

A Feast For Crows

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: auburn, bard, breech, bronze, citadel, consort (2), elegant (2), farce, joust, nimble, regent, scorn, 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 admired the horse's sleek **auburn** coat as it ran across the field.
 - A. reddish-brown
 - B. pure white
 - C. jet black
2. 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
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. The **citadel** stood on a high hill, overlooking the town like a watchful guardian.
 - A. fortified stronghold
 - B. wooden farmhouse
 - C. outdoor marketplace
6. She **consorts** with gang members and criminals.
 - A. associates
 - B. fights
 - C. avoids company
7. As a king **consort**, his only constitutional duty was to help create an heir.
 - A. spouse of a reigning monarch
 - B. a formal agreement releasing someone from an obligation
 - C. poetry: two successive lines of verse; usually rhymed
8. It was an **elegant** dinner party.
 - A. feeling or showing sympathy for another's suffering
 - B. refined and tasteful
 - C. unsuitable (not fitting) for a particular situation
9. Einstein's Theory of Relativity was an **elegant** solution to the contradiction that a constant speed of light created within Newtonian physics.
 - A. showing a gloomy or bad mood -- often by not interacting with others in a friendly way
 - B. related to single segments of DNA which when combined determine inherited traits
 - C. simple (and often more comprehensive) than most would anticipate
10. 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
11. I saw the **jousting** show in Las Vegas.
 - A. mounted combat competition
 - B. telling of jokes in rhyme
 - C. magic and slight-of-hand

12. Her nimble fingers danced on the keyboard.
- A. long and attractive
 - B. quick and agile
 - C. ebony-colored
13. 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
14. That coach scorns students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
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 "I am no thief," he had told the man who called himself the alchemist, "I am a novice of the **Citadel**."
A. a stronghold or fortress
B. island (that is made of a coral reef)
C. dense, rainy forest with many species
- 2 Men spoke of seeing him down in the undercity, in rat pits and black brothels, **consorting** with mummers, singers, sellswords, even beggars.
A. spending time with
B. leaping or jumping
C. helping make clear
- 3 A queen must have a **consort**.
A. spouse
B. a ceiling designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
C. a person (often a writer or artist) living an unconventional life
- 4 Better to be **scorned** by Balon the Brave than beloved of Euron Crow's Eye.
A. disrespected or rejected
B. mirrored back (an image)
C. quoted (to make a point)
- 5 Despite his age and girth, he was still **nimble** enough, and clever as they came, but meek.
A. strongly biased
B. quick and agile
C. material wealth
- 6 Even when Tommen had no further need of a **regent**, the Lady of Casterly Rock would remain a power in the land.
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)
- 7 His breastplate was **bronze** as well, and his head in his crested halfhelmet.
A. examine in detail to better understand
B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
C. made of a type of high-quality metal
- 8 "Even **sieges** have their dangers," she murmured.
A. melodies that, after a short interval, are exactly repeated by a different instrument or voice to create competing melodic lines (instances of strict counterpoint)
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. members of an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
- 9 Brienne let the bread fall from her hands and wiped the crumbs off on her **breeches**.
A. views
B. names
C. pants
- 10 She had **auburn** hair, thick and soft ...the red in it would shine like copper in the light of the torches.
A. reddish-brown
B. painted white
C. challengeable

- 11 *Marillion by contrast looked almost elegant.*
A. not demonstrative of
B. graceful and refined
C. sincerity (realness)
- 12 *It was the sheer elegance of it that pleased her most.*
A. an architectural feature at the top of a roof, usually dome-shaped and opened by windows or columns
B. a person who believes that God created the universe, but that he doesn't interfere with how it runs
C. simplicity and effectiveness
- 13 *Terrence Toyne's treason and the deceits of Lucamore the Lusty were recorded in the White Book, but there was no hint of a woman on Prince Lewyn's page.*
A. easily set on fire
B. untied or released
C. an act of betrayal
- 14 *If the Stinking Goose yields nothing, I will take passage on a ship, she decided.*
A. produces or gives
B. complains or verbally attacks in a loud, excited way
C. formally gives up power, as of monarchs and emperors
- 15 *"Yield, my princess," the captain called, "else we must slay all but the child and yourself, by your father's word."*
A. select (on a computer screen)
B. give up (surrender), give in, or give way
C. an involuntary vomiting spasm
- 16 *They have boats instead of horses, and their mummers play out written stories instead of just making up the usual stupid farces.*
A. forces into an undesired activity or situation -- such as legally sentencing someone to punishment OR finds guilty -- especially in court OR provides the means of finding guilty
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. treats in a manner that demonstrates a sense of superiority, but is supposed to seem kind OR the actions of a patron (supports someone or something; or is a customer)
- 17 *No, my jousting days are done, he thought as he dismounted ...but all the same, he stopped to watch a while.*
A. competing in a contest to knock each other off horses with blunted lances OR competing in any kind of contest
B. "spiritual renewing" a person in a Christian ceremony OR initiating or purifying by a challenging experience
C. turning in the opposite position -- such as upside down, inside out, or (of two things) switching their position
- 18 *"No," the king muttered sullenly.*
A. in a manner that involves betrayal
B. in an unhappy manner
C. in a manner that calls or attracts
- 19 *Ahead loomed the Great Sept of Baelor, with its magnificent dome and seven shining towers, but between her and the marble steps lay a sullen sea of humanity, brown and ragged and unwashed.*
A. unpleasant
B. sticks out
C. translates
- 20 *The Blue Bard played for us, and Ser Tallad showed us how to fight with a staff the way the smallfolk do.*
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

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	citadel	Used 54 times in this book.
2	A	consort (<i>as in: consort together</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	consort (<i>as in: consort to the queen</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
4	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 18 times in this book.
5	B	nimble	Used 49 times in this book.
6	A	regent	Used 10 times in this book.
7	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 40 times in this book.
8	B	siege	Used 31 times in this book.
9	C	breech	Used 29 times in this book.
10	A	auburn (<i>as in: auburn hair</i>)	Used 24 times in this book.
11	B	elegant (<i>as in: an elegant gown</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	elegant (<i>as in: as elegant equation</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
13	C	treason	Used 28 times in this book.
14	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	farce	Used 10 times in this book.
17	A	joust	Used 18 times in this book.
18	B	sullen (<i>as in: a sullen mood</i>)	Used 12 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
19	A	sullen (<i>as in: sullen heat</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
20	B	bard (<i>as in: written by the bard</i>)	Used 20 times in this book.