

A Doll's House

by Henrik Ibsen

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: accord (2), accustom, anxiety, capricious, discrepancy, earnest, endure, expedient, forsake, heed, imply, lucrative, oblige, obstinate, principle, procure, prudent, subordinate, tact



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	C
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6	B
7	B
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9	B
10	A
11	C
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16	A
17	A
18	A
19	A
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
 - A. opposition
 - B. keeping
 - C. ignorance
2. After the fight, he turned himself in of his own **accord**.
 - A. own fear
 - B. own safety
 - C. own mind
3. Actors and politicians are **accustomed** to less privacy than the rest of us.
 - A. used to
 - B. happy with
 - C. paid for
4. It is a vicious cycle in which worry leads to decreased spending and decreased spending leads to increased **anxiety**.
 - A. happiness
 - B. worry
 - C. saving
5. The court overturned the ruling--describing it as having been made in a **capricious** manner.
 - A. biased
 - B. impulsive
 - 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. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - A. frivolous attitude
 - B. seriousness
 - C. falseness
8. As a soldier, she was prepared to endure hardship and even to sacrifice her life for others.
 - A. risk
 - B. suffer through
 - C. cause
9. Borrowing chairs from next door was a useful **expedient** until the new ones arrived.
 - A. careful warning
 - B. practical solution
 - C. lasting tradition
10. In the third year of their brutal civil war, moderates feel forsaken by the west.
 - A. abandoned
 - B. respected
 - C. defeated
11. She didn't **heed** the storm warnings and got caught in the heavy rain.
 - A. pass through
 - B. tell others of
 - C. pay attention to

12. She **implied** that she would vote with us.
A. hinted
B. insisted
C. denied
13. Her endorsements are more **lucrative** than the prize money she earns winning tournaments.
A. interesting
B. fame-causing
C. profitable
14. I didn't want to help, but I felt **obliged** because of our family connections.
A. required to
B. interested
C. sad
15. He is **obstinate** as a mule and refuses to change his mind.
A. cheerful
B. stubborn
C. graceful
16. One guiding **principle** is that everyone should be treated fairly.
A. rule or belief
B. complaint
C. answer or result
17. She was able to **procure** tickets to the sold-out concert.
A. obtain or get
B. lose or misplace
C. destroy or ruin
18. Courage is dangerous without **prudence**.
A. good sense
B. good purpose
C. good support
19. Every officer under the rank of Captain, shall be **subordinate** to the Officer of the Watch in regard to the performance of the duties with which he is charged.
A. subservient
B. in charge of
C. considerate
20. She means well, but she lacks **tact**.
A. a plan
B. sensitivity
C. ability

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 *It will be splendid to have heaps of money and not need to have any **anxiety**, won't it?*
 - A. basic rule or belief
 - B. nervousness or worry
 - C. narrow water passage
- 2 *I couldn't let my children be shabbily dressed; I have felt **obliged** to use up all he gave me for them, the sweet little darlings!*
 - A. required (obligated)
 - B. gradually added or removed
 - C. limited or with boundaries
- 3 *There was no old gentleman at all; it was only something that I used to sit here and imagine, when I couldn't think of any way of **procuring** money.*
 - A. getting by special effort
 - B. requesting or challenging
 - C. doing in a particular way
- 4 *—You, one of my husband's **subordinates**!*
 - A. less important or subservient; or to rank as such
 - B. is considered (for affect on a result or outcome)
 - C. things or characteristics that are bad or harmful
- 5 *And, as that is so, there is a **discrepancy** (taking a paper from his pocket) which I cannot account for.*
 - A. development
 - B. a difference between two things expected to be in agreement
 - C. accident
- 6 *And you were to appear to do it of your **own accord**; you were to conceal from me the fact of his having been here; didn't he beg that of you too?*
 - A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
 - B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
 - C. own mind -- voluntarily (without anyone asking)
- 7 *You arranged everything **according to your own taste**,*
 - A. idiom meaning "won the day"
 - B. in keeping with (based upon)
 - C. U.S. history: pre-Civil War period
- 8 *Oh well, young children easily get **accustomed to anything**.*
 - A. used to (adapted to something, so it seems normal)
 - B. the ability to be taken up or received into heaven
 - C. the state or character of being good or beneficial
- 9 *But how can this well-bred man be so **tactless**?*
 - A. the state or degree of not finding a condition or substance to be present
 - B. the quality of saying or handling things in a needlessly offensive manner
 - C. finding fault and telling others; or tending to have unfavorable opinions
- 10 *Now, then, little Miss **Obstinate**.*
 - A. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - B. stubbornly unyielding to other's wishes
 - C. able to be delayed until a later time
- 11 *Or perhaps that you have some **expedient** for raising the money soon?*
 - A. most extreme as in final, best, worst, most important, or most fundamental
 - B. an action that is speedy or practical
 - C. the state or degree of having found a condition or substance to be present

- 12 *Was there anything else to understand except what was obvious to all the world—a heartless woman jilts a man when a more **lucrative** chance turns up.*
- A. handsome
 - B. exciting
 - C. profitable
- 13 *I have learnt to act **prudently**.*
- A. with good sense and caution
 - B. in a strongly biased manner
 - C. in a manner that challenges
- 14 *I could not **endure** life without work.*
- A. call -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
 - B. suffer through (or put up with something difficult or unpleasant)
 - C. communication through gestures and body movements (without words)
- 15 *You seemed to me to **imply** that with me you might have been quite another man.*
- A. suggest
 - B. struggle or disagreement
 - C. include consideration of
- 16 *my **capricious** little Capri maiden*
- A. the quality of disagreeing
 - B. impulsive or unpredictable
 - C. able to meet and talk with
- 17 *All your father's want of **principle**—be silent!*
- A. basic rule or belief
 - B. the act of forgiving
 - C. narrow water passage
- 18 *I say that we have never sat down **in earnest** together to try and get at the bottom of anything.*
- A. seven wise men of ancient Greece
 - B. in a serious manner
 - C. real (genuine, true, or sincere)
- 19 *Why do you pay any **heed** to that?*
- A. a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
 - B. adjusted excessively or made up for excessively
 - C. attention
- 20 *And is it with a clear and certain mind that you **forsake** your husband and your children?*
- A. abandon or give up on
 - B. not easily identified
 - C. able to be translated

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	anxiety	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this play.
2	A	oblige (<i>as in: I am obliged by law.</i>)	Used 7 times in this play.
3	A	procure	Used 3 times in this play.
4	A	subordinate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
5	B	discrepancy	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this play.
6	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	2 meanings in this play.
7	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	2 meanings in this play.
8	A	accustom	Used 2 times in this play.
9	B	tact	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
10	B	obstinate	Used 4 times in this play.
11	B	expedient	Used 2 times in this play.
12	C	lucrative	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
13	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this play.
14	B	endure (<i>as in: endured the pain</i>)	Used 2 times in this play.
15	A	imply	High-utility academic word
16	B	capricious	Used 2 times in this play.
17	A	principle	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
18	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this play.
19	C	heed	Used 2 times in this play.
20	A	forsake	Used 2 times in this play.