

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

by Mark Twain

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: antagonist, assail, beguile, consequence (2), discrepancy, hinder, illustrious, malice, monk, moreover, ogre, peasant, peril, pious, prodigious, revere, serene, trifle, yield



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. In the book, *Harry Potter*, Voldemort is Harry's **antagonist**.
 - A. partner
 - B. friend
 - C. enemy
2. She took every opportunity to **assail** the policy.
 - A. study
 - B. attack
 - C. understand
3. She was **wined**, **dined**, and **beguiled** into signing the contract.
 - A. forced
 - B. tricked
 - C. encouraged
4. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
5. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
6. There was a clear **discrepancy** in the two witnesses' stories.
 - A. a strong match
 - B. an inconsistency
 - C. a happy ending
7. The **brace** I have to wear is **hindering** my movements
 - A. helping or assisting
 - B. drawing attention to
 - C. making difficult
8. The **illustrious** scientist received another prestigious award for her research.
 - A. famous and admired
 - B. unknown and ordinary
 - C. controversial but rich
9. Words can be like baseball bats when used **maliciously** against someone who is sensitive.
 - A. carelessly
 - B. mockingly
 - C. evilly
10. Each **monk** in the order leads a simple life without luxury.
 - A. a female member of a religious order
 - B. a male member of a religious order
 - C. a member of a religious order
11. Many graduates have high college debt. **Moreover**, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
 - A. in contrast to that
 - B. in addition to that
 - C. as a result of that
12. The **ogre** in the story terrorized travelers passing through his forest.
 - A. monster
 - B. princess
 - C. shepherd

13. In 1932 a **peasant** revolt in Su County, China stopped collection of the poppy tax.
- A. city dweller
 - B. young person
 - C. poor farmer
14. The journalist's investigation put her in great **peril**.
- A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness
15. Benjamin Franklin's parents were **pious** Puritans.
- A. non-traditional
 - B. traditional
 - C. highly religious
16. The young pianist showed **prodigious** talent at her very first recital.
- A. carefully practiced
 - B. barely noticeable
 - C. remarkably great
17. She **reveres** nature and all that is natural.
- A. dislikes and avoids
 - B. deeply respects
 - C. thoroughly enjoys
18. She remained **serene** even when he was yelling at her.
- A. unmoved
 - B. calm
 - C. aggressive
19. Don't waste my time with **trifling** matters.
- A. other's
 - B. future
 - C. unimportant
20. The experiment **yielded** data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down

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 Now by my faith I know well that he will grieve some of the court of King Arthur; for on him knights will be bold, and deem that it is I, and that will **beguile** them; and because of his armor and shield I am sure I shall ride in peace.
A. to think of something as true or likely, even though it is not known with certainty
B. to charm, enchant, or entertain someone; or to deceive -- especially through charm
C. give authority, power, knowledge, or confidence to someone so they can do something
- 2 But finally it occurred to me all of a sudden that these animals didn't reason; that they never put this and that together; that all their talk showed that they didn't know a **discrepancy** when they saw it.
A. the act of taking something on as one's own
B. an unexpected difference between two things
C. something that helps clarify or demonstrate
- 3 Oh, prithee delay not; to delay at such a time were to double and treble the **perils** that already compass thee about.
A. allowed
B. dangers
C. attacks
- 4 Then there was a pause, and a deeper hush, if possible, and a man knelt down at my feet with a blazing torch; the multitude strained forward, gazing, and parting slightly from their seats without knowing it; the **monk** raised his hands above my head, and his eyes toward the blue sky, and began some words in Latin; in this attitude he droned on and on, a little while, and then stopped.
A. gradual destruction (of something previously established) -- such as a government, rule, or belief
B. a male member of a religious order typically living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
C. a system of government with a ruler who has absolute power -- especially one who abuses that power
- 5 That made an immense effect; up went appealing hands everywhere, and the king was **assailed** with a storm of supplications that I might be bought off at any price, and the calamity stayed.
A. gradually added or removed
B. to attack or cause trouble
C. limited or with boundaries
- 6 There was a **prodigious** roar of applause,
A. in a manner of taking on or adopting power or responsibility
B. producing a stream of atomic particles through nuclear decay
C. enormous
- 7 It didn't cause me any trouble in the beginning--at least any of **consequence**.
A. translates
B. importance
C. sticks out
- 8 Poor girl, her jaws had had a wearisome rest now for a while, and I was expecting to get the **consequences**.
A. results
B. battles
C. desires
- 9 The people could not have stood it; and, **moreover**, I should have had the Established Roman Catholic Church on my back in a minute.
A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
B. in addition to what has just been said
C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 10 Now as to this castle, with forty-five princesses in it, and three **ogres** at the head of it, tell me--where is this harem?
A. a frightening giant from fairy tales, especially one who eats people; or a cruel or terrifying person
B. aka natural rights -- rights that are naturally due because of human nature and the natural condition
C. soccer players who play in the middle third of the field and who assist with both defense and offense

