

# A Clash of Kings

by George R. R. Martin

## 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:** breech, bronze, citadel, cleave (2), envoy, heed, joust, loath, nonetheless, ornate, pavilion, pyre, regent, scarcity, siege, treason, usurp, yield (2)



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
3	A
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10	A
11	C
12	A
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17	C
18	A
19	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.*

- The hunter cleaned the breech after firing several rounds at the target.
  - tip of an arrow
  - edge of a blade
  - back of a firearm
- She approached the impressive bronze doors.
  - made of a high-quality wood
  - notably large and appearing heavy
  - made of a type of high-quality metal
- The citadel stood on a high hill, overlooking the town like a watchful guardian.
  - fortified stronghold
  - wooden farmhouse
  - outdoor marketplace
- It has the ability to cleave carbon-carbon bonds.
  - split
  - identify
  - find
- She was taught that she must cleave to God.
  - pray sincerely
  - hold firmly
  - give service
- Iran's top envoy to the United Nations nuclear agency dismissed the accusation.
  - scientist
  - representative
  - translator
- She didn't heed the storm warnings and got caught in the heavy rain.
  - pass through
  - tell others of
  - pay attention to
- I saw the jousting show in Las Vegas.
  - mounted combat competition
  - telling of jokes in rhyme
  - magic and slight-of-hand
- Though they loath to admit it, there are serious divides splitting the party.
  - are eager
  - are reluctant
  - are excited
- The class was hard. It was nonetheless my favorite.
  - despite that
  - because of that
  - for that reason
- It was the most ornate building I've ever seen.
  - ancient
  - boring
  - decorated
- We ate lunch under the open-sided pavilion near the lake.
  - freestanding shelter
  - tall stone monument
  - narrow garden path

13. In 1829 India banned the Hindu custom of a widow's suicide on her husband's funeral pyre.
- A. coffin
  - B. fire
  - C. gravestone
14. While the young king was ill, his uncle served as regent to rule the kingdom.
- A. temporary substitute ruler
  - B. elected prime minister
  - C. royal court advisor
15. Work is scarce in the region.
- A. easily found
  - B. extremely hard
  - C. in short supply
16. The castle was under siege for months, with the enemy forces relentlessly attacking its walls.
- A. fortified defense
  - B. prolonged attack
  - C. passionate negotiation
17. 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
18. The lawsuit claims that the President is usurping constitutional powers of Congress.
- A. wrongfully seizing
  - B. legally exercising
  - C. publicly defending
19. The experiment yielded data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
  - B. destroyed
  - C. slowed down
20. After the scandal, she yielded to public pressure and resigned her position.
- A. added
  - B. gave in
  - C. produced

# 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 a maester, trained and chained in the great Citadel of Oldtown.*

- A. a stronghold or fortress
- B. island (that is made of a coral reef)
- C. dense, rainy forest with many species

2 *Pylos spoke softly, as if loath to disturb Cressen's solemn meditations.*

- A. able to be protected or kept unchanged
- B. reluctant or unwilling to do something
- C. able to accept as true (without proof)

3 *King of a smoking rock in the great salt sea, yet a king nonetheless.*

- A. in spite of that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
- B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
- C. therefore (for that reason)

4 *This is early to come calling, scarce past dawn.*

- A. the state of not being aware or concerned about something
- B. a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything
- C. in short supply OR barely or hardly (by a small margin)

5 *Maester Cressen remembered the day Davos had been knighted, after the siege of Storm's End.*

- A. the act of forcing into an undesired activity or situation -- such as legally sentencing someone to punishment OR the act of finding guilty -- especially in court
- B. a military tactic in which a fortified place is surrounded and isolated while it is attacked over time

or:

any prolonged attack, effort, or period of trouble

C. a workplace where people do scientific or medical research, or produce drugs or chemicals (also used figuratively) OR (as an adjective) related to such a place

6 *Seated in the chair was a man in a tight-laced leather jerkin and breeches of roughspun brown wool.*

