

White: The Great Pursuit

by Ted Dekker

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: bind (2), bronze, complicit, deception, defer, doctrine, factor (2), horde, inconsistent, metaphor, motive, nucleus, perimeter, principle, pyre, reminisce, serpent, treason



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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10	B
11	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. We agreed to **binding** arbitration.
 - A. strenuous or difficult
 - B. constraining (must be obeyed)
 - C. intricate (complex)
2. The Chinese move puts the U.S. administration in a **bind**.
 - A. good situation
 - B. difficult situation
 - C. new situation
3. She approached the impressive **bronze** doors.
 - A. made of a high-quality wood
 - B. notably large and appearing heavy
 - C. made of a type of high-quality metal
4. Many suspect the **complicity** of top officials.
 - A. involvement
 - B. innocence
 - C. ignorance
5. The con artist used clever **deception** to trick wealthy investors.
 - A. kindness
 - B. trickery
 - C. praise
6. He almost always **defers** to her wishes about which movie to see.
 - A. presents argument
 - B. submits
 - C. add more
7. She challenges accepted **doctrine**.
 - A. champions
 - B. authority
 - C. beliefs
8. 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
9. 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
10. A **horde** of excited fans rushed toward the stage when the band made their surprise appearance.
 - A. tiny group
 - B. huge crowd
 - C. single person
11. His grades were **inconsistent**, ranging from A's to F's each term.
 - A. perfect
 - B. private
 - C. uneven

12. Jefferson used *a wall* as a metaphor to describe the separation of church and state.
- A. clever strategy
 - B. exaggeration
 - C. figure of speech
13. A desire for religious freedom was their motive for leaving England.
- A. excuse
 - B. technique
 - C. reason
14. The small reading group became the nucleus of a schoolwide book club.
- A. ending
 - B. critics
 - C. center
15. Build a fence along the perimeter of the yard.
- A. dangerous part
 - B. longest edge
 - C. outer edges
16. One guiding principle is that everyone should be treated fairly.
- A. rule or belief
 - B. complaint
 - C. answer or result
17. In 1829 India banned the Hindu custom of a widow's suicide on her husband's funeral pyre.
- A. coffin
 - B. fire
 - C. gravestone
18. The reunion gave everyone a chance to reminisce and reconnect.
- A. plan future trips
 - B. recall fond memories
 - C. debate old arguments
19. What does the serpent represent in the Garden of Eden?
- A. fig leaf
 - B. snake
 - C. apple
20. Benedict Arnold was not captured after he committed treason.
- A. committing acts of sabotage
 - B. war crimes against civilians
 - C. betrayal of one's own country

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 Each man, woman, and child carried a blazing torch, ready to light the **pyre** at the appropriate moment.
 - A. a particular understanding or explanation
 - B. a pile of wood or other burnable material
 - C. meticulousness (care about small details)
- 2 It would seem that Johan, of all people, having been drawn out of **deception** as a member of the Horde, would stand firm on the doctrine of drowning.
 - A. someone bound to serve another without pay -- such as a slave or serf
 - B. the act of lying to or misleading someone; or something that misleads
 - C. the degree to which something can change to fit a different situation
- 3 It would seem that Johan, of all people, having been drawn out of **deception** as a member of the Horde, would stand firm on the **doctrine** of drowning.
 - A. a substance that stimulates the production of antibodies to protect against a disease
 - B. an economic system where most decisions are made through voluntary buying and selling
 - C. a belief (or system of beliefs or principles) accepted as authoritative by some group
- 4 By the **Hordes** who pursue us, what is all this nonsense?
 - A. psychiatrists
 - B. large numbers
 - C. fat compounds
- 5 That is why I've come, not to **reminisce** about your dreams.
 - A. a slight amount; or to contain a slight amount
 - B. to talk or think fondly about past experiences
 - C. something that is necessary for something else
- 6 So now you think this Book, which is from here where **metaphors** express themselves literally, might do the same in this dream world of yours?
 - A. people of the ancient collection of city states at eastern end of the Mediterranean known for their maritime trading culture between 1550 BC to 300 BC
 - B. people knowledgeable in the collection and interpretation of numerical data -- especially someone who uses statistics to calculate insurance premiums
 - C. figures of speech in which a similarity between two things is highlighted by using a word to refer to something that it does not *literally* mean
- 7 The **serpent** in the desert with the power to heal.
 - A. skill
 - B. snake
 - C. story
- 8 They're still **principled**.
 - A. with or based on basic beliefs
 - B. lacking trust or confidence in
 - C. things that are able to change
- 9 Two-thirds of the world's combined **nuclear arsenal** is presently loaded on ships, steaming to our shores.
 - A. the quality of inappropriateness in size, amount, or degree
 - B. the condition of being exclusive to (someone or some group)
 - C. relating to the central or most important part of something
- 10 Thomas crouched in the forest watching the frenzied search of the house and its **perimeter**.
 - A. a fat compound
 - B. a hoofed mamma
 - C. the outer edge
- 11 Aiding him in any way would be seen as **treason**.
 - A. easily set on fire
 - B. untied or released
 - C. an act of betrayal

