

A Midsummer Night's Dream

by William Shakespeare

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: adieu, beguile, deride, discord, disdain, doting, entreat, forswear, loathe, mirth, mortal, nuptial, prologue, revel, scorn, serpent, spurn, tedious, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	A
2	B
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10	B
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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. We waved **adieu** to our friends at the train station.
A. goodbye
B. hello
C. greetings
2. She was wined, dined, and **beguiled** into signing the contract.
A. forced
B. tricked
C. encouraged
3. She **derided** him as *hormone-ravaged*.
A. whispered about
B. sympathized with
C. made fun of
4. There is too much **discord** in their home.
A. conflict
B. loud noise
C. uncritical agreement
5. She has nothing but **disdain** for the notion that common people can regulate their own lives better than she can.
A. lack of respect
B. humility
C. intense anger
6. She **dotes** upon her children.
A. criticizes
B. worries
C. adores
7. The students **entreated** the Chinese troops not to use force against peaceful demonstrations.
A. bribed (with gifts)
B. asked earnestly
C. threatened
8. She should **forswear** contributions from special interest groups.
A. make public
B. stop (taking)
C. take advantage of
9. I **loathe** that man. He ruined my life.
A. fear
B. avoid
C. hate
10. It was an evening of many stories and great **mirth**.
A. warm friendship
B. fun and laughter
C. fond memories
11. In the story, she was neither a mortal nor a god. She was a demi-god.
A. type of bird
B. lucky survivor
C. human

12. After months of planning, the day of their **nuptials** finally arrived.
- A. wedding
 - B. vacation
 - C. move
13. The **prologue** of the novel sets the stage for the epic adventure that follows.
- A. the conclusion of a fictional work
 - B. the main idea of a fictional work
 - C. an introduction to a fictional work
14. During her vacation, she **reveled** in the beauty of the wilderness.
- A. endured patiently
 - B. complained bitterly
 - C. took delight in
15. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
16. What does the **serpent** represent in the Garden of Eden?
- A. fig leaf
 - B. snake
 - C. apple
17. She **spurned** both major parties in the last election.
- A. joined
 - B. rejected
 - C. founded
18. I find it relaxing to wash the holiday dishes, but she finds it **tedious**.
- A. stressful
 - B. punishing
 - C. boring
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 But I will wed thee in another key,
With pomp, with triumph, and with **revelling**.
A. (verb) creating, starting, or setting in a place OR (adjective) existing
B. suffering through (or putting up with) something difficult or unpleasant
C. to take delight in; or to party
- 2 So will I grow, so live, so die, my lord,
Ere I will **yield** my virgin patent up
Unto his lordship, whose unwished yoke
My soul consents not to give sovereignty.
A. select (on a computer screen)
B. give up
C. an involuntary vomiting spasm
- 3 For you, fair Hermia, look you arm yourself
To fit your fancies to your father's will,
Or else the law of Athens **yields** you up,
A. gives
B. complains or verbally attacks in a loud, excited way
C. formally gives up power, as of monarchs and emperors
- 4 Demetrius, and Egeus, go along; I must employ you in some business Against our **nuptial**, and confer with
you Of something nearly that concerns yourselves.
A. of or relating to a wedding
B. not attractive or desirable
C. orbiting Earth once per day
- 5 Take pains; be perfect; **adieu**.
A. goodbye
B. hello
C. greetings
- 6 Fairies, skip hence; I have **forsworn** his bed and company.
A. constraining in some way -- such as tying up, requiring, or obligating
B. to decide to stop doing something; or to renounce or disavow something
C. the profession of assisting women in childbirth without being a doctor
- 7 The juice of it on sleeping eyelids laid
Will make or man or woman madly **dote**
Upon the next live creature that it sees.
A. stop interacting; or stop having interest
B. to spoil something so it is not desirable
C. love excessively
- 8 I am your spaniel; and, Demetrius, The more you beat me, I will fawn on you: Use me but as your spaniel,
spurn me, strike me, Neglect me, lose me; only give me leave, Unworthy as I am, to follow you.
A. find, search, or research
B. reject as not good enough
C. being a boundary or limit
- 9 in love with a **disdainful** youth
A. lacking respect
B. good or beneficial
C. impossible to find
- 10 When at your hands did I deserve this **scorn**?
A. rejection or disrespect
B. not answer questions; or block progress
C. move from more general to more specific

- 11 *Methought a serpent eat my heart away, And you sat smiling at his cruel prey.*
A. skill
B. snake
C. story
- 12 *...and let the prologue seem to say we will do no harm with our swords, and that...*
A. a long and determined effort for a cause that is passionately believed to be important
B. to think of something as true or likely, even though it is not known with certainty
C. introduction
- 13 *Lord, what fools these mortals be!*
A. acts of being in a working position; or the acts of starting
B. things or characteristics that express agreement or approval
C. humans
- 14 *To conjure tears up in a poor maid's eyes with your derision!*
A. related to or causing dramatic change; of a supporter of the change
B. a series of regularly spaced columns -- typically covered by a roof
C. treatment as inferior and unworthy of respect
- 15 *If she cannot entreat, I can compel.*
A. stop fighting
B. persuade
C. make possible
- 16 *O weary night, O long and tedious night, Abate thy hours!*
A. sensible and careful
B. not demonstrative of
C. boring or monotonous
- 17 *O, how mine eyes do loathe his visage now!*
A. draw
B. quit
C. hate
- 18 *Where is our usual manager of mirth?*
A. restart (a fire)
B. fun and laughter
C. started (a fire)
- 19 *How shall we beguile The lazy time, if not with some delight?*
A. to think of something as true or likely, even though it is not known with certainty
B. to charm someone; or to deceive -- especially through charm
C. give authority, power, knowledge, or confidence to someone so they can do something
- 20 *How shall we find the concord of this discord?*
A. conflict
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

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	revel	Used 5 times in this play.
2	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this play.
3	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this play.
4	A	nuptial	Used 5 times in this play.
5	A	adieu	Used 5 times in this play.
6	B	forswear (<i>as in: forswear my country of birth</i>)	Used 2 times in this play.
7	C	doting	Used 9 times in this play.
8	B	spurn	Used 3 times in this play.
9	A	disdain	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
10	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this play.
11	B	serpent	Used 5 times in this play.
12	C	prologue	Used 7 times in this play; 2 meanings in this play.
13	C	mortal (<i>as in: mortal body</i>)	Used 7 times in this play.
14	C	deride	Used 4 times in this play.
15	B	entreat	Used 5 times in this play.
16	C	tedious	Used 5 times in this play.
17	C	loathe	Used 4 times in this play.
18	B	mirth	Used 5 times in this play.
19	B	beguile	Used 2 times in this play.
20	A	discord (<i>as in: discord amongst the group</i>)	Used 2 times in this play.