- 11 *Nobody's hindering.*
A. suggesting that someone was involved
B. walking in an awkward, shuffling way
C. slowing down or causing problems for
- 12 *She was loaded to the eyelids with cold malice.*
A. not adjusting a lens to create a clear image
B. the quality of lacking exactness or accuracy
C. the desire to hurt others or see them suffer
- 13 *An he yield not his secret now, ye shall see him torn asunder.*
A. give
B. stop (something from happening)
C. think deeply or carefully about
- 14 *What a silky smooth hellion she was; and so composed and serene, when the cords all down my legs were hurting in sympathy with that man's pain.*
A. not straightforward
B. calm and untroubled
C. not done on purpose
- 15 *they gave themselves to study of pious books,*
A. not able to be translated
B. able to be disagreed with
C. religious
- 16 *When I started to the chapel, the populace uncovered and fell back reverently to make a wide way for me, as if I had been some kind of a superior being—and I was.*
A. in a manner that is not appropriate or different than would be expected in size, amount, or degree
B. with feelings of deep respect and admiration
C. with nervousness or discomfort felt by someone due to concern about what others will think of them
- 17 *The chairman resumed as follows: "By what illustrious achievement for the honor of the Throne and State did the founder of your great line lift himself to the sacred dignity of the British nobility?"*
A. famous and admired; or worthy of admiration
B. the state or degree of being bad or harmful
C. able to be taken up or received into heaven
- 18 *The door stood a trifle ajar.*
A. leave a place, job or position previously occupied
B. someone (or something) taking the place of another
C. little
- 19 *It was known that Merlin had been busy whole days and nights together, imbuing Sir Sagramor's arms and armor with supernal powers of offense and defense, and that he had procured for him from the spirits of the air a fleecy veil which would render the wearer invisible to his antagonist while still visible to other men.*
A. someone who changes something (upon review)
B. someone who takes something on as their own
C. someone who offers opposition or is hostile
- 20 *He was disguised as a woman, and appeared to be a simple old peasant goodwife.*
A. relating to an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
B. 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)
C. used historically or possibly in relation to a very poor country: a person of low income, education, and social standing

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	beguile	Used 5 times in this book.
2	B	discrepancy	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
3	B	peril	Used 16 times in this book.
4	B	monk	Used 33 times in this book.
5	B	assail	Used 5 times in this book.
6	C	prodigious	Used 12 times in this book.
7	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
10	A	ogre	Used 14 times in this book.
11	C	hinder (<i>as in: hindered by</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
12	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
13	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	B	serene	Used 9 times in this book.
15	C	pious (<i>as in: a good, pious woman</i>)	Used 10 times in this book.
16	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 27 times in this book.
17	A	illustrious	Used 5 times in this book.
18	C	trifle (<i>as in: a trifling matter</i>)	Used 14 times in this book.
19	C	antagonist (<i>as in: the antagonist in the film</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	C	peasant	Used 19 times in this book.