- 12 *The fact that she'd been **complicit** in condemning Justin only made her anger toward the deception that blinded them more acute.*
- A. guilty of helping in wrongdoing
 - B. non-traditional or non-standard
 - C. poor ability to make a decision
- 13 *I will **defer** to the judgment of this council.*
- A. argue
 - B. submit (accept its judgment as superior to my own)
 - C. pretend to be ignorant
- 14 *His mind flashed over the last few years, searching for **inconsistencies** in the man's performance.*
- A. small paper forms made to lists the amount of money and each check being deposited into a bank account
 - B. sculptures or other things made of the brownish metal with the same name -- such as third place medals
 - C. not the same in different parts or at different times
- or:
- not in agreement [with something else]
- 15 *Fortier has no acceptable **motive** for handing over the antivirus when our ships meet his in"—he glanced at his watch—"thirty-six hours now.*
- A. small quantity or indication
 - B. the sacred writings of Islam
 - C. reason (for doing something)
- 16 *You get in a **bind**, I come after you.*
- A. restarting (a fire)
 - B. difficult situation
 - C. wrong understanding
- 17 *But I warn you, we have a law that **binds** us.*
- A. people, organizations, lifeforms, or things that exist separately
 - B. constrains
 - C. places where conditions are kept as they were to protect wildlife
- 18 *His face collided with cold **bronze**, but he managed a hand on the general's leather breastplate.*
- A. examine in detail to better understand
 - B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - C. a type of metal
- 19 *"You said time was a **factor**," he said.*
- A. job, reservation, booking, or activity
 - B. thing that affects a result or outcome
 - C. something that is made or manufactured
- 20 *But they hadn't **factored** in Thomas.*
- A. held together (connected or united) or wrapped
 - B. moved to a worse or less prestigious situation
 - C. considered (for affect on a result or outcome)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	pyre	Used 3 times in this book.
2	B	deception	High-utility academic word; used 18 times in this book.
3	C	doctrine	Used 7 times in this book.
4	B	horde	Used 149 times in this book.
5	B	reminisce	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
6	C	metaphor	Used 8 times in this book.
7	B	serpent	Used 9 times in this book.
8	A	principle	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
9	C	nucleus	Used 29 times in this book.
10	C	perimeter	Used 16 times in this book.
11	C	treason	Used 11 times in this book.
12	A	complicit	Used 4 times in this book.
13	B	defer (<i>as in: deferred to her wishes</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
14	C	inconsistent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	C	motive (<i>as in: What is her motive?</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
16	B	bind (<i>as in: It put me in a bind.</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
17	B	bind (<i>as in: a binding contract</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
18	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
19	B	factor (<i>as in: It was the deciding factor.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	C	factor (<i>as in: factor it into your thinking</i>)	2 meanings in this book.