

A Man for All Seasons

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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: affable, amicable, conscience, construe, devious, doctrine, factor, foreman, heresy, impudent, malice, nevertheless, parliament, perjury, reproach, reprove, resignation (2), tact, treason



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	B
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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's an **affable** guy with a good sense of humor.
 - A. impulsive or unpredictable
 - B. incapable of being undone
 - C. good natured and sociable
2. Although we disagree, I think we can reach an **amicable** compromise.
 - A. quick
 - B. friendly
 - C. temporary
3. I will vote as my **conscience** demands.
 - A. sense of right and wrong
 - B. memory of past events
 - C. fear of public ridicule
4. Juries can **construe** evidence to mean something it does not.
 - A. record
 - B. destroy
 - C. interpret
5. She is a **devious** opponent.
 - A. widely respected
 - B. deceitful and clever
 - C. not very challenging
6. She challenges accepted **doctrine**.
 - A. champions
 - B. authority
 - C. beliefs
7. In the second paragraph, the narrator's focus shifts from factors making her unhappy to identification of possible solutions to her unhappiness.
 - A. things that are unfair
 - B. things (that influence an outcome)
 - C. examples of illnesses
8. If you want to leave early, you have to ask the **foreman**.
 - A. supervisor
 - B. owner
 - C. customer
9. Before the separation of Church and State, an accusation of heresy could be treated as treason.
 - A. immorality
 - B. lying
 - C. witchcraft
10. Her **impudent** reply to the manager shocked everyone in the meeting.
 - A. thoughtfully kind
 - B. disrespectfully bold
 - C. extremely quiet
11. Words can be like baseball bats when used **maliciously** against someone who is sensitive.
 - A. carelessly
 - B. mockingly
 - C. evilly

12. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
13. The Sheik of Kuwait was admired for voluntarily creating a **parliament** to share power with him.
- A. religious gathering
 - B. legislative assembly
 - C. private fortress
14. She signed a written declaration under penalty of **perjury**.
- A. the criminal offense of lying
 - B. the criminal offense of disrespecting the court
 - C. the criminal offense of ignoring a subpoena
15. Don't **reproach** yourself for things beyond your control.
- A. congratulate
 - B. criticize
 - C. accept honor for
16. I don't want to spoil her, but I don't have the heart to **reprove** her.
- A. criticize
 - B. compliment
 - C. instruct
17. She said that if I don't **resign**, I will be fired.
- A. do better
 - B. quit
 - C. renew an agreement
18. She was **resigned** to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
 - B. resistant
 - C. with acceptance
19. She means well, but she lacks **tact**.
- A. a plan
 - B. sensitivity
 - C. ability
20. 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

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 MORE He was very **affable** at dinner.
 - A. not able to be translated
 - B. able to be disagreed with
 - C. good natured and sociable
- 2 MORE Master Rich is newly converted to the **doctrines** of Machiavelli.
 - A. private, non-profit organizations working for member goals at the international level
 - B. tries to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuades
 - C. a belief (or system of beliefs or principles) accepted as authoritative by some group
- 3 MORE (Won't respond; with *aesthetic distaste-not moral disapproval*) It's **devious**.
 - A. able to be persuaded to do something by tempting with pleasure or something desired
 - B. deceitful (not honest and straightforward) -- often in a complicated, clever manner
 - C. relating to one-sided information that is purposefully spread to influence opinions
- 4 CHAPUYS (Consciously shy) Sir Thomas, may I ask if you and the Cardinal parted, how shall I say, **amicably**?
 - A. in a manner that finds fault
 - B. friendly or showing goodwill
 - C. in a manner that is not good
- 5 (MARGARET is alarmed, and from behind mom tries to silence ROPER) ROPER The Church is **heretical**
 - A. counter to popular belief of what is proper
 - B. the state or degree of being less than zero
 - C. the quality of not working or not operating
- 6 MORE Margaret, I'll not have you talk **treason**...And I'll not have you repeat lawyer's gossip.
 - A. easily set on fire
 - B. untied or released
 - C. an act of betrayal
- 7 **Impudence!**
 - A. an artists performance of another artist's work that expresses the performer's feelings or ideas about the work
 - B. improperly bold or disrespectful -- especially toward someone who is older or considered to be of higher status
 - C. soccer player who typically play in the middle third of the field and who assists with both defense and offense
- 8 CROMWELL (**Reproachful**) Well, I always understood he set you up in life.
 - A. without boundaries or limits
 - B. critical (full of criticism)
 - C. not good at making decisions
- 9 MORE (Bursting out) Your Grace, I'm not fit to meddle in these matters--to me it seems a matter for the Holy See-- HENRY (**Reprovingly**) Thomas, Thomas, does a man need a Pope to tell him when he's sinned?
 - A. in a critical manner
 - B. with great annoyance
 - C. in a wasteful manner
- 10 ROPER I've been offered a seat in the next **Parliament**.
 - A. a place where conditions are kept as they were to protect wildlife
 - B. legislative assembly that passes laws (existing in some countries)
 - C. someone who believes that all knowledge is derived from experience
- 11 CROMWELL Don't be too **tactful**, innkeeper.
 - A. relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
 - B. to say or handle things in a way that makes others feel good about them
 - C. rude or unfriendly because of using too few words or moving too quickly

