often too trusting or optimistic
- 16 *It's **feasible** ...*  
A. not easily identified  
B. possible or practical  
C. able to be translated
- 17 *Perfectly perfect, I thought, a little **incoherently**.*  
A. in a manner that violates a rule, promise, or social norm; or in a manner that exceeds a limit or boundary  
B. based on something that is temporarily treated as true to advance a discussion or to further investigation  
C. not in a sensible and clear manner; or not in a manner where parts fit together consistently or pleasingly
- 18 *And I let people on the outside hold their **delusions**, too.*  
A. psychiatrists  
B. possibilities  
C. false beliefs
- 19 *The white world beneath me shines like pearls, a blank canvas, an alabaster **abyss**.*  
A. of the American Indian civilization of Yucatan and Belize and Guatemala that reached its peak between AD 300 and 900  
B. a hole or dropoff so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply a frightening bottomless pit  
C. removal and examination of tissues or liquids from the living body to determine the existence or cause of a disease
- 20 *The **pyre** can be seen for miles, if there are any eyes to see it.*  
A. a particular understanding or explanation  
B. a pile of wood or other burnable material  
C. meticulousness (care about small details)

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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| #  | KEY | WORD                                      | NOTE                                                    |
|----|-----|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | C   | infinite                                  | Used 11 times in this book.                             |
| 2  | B   | embedded                                  | Used 8 times in this book.                              |
| 3  | A   | calibrate                                 | Used 5 times in this book.                              |
| 4  | B   | irony ( <i>as in: situational irony</i> ) | Used 5 times in this book.                              |
| 5  | C   | parish                                    | Used 17 times in this book.                             |
| 6  | B   | hideous                                   | Used 5 times in this book.                              |
| 7  | C   | annihilate                                | High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.  |
| 8  | C   | debris                                    | Used 4 times in this book.                              |
| 9  | A   | indifferent                               | High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book. |
| 10 | C   | stealth                                   | Used 4 times in this book.                              |
| 11 | A   | augment                                   | Used 7 times in this book.                              |
| 12 | A   | cynical                                   | Used 4 times in this book.                              |
| 13 | C   | entity                                    | High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.  |
| 14 | C   | enhance                                   | High-utility academic word; used 19 times in this book. |
| 15 | C   | naive                                     | Used 4 times in this book.                              |
| 16 | B   | feasible                                  | High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.  |
| 17 | C   | coherent                                  | High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.  |
| 18 | C   | delude                                    | Used 7 times in this book.                              |
| 19 | B   | abyss                                     | Used 5 times in this book.                              |
| 20 | B   | pyre                                      | Used 3 times in this book.                              |