

1984

Part 3 Chapters 1-2

by George Orwell

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: anxious, collective, content, curious, denial, distinction, presumably, records, subjected, virtue

PRE-READING ACTIVITY

Vocabulary Preview 2

Answer Key — Preview 3

Caution: share only if self-checking

OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

Vocabulary in Context 4

Answer Key — In Context 5

Caution: do not share with students

About the Pre-Reading Activity (open-dictionary; ungraded or completion grade):

Students preview 10 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):

Same words, now in real excerpts from the text, with questions that build reading and analytical skills.

Vocabulary Sections for this Book:

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Section 2 · Part 1 Chapters 6-8 · The diary and the prole districts

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She was **anxious** to show her drawings to the class.

- A. eager and keen
- B. careful and modest
- C. proud and boastful

2. The team made a **collective** decision about the new uniforms.

- A. final and not open to appeal
- B. made in secret by a few
- C. shared by the group as a whole

3. After a long walk and a hot meal, he sat **content** by the fire.

- A. quiet and lost in thought
- B. satisfied with what one has
- C. drowsy from the day's effort

4. A **curious** smell drifted out of the empty classroom.

- A. sharp and unpleasant
- B. faint and hard to notice
- C. strange or odd

5. The mayor issued a flat **denial** when reporters asked about the charges.

- A. a refusal to admit something is true
- B. a promise to look into a matter
- C. an apology for a past mistake

6. There is a clear **distinction** between borrowing a car and taking one.

- A. a choice between two things
- B. a difference between two things
- C. a link joining two things

7. The lights were off, so **presumably** no one was home.

- A. as had already been proved
- B. as could plainly be seen
- C. as one may reasonably suppose

8. The town clerk keeps careful **records** in the courthouse basement.

- A. old maps drawn by hand
- B. written accounts kept as evidence
- C. photographs saved as keepsakes

9. New recruits are **subjected** to weeks of harsh training.

- A. made to undergo something
- B. praised for getting through something
- C. invited to take part in something

10. He counted patience as his greatest **virtue**.

- A. a good or admirable quality
- B. a duty owed to others
- C. a skill learned through practice

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

the place with no darkness — the Ministry of Love's always-lit cells — O'Brien's dream phrase, mistaken by Winston for a promise of hope

heresy — belief against official doctrine — originally religious, here political

inquisitor — an official who questions and punishes suspected heretics

a minority of one — the only person holding a given view — alone against everyone

two plus two make four — an emblem of plain fact — true regardless of what the Party says

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
3	B
4	C
5	A
6	B
7	C
8	B
9	A
10	A

Vocabulary in Context

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 10

Read each excerpt carefully. Then choose the best answer to each question.

1 “He did not know where he was. Presumably he was in the Ministry of Love, but there was no way of making certain.”

As used in the passage, the word ‘Presumably’ most nearly means...

- A. as had already been proved
- B. as he had been told
- C. as one may reasonably suppose

2 “Later he was to realize that all that then happened was merely a preliminary, a routine interrogation to which nearly all prisoners were subjected.”

The information in the excerpt primarily functions to...

- A. mark what happened as standard practice
- B. explain why the Party arrested him
- C. contrast his case with other prisoners

3 “Besides, in a sense it was all true. It was true that he had been the enemy of the Party, and in the eyes of the Party there was no distinction between the thought and the deed.”

According to the passage, the Party treated a person’s thoughts as...

- A. harder to prove than actions
- B. less serious than actions
- C. no different from actions

4 “He had the air of a doctor, a teacher, even a priest, anxious to explain and persuade rather than to punish.”

In the passage, the man described is characterized as...

- A. eager to convince rather than coerce
- B. indifferent to being understood
- C. uneasy about the task before him

5 “Even now, I am well aware, you are clinging to your disease under the impression that it is a virtue.”

Which choice best describes the speaker’s attitude toward what the listener values?

- A. unsure what the listener believes
- B. sure the listener prizes a flaw
- C. impressed by the listener’s resolve

6 “But it was perfectly possible that O’Brien had really forgotten the photograph. And if so, then already he would have forgotten his denial of remembering it, and forgotten the act of forgetting.”

The passage most strongly suggests that O’Brien...

- A. is pretending to forget
- B. may not know he is lying
- C. was never shown the photograph

7 “Then where does the past exist, if at all? In records. It is written down.”

The author most likely includes ‘It is written down’ in order to...

- A. explain what the answer means
- B. stress that the past cannot change
- C. show that memory is unreliable

8 “Not in the individual mind, which can make mistakes, and in any case soon perishes: only in the mind of the Party, which is collective and immortal.”

It can reasonably be inferred that, for the Party, truth is settled by...

- A. each member for himself
- B. the Party taken as a whole
- C. the Party’s ablest thinkers

9 “We are not content with negative obedience, nor even with the most abject submission. When finally you surrender to us, it must be of your own free will.”

Which statement is best supported by the passage?

- A. The Party demands willing belief.
- B. The Party demands total obedience.
- C. The Party fears open rebellion.

10 “Although he had already been lying on his back when the thing happened, he had a curious feeling that he had been knocked into that position.”

It can reasonably be inferred that the feeling described...

- A. came from a wish to understand
- B. proved he had been struck down
- C. did not match what had happened

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	C	
2	A	
3	C	
4	A	Students almost always read this word as 'worried' here. The sentence uses the older sense – eager – and the roles named just before it, doctor and teacher and priest, are what pin that reading.
5	B	
6	B	This is doublethink in miniature, and worth slowing down on: if O'Brien has genuinely forgotten, then he has also forgotten refusing to remember, so there is no lie left to catch him in.
7	A	
8	B	
9	A	
10	C	Here the word means strange rather than inquisitive. A student who carries the modern sense over will read the sentence as being about Winston's curiosity, which reverses its point.

Teacher Context: Part 3 Chapters 1-2

Winston wakes in a windowless cell in the Ministry of Love, among prisoners including Parsons and Ampleforth, and O'Brien's true role becomes clear. Interrogation and torture begin, aimed less at extracting confession than at remaking what Winston believes. The break after Chapter 2 separates this first phase from the reintegration O'Brien names at the start of Chapter 3.