- 12 *The normal aim of administration is to keep steady this **factor** of convenience-and Sir Thomas would agree.*
- A. job, reservation, booking, or activity
 - B. thing that affects a result or outcome
 - C. something that is made or manufactured
- 13 *MORE (Grins **maliciously** at ROPER) That's it of coursesaints!*
- A. in a manner that makes someone excited about getting something
 - B. in a brave manner -- especially when adventurous or determined
 - C. with a desire to see others suffer; or in a threatening manner
- 14 *The King accepts your **resignation** very sadly;*
- A. to constrain in some way -- such as tie up, require, or obligate
 - B. quitting from your position
 - C. a group formed to discuss or offer insight on a particular topic
- 15 *During the next speech CROMWELL straightens up and folds arms **resignedly***
- A. in a manner that uses extreme or violent methods to achieve a political goal
 - B. the state of being worthy of entry -- especially evidence allowable in court
 - C. like one who accepted something unpleasant as unavoidable
- 16 *MORE Because evidence is given on oath, and he will not **perjure** himself.*
- A. break the law by telling lies after formally promising to tell the truth
 - B. characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open
 - C. design based on alphabetic letters; or adding such a design to something
- 17 *While More's alive the King's **conscience** breaks into fresh stinking flowers every time he gets from bed.*
- A. feeling or appraisal of having personally behaved in a morally right or wrong manner
 - B. a complex carbohydrate that is the chief constituent of all plant tissues and fibers
 - C. not planning to kill a person, but then intentionally killing in the heat of passion
- 18 *CROMWELL You're the **Foreman** of the Jury.*
- A. a person chosen to lead and speak for a group, especially at work or in a courtroom
 - B. someone who roughly calculates or guesses a value, quantity, or extent of something
 - C. someone responsible for making a judgment after thinking carefully about something
- 19 *Nevertheless, and though you have heinously offended the King's Majesty, we hope if you will even now **forthink** and repent of your obstinate opinions, you may still taste his gracious pardon.*
- A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 20 *CROMWELL Is that what the world in fact **construes** from it?*
- A. gives an opinion of what is wrong with something
 - B. interferes in other people's affairs or business
 - C. understands something to have a specific meaning

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	affable	Used 3 times in this book.
2	C	doctrine	Used 3 times in this book.
3	B	devious (<i>as in: a devious plan</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
4	B	amicable	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
5	A	heresy	Used 6 times in this book.
6	C	treason	Used 15 times in this book.
7	B	impudent	Used 4 times in this book.
8	B	reproach	Used 4 times in this book.
9	A	reprove	Used 3 times in this book.
10	B	parliament (<i>with a lowercase "p"</i>)	Used 13 times in this book.
11	B	tact	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	B	factor (<i>as in: It was the deciding factor.</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
13	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
14	B	resignation (<i>as in: submitted her resignation</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
15	C	resignation (<i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	perjury	Used 3 times in this book.
17	A	conscience	Used 19 times in this book.
18	A	foreman	Used 11 times in this book.
19	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	C	construe	Used 6 times in this book.