

1984

by George Orwell

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: approach (2), compose (3), conscious (3), demonstrate (2), differentiate, establish (2), heresy, imply, infer, obsolete, orthodox, rectify, relevant



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. We need to **approach** this problem in a new way.
 - A. avoid
 - B. think about
 - C. assign
2. I **approached** three bankers about a loan.
 - A. avoided
 - B. complained to
 - C. asked
3. I use an electronic keyboard to help **compose** music.
 - A. listen to
 - B. play
 - C. write
4. The group is **composed** of students who live in the same apartment building.
 - A. made up
 - B. calmed
 - C. written
5. Before entering the interview room, she took a few deep breaths to **compose** herself and steady his nerves.
 - A. adjust
 - B. calm
 - C. delay
6. It was a **conscious** decision to investigate less so we could get a report faster.
 - A. mistaken
 - B. unfortunate
 - C. intentional
7. She is environmentally **conscious**.
 - A. aware and concerned
 - B. oppressed
 - C. destructive
8. I instinctively grabbed at the gun without **conscious** thought.
 - A. being afraid
 - B. being aware
 - C. being confident
9. The medal is given only to a few who have **demonstrated** extraordinary courage while defending their country.
 - A. protested
 - B. shown
 - C. encouraged
10. The students **demonstrated** against limitations on free speech.
 - A. signed petitions
 - B. spoke eloquently
 - C. protested
11. Her view of this issue **differentiates** her from most progressives in Congress.
 - A. unites
 - B. makes unpopular
 - C. makes different

12. Which word choice would help to establish a serious tone.
- A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
13. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with establishing the contrast between men and masculine traits.
- A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
14. Before the separation of Church and State, an accusation of heresy could be treated as treason.
- A. immorality
 - B. lying
 - C. witchcraft
15. She implied that she would vote with us.
- A. hinted
 - B. insisted
 - C. denied
16. The meaning of the word can be inferred based on context clues.
- A. different
 - B. figured out
 - C. converted
17. That old phone is obsolete.
- A. outdated
 - B. classic
 - C. broken
18. My parents are accustomed to my challenging their more orthodox views.
- A. crazy
 - B. normal
 - C. creative
19. We are working to rectify the accounts and send refunds to everyone who was overbilled.
- A. calculate
 - B. understand
 - C. correct
20. It is easier to learn things that seem relevant to your life.
- A. understandable
 - B. repeated
 - C. important

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 For how could you **establish** even the most obvious fact when there existed no record outside your own memory?
 - A. destroy
 - B. create
 - C. prove
- 2 He thought also of hurrying to the Community Centre and staying there till the place closed, so as to **establish** a partial alibi for the evening.
 - A. hide (from view)
 - B. create
 - C. pretend
- 3 The messages he had received referred to articles or news items which for one reason or another it was thought necessary to alter, or, as the official phrase had it, to **rectify**.
 - A. clarify
 - B. publish
 - C. correct
- 4 Even the written instructions which Winston received, and which he invariably got rid of as soon as he had dealt with them, never stated or **implied** that an act of forgery was to be committed: always the reference was to slips, errors, misprints, or misquotations which it was necessary to put right in the interests of accuracy.
 - A. suggested
 - B. directed
 - C. asked
- 5 **Orthodoxy** means not thinking – not needing to think.
 - A. always acting impulsively
 - B. conforming to normal beliefs & behavior
 - C. being controlled or imprisoned
- 6 All over Oceania this morning there were irrepressible spontaneous **demonstrations** when workers marched out of factories and offices and paraded through the streets with banners voicing their gratitude to Big Brother for the new, happy life which his wise leadership has bestowed upon us.
 - A. labor strikes
 - B. public protests
 - C. public displays of support
- 7 The belief that nothing exists outside your own mind – surely there must be some way of **demonstrating** that it was false?
 - A. thinking
 - B. showing
 - C. researching
- 8 But the really **relevant** date was seven or eight years earlier.
 - A. forgotten
 - B. difficult
 - C. important
- 9 A week had gone by since she had first **approached** him.
 - A. begun disagreeing with
 - B. begun laughing at
 - C. begun talking with
- 10 But in matters of vital importance – meaning, in effect, war and police espionage – the empirical **approach** is still encouraged, or at least tolerated.
 - A. investigator
 - B. technique
 - C. report

- 11 The words of these songs were **composed** without any human intervention whatever on an instrument known as a versificator.
- A. sung
 - B. read
 - C. written
- 12 It aroused in Winston dim memories of something seen long ago on a wall or a hoarding – a vast bottle **composed** of electric lights which seemed to move up and down and pour its contents into a glass.
- A. made
 - B. calmed
 - C. written
- 13 He lay back on the bed and tried to **compose** himself.
- A. put to sleep
 - B. calm
 - C. create
- 14 He began speaking with the peculiar grave courtesy that **differentiated** him from the majority of Inner Party members.
- A. brought praise to
 - B. hid
 - C. made different
- 15 Then he went on: 'What I had really intended to say was that in your article I noticed you had used two words which have become **obsolete**.'
- A. no longer in use
 - B. especially admired
 - C. newly into fashion
- 16 The proles had stayed human. They had not become hardened inside. They had held on to the primitive emotions which he himself had to re-learn by **conscious** effort.
- A. natural
 - B. unintentional
 - C. intentional
- 17 – for it is an abiding characteristic of the Low that they are too much crushed by drudgery to be more than intermittently **conscious** of anything outside their daily lives –
- A. aware
 - B. afraid
 - C. excited
- 18 Almost **unconsciously** he traced with his finger in the dust on the table: $2+2=5$
- A. without hesitation
 - B. without self-awareness
 - C. without dignity
- 19 The Russians persecuted **heresy** more cruelly than the Inquisition had done.
- A. beliefs considered immoral
 - B. foolish opinions
 - C. aiding the enemy
- 20 There was no physical act, no word spoken aloud, that they had not noticed, no train of thought that they had not been able to **infer**.
- A. encourage
 - B. figure out
 - C. document

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	C	rectify (<i>as in: rectify the error</i>)	Used 8 times in this book.
4	A	imply	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
5	B	orthodox	Used 21 times in this book.
6	C	demonstrate (<i>as in: demonstrate to protest</i>)	Used 8 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	B	demonstrate (<i>as in: It demonstrates my point.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	C	relevant	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
9	C	approach (<i>as in: approached her with the proposal</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
10	B	approach (<i>as in: use the best approach</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
11	C	compose (<i>as in: compose a poem</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
12	A	compose (<i>as in: composed of many parts</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
13	B	compose (<i>as in: compose myself</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
14	C	differentiate (<i>as in: differentiate our product</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	obsolete	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
16	C	conscious (<i>as in: a conscious effort to lose weight</i>)	Used 10 times in this book; 4 meanings in this book.
17	A	conscious (<i>as in: environmentally conscious</i>)	Used 25 times in this book; 4 meanings in this book.
18	B	conscious (<i>as in: the conscious mind</i>)	Used 23 times in this book; 4 meanings in this book.
19	A	heresy	Used 20 times in this book.
20	B	infer	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.