

# The Truth About Forever

by Sarah Dessen

## 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:** adamant, convey, correspond, crucial, cumulative, diabolical, dispute (2), however (2), incredulous, indignant, innocuous, innovate, pessimistic, redundant, refract, tentative, vary, wistful



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	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. The CEO was **adamant** that the company would not compromise on its commitment to sustainability, even if it meant sacrificing short-term profits.
  - A. willing to change a decision based on new information
  - B. uncertain or hesitant about a decision
  - C. determined not to change a decision
2. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
  - A. express
  - B. accept
  - C. understand
3. The bones in a bat's wing exactly **correspond** to those in a human forearm.
  - A. are equivalent
  - B. are opposite
  - C. are unrelated
4. The information is **crucial** to making a good decision.
  - A. helpful
  - B. very important
  - C. more than is needed
5. At my company, sick days are not **cumulative**. They say, "Thank you," but you lose days you do not use by the end of the year.
  - A. increased by additions over time
  - B. interchangeable with similar things
  - C. swappable for cash
6. She was frightened by the **diabolical** expression on his face.
  - A. angry
  - B. evil
  - C. crazy
7. We have a procedure for handling these kinds of **disputes**.
  - A. surprises
  - B. disagreements
  - C. opportunities
8. She **disputes** his claim.
  - A. supports
  - B. accepts
  - C. challenges
9. I hope to take the ACT just once. **However**, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
  - A. but
  - B. also
  - C. and
10. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
  - A. on-the-other-hand
  - B. in addition
  - C. no matter how
11. At first, she was **incredulous**--thinking the report was in error.
  - A. worried
  - B. confused
  - C. without belief

12. She was **indignant**, but she agreed to be searched when they accused her of shoplifting.
- A. annoyed at something unjust
  - B. surprised at the unexpected
  - C. defensive about being suspected
13. Her comments were **innocuous**, but he quoted them out of context to make them appear sinister.
- A. harmless
  - B. supportive
  - C. silly
14. Companies must **innovate** quickly to stay ahead of their competitors.
- A. follow old rules
  - B. create new methods
  - C. imitate rivals
15. Her outlook on the future was quite **pessimistic**, as she worried about the economy and the environment.
- A. expecting that things will turn out well
  - B. expecting that things will turn out badly
  - C. having no expectation of how things will turn out
16. 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
17. Light passing through water is **refracted**, so when a pole or stick is partially submerged at an angle in clear water, it appears to be bent at the water's surface.
- A. increased in brightness
  - B. changed in velocity
  - C. changed in color
18. She took a **tentative** step to see if her injured ankle would support her weight.
- A. careful
  - B. brave
  - C. confident
19. McDonald's menu options **vary** by location.
- A. are consistent
  - B. are different
  - C. are known
20. She had a **wistful**, dreamy look as she thought about how life would change if she could get a good job.
- A. showing longing
  - B. showing determination
  - C. showing optimism

## 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 was] responsible for an **innovative** school recycling program now implemented in districts around the country.  
A. greater than zero  
B. new and different  
C. not demonstrating
- 2 My sister seemed to take on our **cumulative** emotional reaction: she cried so much she seemed to be shriveling right in front of our eyes.  
A. increased by a series of additions  
B. degree to which things are related  
C. not connected by blood or marriage
- 3 And to **convey** that she's—  
A. communicate or express  
B. create dramatic change  
C. mirror back (an image)
- 4 Whatever else **varied**, the ending was the same, a finish line I could never reach, no matter how many miles I put behind me.  
A. took on as one's own  
B. differed; or changed  
C. began fighting again
- 5 Then, after a couple of reminders about other things it was **crucial** I attend to, this: If you're having problems with Bethany and Amanda, you should address them directly.  
A. natural  
B. very important  
C. more than is needed
- 6 My mind had raced with awful possibilities, picturing her dead on the highway, but the truth was actually much more **innocuous**.  
A. harmless (not disturbing)  
B. not attractive or desirable  
C. orbiting Earth once per day
- 7 It's like, everything and everyone **refracts**, each person having a different reaction.  
A. (noun) things that are lighter and draw attention -- such as areas of a painting OR (verb) making some things lighter -- such as areas of a painting  
B. to change the velocity of a beam of light or other wave-form as it passes from one medium into another (apparently bending it when passing at an angle)  
C. recommends or requires what should be done OR (of a medical doctor) gives medical instructions -- such as writing that a patient should take antibiotics
- 8 "Nuh-uh," Monica said, sounding surprisingly **adamant**.  
A. the characteristic of demonstrating something  
B. the quality of not being sensible and careful  
C. determined not to change a decision or belief
- 9 So much for my fairy tale, **however** brief, my luxury of scars that didn't show.  
A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning  
B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment  
C. regardless of how
- 10 She did, **however**, say that Wes had been asking about me, and she wondered if something had happened between us.  
A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though*, *in spite of that*, *in contrast*, *nevertheless*, etc.  
B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated  
C. therefore (for that reason)

