

The Kill Order

by James Dashner

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: abyss, adrenaline, antidote, cease, clarity, coalition, disoriented, distinct, focus (2), foreboding, genuine, hysteria, immune, lucid, mote, oblivious, ominous, reprieve, wary



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	C
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8	A
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15	B
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20	B

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. She was still shaking from the **adrenaline rush** that came with the fright.
 - A. calming hormone
 - B. muscle protein
 - C. fight-or-flight hormone
3. Laughter can be a good **antidote** for stress.
 - A. poison
 - B. cure
 - C. toxin
4. The injunction requires that they **cease** all activity on the site.
 - A. stop
 - B. record
 - C. permit
5. The judge praised the witnesses for the **clarity** of their testimony.
 - A. briefness
 - B. courage
 - C. clearness
6. They don't have the strength alone. They will need to form a **coalition**.
 - A. a political group made up of different groups working together
 - B. a stronger political group created by defeating weaker groups
 - C. a strong political group that does not interact with other groups
7. After the maze, she felt **disoriented** and could not tell which way was north.
 - A. confused about direction
 - B. certain of her choice
 - C. angry about the delay
8. Two **distinct** brain networks guide our judgments.
 - A. different
 - B. similar
 - C. identical
9. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
10. The discussion brought into **focus** an important difference of opinion.
 - A. hiding
 - B. conflict
 - C. view
11. She felt a sense of **foreboding** as she approached the abandoned house.
 - A. memory of past joy
 - B. dread of what's coming
 - C. wave of sudden relief
12. She has a **genuine** interest in each of her students.
 - A. sincere (real)
 - B. fake
 - C. generous (giving)

13. The worst legislation is passed when voters are whipped into a state of hysteria.
- A. uncontrollable emotion
 - B. extreme anger
 - C. complete confusion
14. She is immune to chickenpox because she has been vaccinated.
- A. at risk
 - B. resistant
 - C. open
15. The patient had a lucid moment between bouts of deep confusion.
- A. very confused
 - B. clear-thinking
 - C. half-asleep
16. She couldn't see a mote of doubt in his confident expression.
- A. tiny bit
 - B. significant amount
 - C. overwhelming amount
17. She's a happy girl--oblivious to most of the unhappiness around her.
- A. unaware of
 - B. concerned with
 - C. adding to
18. With the clouds looking so ominous, I'm afraid there will be a bad storm.
- A. threatening
 - B. huge
 - C. fast-moving
19. Unrest continues with no reprieve of the violence in sight.
- A. disapproval
 - B. relief
 - C. strengthening
20. She looked wary as she reached out to pet her friend's new dog.
- A. determined
 - B. distrustful
 - C. excited

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 He grew still again and the mask powered down, all sound and movement **ceasing**.
 - A. stopping or discontinuing
 - B. requesting or challenging
 - C. mirroring back (an image)
- 2 It was all meant to stimulate an array of emotions and brain patterns, from confusion to **disorientation** to outright terror.
 - A. confused or unsure about location, circumstances, or how to respond
 - B. a serious intestinal infection caused by contaminated food or water
 - C. people of the second most populous denomination of Islam (over 10%)
- 3 From behind her came the **distinct** sound of metal sliding against metal, then a loud, echoing boom as the doors of the Box slammed shut.
 - A. clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
 - B. not capable of being better understood through detailed examination
 - C. unbelieving; or having difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 4 **Post-Flares Coalition**.
 - A. a political group made up of different groups working together
 - B. an expert who shares professional opinions in a specific field
 - C. the act of being in a working position; or the act of starting
- 5 The now familiar blend of **adrenaline** and terror surged through him as he awaited his friend's instructions.
 - A. declaration of invalidity; or cancelation
 - B. the branch of geology that studies rocks
 - C. "fight or flight" stimulating hormone
- 6 "I'll keep that in mind," he said **warily**.
 - A. in a manner that involves betrayal
 - B. in a nervous or distrustful manner
 - C. with difficulty moving or managing
- 7 And the Toad was obviously not **lucid** last night.
 - A. cheerful and optimistic; or a tendency to maintain or quickly recover cheerfulness and optimism after setbacks
 - B. of a person: capable of thinking clearly

