

The Looking Glass Wars

by Frank Beddor

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: accompany, adapt, alliance, approach, appropriate (2), coalition, composition, composure, conjure, determine, determined, direct (2), dissent, engage (2), interpret, reflect, tyranny



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
3	A
4	A
5	B
6	C
7	A
8	B
9	A
10	A
11	A
12	C
13	A
14	B
15	A
16	B
17	B
18	A
19	C
20	B

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. Will you **accompany** her to the party?
A. follow
B. precede
C. go with
2. This passage is **adapted** from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
A. copied
B. read
C. changed
3. She understands the shifting **alliances** in the Middle East.
A. associations formed to support common interests
B. sets of competing interests amongst neighbors
C. borders between countries
4. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
A. gets nearer
B. is remembered
C. continues
5. The movie is not **appropriate** for young children.
A. bad
B. good
C. funny
6. She **appropriated** my idea as her own.
A. built
B. bought
C. took
7. 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
8. After months of refining, the band finally recorded their first **composition**.
A. final group rehearsal
B. original musical work
C. list of song lyrics
9. She is admired for maintaining her **composure** under even the worse of circumstances.
A. calm state of mind
B. strong family ties
C. clear thought process
10. The song **conjures** memories of good times.
A. brings to mind
B. is about
C. drives away
11. She is **determined** to find a cure for the disease.
A. firmly planning
B. hoping
C. without hope
12. She **determined** that there was an error in the calculation.
A. insisted stubbornly
B. incorrectly believed
C. discovered

13. She is easy to work with. She is **direct** in her communications and expectations.
- A. straightforward
 - B. considerate
 - C. humble
14. The judge **directed** the jury to ignore the question.
- A. asked
 - B. ordered
 - C. understood
15. The Supreme Court was unanimous except for one **dissenting** opinion.
- A. disagreeing
 - B. supporting
 - C. withheld
16. At the time, she was **engaged** in a research project at Stanford.
- A. a candidate
 - B. involved
 - C. promised to marry
17. We will **engage** the enemy when they reach the river.
- A. retreat from
 - B. begin fighting
 - C. study
18. How will a court **interpret** the word *careless* if there is a lawsuit?
- A. understand
 - B. insist on
 - C. ignore
19. As I **reflect** on my life, I realize that it's relationships that matter most.
- A. write a story
 - B. live
 - C. think carefully
20. Pure democracy (without protection of minority rights) can become **tyranny** of the majority.
- A. a situation in which a difficult choice must be made between imperfect alternatives
 - B. a form of government where some people control others in a harsh, unfair manner
 - C. a form of government that is fair because decisions are made by majority vote

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 **coalition** of Diamond, Club, and Spade dynasties that made up Parliament was falling apart.
A. political group (made of different groups working together)
B. conflict (between different political groups)
C. breakup (of a political group into different groups)
- 2 A last-minute negotiation with King Arch of Boarderland to establish an **alliance** between their two nations against Redd.
A. association (of nations) formed to support common interests
B. channel for communications
C. trade agreement
- 3 It was best not to **approach**, to not draw attention to themselves.
A. go near
B. run from
C. ask questions
- 4 Piped in from who knew where played the background music of Wondertropolis' free fall into decay. ... a **composition** on infinite repeat, featuring lyrics Redd had written herself, which sang her praises as Wonderland's savior.
A. mixed essay
B. musical work
C. pure product
- 5 Silence breeds independent thought, which in turn breeds **dissent**.
A. disagreement with government-approved opinions
B. understanding of government-approved opinions
C. support for government-approved opinions
- 6 After the temper subsides and one has a moment to calmly **reflect**, it isn't uncommon for declarations shouted in a fit of rage to strike one as untrue, and because they may have been hurtful to family, friends, lovers, husbands, or wives, one wishes them unsaid.
A. rest
B. shine
C. think
- 7 --but so well had she **adapted** to the customs and beliefs of the time, so well had she adopted the inclinations of other girls her age, that she'd befriended those who used to tease her mercilessly.
A. compared
B. been superior
C. changed to fit
- 8 Mrs. Liddell, not hearing this exchange, flashed her daughter a look, which Alice was at a loss to **interpret**.
A. understand
B. translate into another language
C. respond to
- 9 His methods were **indirect** and labyrinthine, but they brought him twice the profit of simpler business arrangements.
A. not straightforward (complex or devious)
B. explicit (leaving no room for confusion)
C. free of deceit (clear and honest)
- 10 Dodge glared at the advancing card soldiers, his words **directed** at Alyss: "We'll keep them busy."
A. hidden from
B. aimed, or intended for
C. greatly annoyed
- 11 To lessen his fears, Jack tried to **engage** the Milliner in a little chitchat.
A. agree to marry
B. involve
C. hire

- 12 *If he crosses paths with Redd, he'll try to **engage** with her.*
A. discontinue
B. begin fighting
C. surrender
- 13 *But the portal was connected to the Continuum by such an unlikely arrangement of crystal byways (courtesy of strategically placed looking glasses) that no traveler who wasn't Alyssian had ever **determined** its location or even learned of its existence.*
A. controlled
B. hidden
C. discovered
- 14 *They may have been few in number, but they were strong and **determined**.*
A. firm in purpose
B. self-confident
C. convincing
- 15 *Regaining his usual **composure**, he took a seat next to the princess.*
A. calm state of mind
B. nervous state of mind
C. thoughtful state of mind
- 16 *As was perhaps **appropriate** for any shop specializing in the sale of puzzles and games, this one was itself built in the shape of a puzzle.*
A. out-of-place
B. fitting or suitable
C. inadequate (not enough)
- 17 *Whenever one of them made a move she had never seen before, she quickly **appropriated** it--imagined it as part of her own repertoire.*
A. purchased
B. destroyed
C. took
- 18 *To **conjure** several doubles of herself was one thing, but an entire army?*
A. summon into action or bring into existence
B. find through an extensive search
C. stop or block
- 19 *"Knight, Hatter, and Dodge will also **accompany** you," said General Doppel, which was when they noticed that Dodge was no longer among them.*
A. help
B. talk with
C. travel with
- 20 *In time, a new Heart Palace would stand in place of the old, its garden featuring the grave of Sir Justice Anders as well as memorials to Queen Genevieve, King Nolan, and the numerous brave Alyssians who lost their lives during Redd's **tyrannical** rule.*
A. short-lived
B. harsh and unjust
C. unforgettable

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	coalition	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
2	A	alliance	Used 3 times in this book.
3	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 27 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
4	B	composition (<i>as in: an original composition</i>)	High-utility academic word
5	A	dissent	Used 2 times in this book.
6	C	reflect (<i>as in: I want to reflect on it.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 4 meanings in this book.
7	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
8	A	interpret (<i>as in: her interpretation of the data</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
9	A	direct (<i>as in: gave a direct answer</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
10	B	direct (<i>as in: direct a question; or direct a film</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
11	B	engage (<i>as in: engage in conversation</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
12	B	engage (<i>as in: engage the enemy</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
13	C	determine (<i>as in: determined she is guilty</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	determined (<i>as in: is determined to succeed</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	composure (<i>as in: regained her composure</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
16	B	appropriate (<i>as in: it is appropriate</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	appropriate (<i>as in: appropriate from their culture</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	conjure	Used 30 times in this book.
19	C	accompany (<i>as in: accompany on the journey</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	B	tyranny	Used 3 times in this book.