

A Game of Thrones

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: abashed, auburn, bronze, deft, gaunt, hideous, however (2), joust, mêlée, ornate, petulant, pyre, sentinel, stallion, treason, ungainly, usurp, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	A
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4	A
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6	B
7	A
8	C
9	A
10	C
11	C
12	B
13	B
14	B
15	C
16	C
17	B
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 was **abashed** by the unexpected praise and didn't know what to say.
 - A. embarrassed or unsettled
 - B. delighted and confident
 - C. tired and distracted
2. He admired the horse's sleek auburn coat as it ran across the field.
 - A. reddish-brown
 - B. pure white
 - C. jet black
3. 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
4. She chopped the vegetables with **deft**, sure movements.
 - A. quick & skillful
 - B. small and firm
 - C. rotating
5. Don Quixote looked gaunt and tired.
 - A. very worried
 - B. very thin
 - C. very bored
6. He had a hideous scar running from his forehead to his jaw.
 - A. barely noticeable
 - B. extremely ugly
 - C. perfectly healed
7. I hope to take the ACT just once. However, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
 - A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and
8. However safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
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. She was caught up in the resulting **melee**.
 - A. arrest
 - B. report
 - C. mob
11. It was the most ornate building I've ever seen.
 - A. ancient
 - B. boring
 - C. decorated

12. The petulant child threw his toys whenever he didn't get his way.
- A. cheerful
 - B. cranky
 - C. hungry
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. The cell is like an immunological sentinel that looks out for dangerous pathogens.
- A. medical professional
 - B. someone standing guard
 - C. biological structure
15. The powerful stallion galloped across the open field.
- A. wild deer
 - B. young calf
 - C. male horse
16. 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
17. The ungainly teenager tripped over his own feet at the dance.
- A. graceful and elegant
 - B. awkward and clumsy
 - C. shy and quiet
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 *Will threaded their way through a thicket, then started up the slope to the low ridge where he had found his vantage point under a sentinel tree.*
 - A. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
 - B. a person who stands guard or looks out for something
 - C. make one's home in; or live in; or stay (in a place)
- 2 *Tall, it was, and gaunt and hard as old bones, with flesh pale as milk.*
 - 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
- 3 *Her brother Rhaegar battling the Usurper in the bloody waters of the Trident and dying for the woman he loved.*
 - A. one who seizes or takes control without authority
 - B. people who control, prevent, or make less intense
 - C. someone who shows excessive flattery or affection
- 4 *Sansa looked abashed.*
 - A. embarrassed or self-conscious
 - B. with rises and falls in pitch
 - C. commended or praised publicly
- 5 *An ornate shield had been embroidered on the prince's padded surcoat.*
 - A. able to be taken on as one's own
 - B. indicating approval or agreement
 - C. having lots of decorative detail
- 6 *Joffrey looked as petulant as only a boy prince can look.*
 - A. the degree to which something is able to change or is different
 - B. unreasonably annoyed or upset

or:

 - C. easily annoyed or upset
 - C. not trustworthy, or improper, or attracting unwelcome attention
- 7 *She ran from him, but her body seemed thick and ungainly.*
 - A. lacking appropriate weight compared to height
 - B. lacking grace in movement or appearance; or difficult to handle or manage
 - C. lacking adult height or maturity
- 8 *As if in answer, there was a hideous ripping sound and the crackling of some great fire.*
 - A. the characteristic of demonstrating something
 - B. extremely ugly, offensive, and/or frightening
 - C. the quality of not being sensible and careful
- 9 *Khal Drogo commanded his bloodriders to bring forth his own horse, a lean red stallion.*
 - A. a large, elongated gland located behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin
 - B. of the philosophical & religious system based on the teachings of Laozi (also spelled Taoist)
 - C. a male horse that has not been castrated (gelded) -- especially one used for breeding purposes
- 10 *His fingers were deft and strangely tender.*
 - A. quick and skillful
 - B. good or beneficial
 - C. not representative
- 11 *Three days ride from Winterfell, however, the farmland gave way to dense wood, and the kingsroad grew lonely.*
 - A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though, in spite of that, in contrast, nevertheless*, etc.
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)

- 12 *Valor makes up for a fair amount of folly, but you're not a boy anymore, however many years you've seen.*
- A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
 - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
 - C. regardless of how
- 13 *I backed Ser Jaime in the jousting, along with half the court.*
- 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
- 14 *Eddard Stark rode through the towering bronze doors of the Red Keep sore, tired, hungry, and irritable.*
- A. examine in detail to better understand
 - B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - C. made of a type of high-quality metal
- 15 *Twenty thousand to the man who comes second, another twenty to the winner of the melee, and ten thousand to the victor of the archery competition.*
- A. result or predictable value
 - B. the highest-ranking manager
 - C. disorganized mass of people
- 16 *The accusation is treason either way.*
- A. easily set on fire
 - B. untied or released
 - C. an act of betrayal
- 17 *He vows to you that he will yield no foot of Tully land without first watering it with Lannister blood.*
- A. give
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 18 *He was the last King in the North and the first Lord of Winterfell, after he yielded to Aegon the Conqueror.*
- A. with rises and falls in pitch
 - B. gave in, gave way, or gave up
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 19 *When a man died, his mount was killed and placed beneath him on the funeral pyre, to carry him to the night lands.*
- A. a particular understanding or explanation
 - B. a pile of wood or other burnable material
 - C. meticulousness (care about small details)
- 20 *He remembered Robb as he had last seen him, standing in the yard with snow melting in his auburn hair.*
- A. reddish-brown
 - B. painted white
 - C. challengeable

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	sentinel	Used 16 times in this book.
2	B	gaunt	Used 17 times in this book.
3	A	usurp	Used 25 times in this book.
4	A	abashed	Used 6 times in this book.
5	C	ornate	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
6	B	petulant	Used 5 times in this book.
7	B	ungainly	Used 5 times in this book.
8	B	hideous	Used 15 times in this book.
9	C	stallion	Used 73 times in this book.
10	A	deft	Used 13 times in this book.
11	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
12	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
13	A	joust	Used 15 times in this book.
14	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 45 times in this book.
15	C	mêlée	Used 15 times in this book.
16	C	treason	Used 20 times in this book.
17	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	B	pyre	Used 13 times in this book.
20	A	auburn (<i>as in: auburn hair</i>)	Used 19 times in this book.