or:

of language: clearly expressed so it is easily understood

 - C. able to be portrayed or created in a particular way OR able to be interpreted, translated, or extracted from
- 8 Maybe we all have it and it just takes longer to kill you depending on your **immune** system.
 - 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 With way too much **clarity**, Mark recalled the sound of the boy beating his skull against the inside of the door.
 - A. a collection of things on public display OR a detailed explanation or background of a specific topic
 - B. the process of assigning a value on or judging the worth of something; or the result of such a process
 - C. seen, expressed, or understood clearly; or a degree of transparency such as the quality of clear water
- 10 Trina nodded and **genuinely** smiled for the first time that day.
 - A. really
 - B. mainly
 - C. wisely

- 11 *There was just something **ominous** about the way Deedee had spoken of them.*
A. threatening (suggestive of, or foreshadowing bad things to come)
B. huge
C. comforting
- 12 *He had a sudden feeling of **foreboding**.*
A. considering (the affect on a result or outcome)
B. a feeling that something bad is going to happen
C. moving to a worse or less prestigious situation
- 13 *They had a slight **reprieve**, but one look showed that more people were coming their way.*
A. present something to treat as true in order to advance a discussion or to further investigation even though it might not be true
B. temporary relief from something difficult or unpleasant; can also refer to a delay in punishment -- especially the death penalty
C. the act of hiding something by making it blend in with its surroundings; or hiding the truth; or something that hides or deceives
- 14 *Mark rolled onto his stomach and inched his body over the lip of the opening, lowering his feet into the **abyss** while he held on to the edge.*
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
- 15 *Oh, there's talk of an **antidote** there, but that's a bunch of hooley.*
A. poison
B. cure
C. toxin
- 16 *He had to **focus** on the future or he'd never reach it.*
A. concentrate
B. make one's home in; or live in; or stay (in a place)
C. a real estate loan; or pledging something for a loan
- 17 *Alec was **blurry** at first but then came into **focus**.*
A. software that stops unwanted software from spreading between computers and causing damage to data and software
B. a condition where the body cannot properly regulate blood sugar levels because it produces little or no insulin
C. a state where something has come into view or can be seen clearly
- 18 *He practically screamed the last sentence and once again sent the crowd into a fit of near **hysterics**.*
A. a state of excessive, uncontrollable emotion
B. settings or situations in which things occur
C. public commendations or statements of praise
- 19 *Dust **motes** danced in the beam as he swung it back and forth, revealing scarred metal and rows of bolts and protruding edges and ridges.*
A. a tiny piece of anything
B. things that don't change
C. rejections or criticisms
- 20 *They seemed completely **oblivious** that people had weapons aimed at them.*
A. unaware of
B. related to
C. very large

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	cease	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
2	A	disoriented	Used 5 times in this book.
3	A	distinct	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
4	A	coalition	Used 13 times in this book.
5	C	adrenaline	Used 9 times in this book.
6	B	wary	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
7	B	lucid	Used 2 times in this book.
8	B	immune	Used 6 times in this book.
9	C	clarity	Used 5 times in this book.
10	A	genuine	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
11	A	ominous	Used 5 times in this book.
12	B	foreboding	Used 2 times in this book.
13	B	reprieve	Used 2 times in this book.
14	B	abyss	Used 5 times in this book.
15	B	antidote	Used 3 times in this book.
16	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	focus (<i>as in: bring into focus; or out of focus</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	A	hysteria	Used 6 times in this book.
19	A	mote	Used 3 times in this book.
20	A	oblivious	Used 4 times in this book.