- A. views
- B. names
- C. pants

7 *He would have made you a poor envoy then.*

- A. someone who approves or supports
- B. representative sent on a mission
- C. one who precedes another in time

8 *The youngest of Lord Steffon's three sons had grown into a man bold but heedless, who acted from impulse rather than calculation.*

- A. capable of thought, self-reflection, and will
- B. the characteristic of demonstrating something
- C. ignorant or ignoring; or not following advice

9 *"Will you joust today, my lord?" she asked him.*

- A. a contest in which knights attempt to knock each other off horses with blunted lances

or:

any kind of contest

B. a method of artistic painting on a wall by using watercolors on wet plaster; or the painting made in such a manner

C. accept someone's membership though a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test

- 10 *A pair of squires buckled the prince into his ornate silver-and-crimson armor.*
- A. able to be taken on as one's own
  - B. indicating approval or agreement
  - C. having lots of decorative detail
- 11 *I am Joffrey's regent, and I sent him a royal command!*
- A. someone appointed to a position of temporary or delegated authority -- such as a temporarily while the king or queen is too young, too sick, or away; or a member of a governing board
  - B. relating to an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
  - C. someone who walks slowly without definite direction OR someone who writes or talks without definite direction (changing subjects or rambling rather than in a purposeful direct way)
- 12 *I am not interested in treasonous table talk, Lord Varys.*
- A. impossible to find
  - B. good or beneficial
  - C. involving betrayal
- 13 *The gods in the pyre were scarcely recognizable anymore.*
- A. a particular understanding or explanation
  - B. a pile of wood or other burnable material
  - C. meticulousness (care about small details)
- 14 *Any man with a thimble of sense will see it for a clumsy attempt to justify usurping the crown.*
- A. seizing or taking control without authority
  - B. protecting something or keeping it as it is
  - C. keeping away (choosing not to do something)
- 15 *The night of the tourney at King's Landing, all the knights had hung their shields outside their pavilions.*
- A. a large building or section of a building that stands apart in function or design -- often used for gatherings, exhibitions, or specialized purposes
  - B. (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
  - C. items characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open -- such as a door or musical instrument with that characteristic
- 16 *If there are more, the Bold Wind will cleave to the Seaswift to protect her while the rest of the fleet does battle.*
- A. bounce back
  - B. hold (stay with)
  - C. begin again
- 17 *"That's a long cruel climb by night," Ebben said as he eyed the distant spark through a cleft in the rocks that sheltered them.*
- A. opening (split in the rock)
  - B. not recognizable as different
  - C. not mirroring back (an image)
- 18 *Finally a great pair of bronze doors appeared to her left, grander than the rest.*
- A. examine in detail to better understand
  - B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
  - C. made of a type of high-quality metal
- 19 *So now I counsel you to yield.*
- A. give in, give way, or give up
  - B. stop (something from happening)
  - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 20 *Behind the eyeholes of his yellowed skull Rattleshirt's stare was malignant, but he yielded grudgingly.*
- A. with rises and falls in pitch
  - B. gave in, gave way, or gave up
  - C. embarrassed or self-conscious

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	citadel	Used 23 times in this book.
2	B	loath	Used 8 times in this book.
3	A	nonetheless	Used 16 times in this book.
4	C	scarcity	High-utility academic word; used 15 times in this book.
5	B	siege	Used 26 times in this book.
6	C	breech	Used 31 times in this book.
7	B	envoy	Used 16 times in this book.
8	C	heed	Used 26 times in this book.
9	A	joust	Used 10 times in this book.
10	C	ornate	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
11	A	regent	Used 18 times in this book.
12	C	treason	Used 33 times in this book.
13	B	pyre	Used 10 times in this book.
14	A	usurp	Used 29 times in this book.
15	A	pavilion	Used 27 times in this book.
16	B	cleave ( <i>as in: cleave to</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
17	A	cleave ( <i>as in: cleave through</i> )	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
18	C	bronze ( <i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i> )	Used 21 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	yield ( <i>as in: will yield valuable data</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	B	yield ( <i>as in: yield to pressure</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.