- 11 "I'm going," she said, **redundantly**.
- A. even though it wasn't necessary (It was already known that she was going.)
  - B. in a manner not appearing dangerous, but actually very harmful over time OR treacherously (in a dangerous manner due to trickery or from hidden or unpredictable risks)
  - C. in a manner that is related to relating to existentialism -- a philosophical movement that assumes each person is free to determine what is essential in their existence
- 12 "Still," Kristy said **wistfully**, "I did like her halter top."
- A. with longing or unfulfilled desire
  - B. in a manner that involves betrayal
  - C. following as a result of something
- 13 When I'd first started playing Truth, back in my slumber party days, it had always made me nervous. Wes was right in saying it was **diabolical**: the questions asked were always personal or embarrassing, preferably both.
- A. related to the spreading of a disease to another part of the body
  - B. cruel and clever
  - C. relating to a surface rather than to anything deep or penetrating
- 14 "I'm hardly wearing any," Bert said, as Wes put a hand over his nose, **disputing** this.
- A. emphasizing (drawing attention to something)
  - B. a non-doctor assisting a woman in childbirth
  - C. challenging (showing disagreement about)
- 15 For a second none of us said anything, and I wondered if, in the end, this is how all **disputes** are settled, with a shared silence as things become equal.
- A. People who are of lower rank or status
  - B. disagreements or arguments
  - C. things that affect a result or outcome
- 16 "I can't believe," she said **indignantly**, not even hearing this, "that you and Wes are out on a date and you didn't even tell me."
- A. with anger or annoyance at something unjust or wrong
  - B. with surprise as something unexpected
  - C. with acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 17 I could just see Jason at the library, listening with that same **incredulous** expression, as my desk lamp was described, in SAT verbal perfect words, by Amanda and Bethany.
- A. not capable of being better understood through detailed examination
  - B. clear, easily noticed, and/or identifiable as different or separate
  - C. having difficulty accepting something so unexpected
- 18 By the window, even Bert, pessimist of **pessimists**, was smiling.
- A. bases with a pH of greater than 7 (so they will dissolve in water)
  - B. people who expect the worst; or who focus on the bad part of things
  - C. DNA sequences or units of heredity that influence biological traits
- 19 When he first put his arms around me, it was **tentative**, like maybe he expected I'd pull away.
- A. careful or unsure
  - B. not demonstrating
  - C. able to challenge
- 20 So if problems arise, we'll be able to consult the lists, see which issue it **corresponds** to, and work out a solution from there.
- A. connects or fits together by being equivalent, proportionate, or matched
  - B. (noun) text that is marked as important OR (verb) marks important text
  - C. causes of problems or illnesses; or processes to identify such problems

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	innovate	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
2	A	cumulative	Used 2 times in this book.
3	A	convey ( <i>as in: convey her thoughts</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
4	B	vary	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
5	B	crucial	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
6	A	innocuous	Used 3 times in this book.
7	B	refract	Used 2 times in this book.
8	C	adamant	Used 4 times in this book.
9	C	however ( <i>as in: However much she tried...</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
10	A	however ( <i>as in: However, complications may...</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	A	redundant	High-utility academic word
12	A	wistful	Used 6 times in this book.
13	B	diabolical	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	dispute ( <i>as in: She disputes his claim.</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	dispute ( <i>as in: their border dispute</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
17	C	incredulous	Used 5 times in this book.
18	B	pessimistic	Used 2 times in this book.
19	A	tentative ( <i>as in: said it tentatively</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	A	correspond ( <i>as in: corresponding time period</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.

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