

A Dance With Dragons

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: bard, brazen, breech, bronze, envoy, exile, farce, gaunt, joust, mistrust, ornate, peril, perish, shamble, siege, sullen (2), treason, yield (2)



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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. He calls himself a **bard** from Brooklyn.
 - A. someone who protects the weak and delivers justice to those who are evil
 - B. someone who composes and shares poems about important events and people
 - C. someone who knows everything about everyone
2. The **brazen** thief walked right into the store and stole a diamond necklace in broad daylight.
 - A. silent and smart
 - B. disguised
 - C. bold and improper
3. The hunter cleaned the **breech** after firing several rounds at the target.
 - A. tip of an arrow
 - B. edge of a blade
 - C. back of a firearm
4. 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
5. Iran's top **envoy** to the United Nations nuclear agency dismissed the accusation.
 - A. scientist
 - B. representative
 - C. translator
6. Napoleon was forced into **exile** on the island of Elba.
 - A. apologizing
 - B. living elsewhere
 - C. hard labor
7. The trial was a **farce**, with witnesses who clearly lied and a judge who didn't care.
 - A. thorough investigation
 - B. complete mockery
 - C. well-run procedure
8. Don Quixote looked **gaunt** and tired.
 - A. very worried
 - B. very thin
 - C. very bored
9. I saw the **jousting** show in Las Vegas.
 - A. mounted combat competition
 - B. telling of jokes in rhyme
 - C. magic and slight-of-hand
10. Years of broken promises taught the team to mistrust anything he said.
 - A. not remember
 - B. not trust
 - C. not question
11. It was the most **ornate** building I've ever seen.
 - A. ancient
 - B. boring
 - C. decorated
12. The journalist's investigation put her in great **peril**.
 - A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness

13. We can work together or **perish** separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
14. After the long hike, he **shambled** into camp, shoulders slumped and feet dragging.
- A. walked in a proud way
 - B. walked in a shuffling way
 - C. walked in a quick way
15. The castle was under **siege** for months, with the enemy forces relentlessly attacking its walls.
- A. fortified defense
 - B. prolonged attack
 - C. passionate negotiation
16. A **sullen** crowd watched the execution.
- A. excited
 - B. unhappy
 - C. celebrating
17. The **sullen** heat hung over the city, making everyone irritable.
- A. gloomy and oppressive
 - B. bright and cheerful
 - C. soft and gentle
18. 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
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 The wolves were as famished as he was, **gaunt** and cold and hungry, and the prey ...two men and a woman, a babe in arms, fleeing from defeat to death.
A. not having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
B. very thin and bony -- often from hunger or as though having been worn to the bone
C. able to qualify for regular payments that permit having an income without working
- 2 They would have **perished** soon in any case, from exposure or starvation.
A. examined in detail to better understand
B. died, was destroyed, or ceased to exist
C. moved into position to work; or started
- 3 Blood had soaked his **breeches** to the knee and dried into a hard brown crust.
A. views
B. names
C. pants
- 4 Their caps had only one spike each, and their faces showed so little they might have been cast of **bronze** as well.
A. examine in detail to better understand
B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
C. a type of metal
- 5 Custom demanded that the queen begin with the Astapori **envoy**, a former slave who called himself Lord Ghael, though no one seemed to know what he was lord of.
A. someone who approves or supports
B. representative sent on a mission
C. one who precedes another in time
- 6 Bittersteel saw the strength of House Blackfyre scattering to the four winds, so he formed the Golden Company to bind the **exiles** together.
A. recommends or requires what should be done OR (of a medical doctor) gives medical instructions -- such as writing that a patient should take antibiotics
B. to force someone to live outside of their homeland; or living in such a condition

or more rarely: voluntary absence from a place someone would rather be
C. (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
- 7 What we do is **treason**, make no mistake.
A. easily set on fire
B. untied or released
C. an act of betrayal
- 8 In Westeros, it might have been called an oxcart, though it was a deal more **ornate** than any cart that Quentyn had ever seen in Dome, and lacked an ox.
A. able to be taken on as one's own
B. indicating approval or agreement
C. having lots of decorative detail
- 9 The **sullen** wet heat of Volantis sapped his strength and left him feeling dirty.
A. unpleasant
B. sticks out
C. translates
- 10 The princeling was in a **sullen** mood, angry that he had been forced to remain on the Shy Maid instead of going ashore with Yandry and Ysilla.
A. exactness or accuracy
B. unhappy
C. not easily identified

- 11 *The little men were done up in wooden armor, miniature knights preparing for a joust.*
 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 through a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
- 12 *She has to realize that I will not yield.*
 A. select (on a computer screen)
 B. give in, give way, or give up
 C. an involuntary vomiting spasm
- 13 *The crows burned all them that yielded.*
 A. produced or gave
 B. was attractive or desirable
 C. not wanting to do something
- 14 *The Lord of Light has seen his children in their peril and sent a champion to them, Azor Ahai reborn.*
 A. useful
 B. danger
 C. allows
- 15 *They fear my Brazen Beasts.*
 A. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
 B. make one's home in; or live in; or stay (in a place)
 C. bold and unrestrained by what others consider proper
- 16 *Groleo had been a most unhappy man since they had broken up his ship to build the siege engines that won Meereen for her.*
 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
- 17 *A big-bellied, shambling hulk of a man, the sellsword had a seamed face crisscrossed with old scars.*
 A. suggesting that someone was involved
 B. walking in an awkward, shuffling way
 C. blending three or more musical notes
- 18 *The rancor I showed you in the Merman's Court was a mummer's farce put on to please our friends of Frey.*
 A. (verb) to intentionally anger, challenge, or upset someone -- especially by mocking them or hurling insults OR (noun) an insult or other action intended to anger, challenge, or upset someone
 B. a ridiculous, exaggerated situation too absurd to be taken seriously; or a type of comedy that relies on absurd humor, using physical slapstick, unlikely situations, and deliberate misunderstandings
 C. treat in a manner that demonstrates a sense of superiority, but is supposed to seem kind OR the actions of a patron (to support someone or something; or to be a customer)
- 19 *He turned his head, his pale cold eyes searching the hall until they found the bard Abel beside Theon.*
 A. of the American Indian civilization of Yucatan and Belize and Guatemala that reached its peak between AD 300 and 900
 B. someone who composes and recites or sings poems about important events and people; or (as a proper noun) Shakespeare
 C. a hole or dropoff so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply a frightening bottomless pit
- 20 *Victarion Greyjoy mistrusted laughter.*
 A. fruit cooked with sugar (like jam)
 B. didn't trust or have confidence in
 C. past-tense of the verb *lead*

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	gaunt	Used 20 times in this book.
2	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 21 times in this book.
3	C	breech	Used 43 times in this book.
4	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 38 times in this book.
5	B	envoy	Used 23 times in this book.
6	B	exile	Used 35 times in this book.
7	C	treason	Used 36 times in this book.
8	C	ornate	High-utility academic word; used 17 times in this book.
9	A	sullen (<i>as in: sullen heat</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	B	sullen (<i>as in: a sullen mood</i>)	Used 18 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
11	A	joust	Used 22 times in this book.
12	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings 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	peril	Used 28 times in this book.
15	C	brazen	Used 65 times in this book.
16	B	siege	Used 40 times in this book.
17	B	shamble (<i>as in: she shambled along</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
18	B	farce	Used 10 times in this book.
19	B	bard (<i>as in: written by the bard</i>)	Used 13 times in this book.
20	B	mistrust	Used 8 times in this book.