

A Passage to India

by E. M. Forster

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: allude, appalling, brevity, censure, compel, consequence (2), contradict, cynical, deprecate, discredit, illustrate (2), impudent, magistrate, malice, materialistic, moreover, subordinate, vary



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
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. She didn't mention any names, but everyone knew she was **alluding** to the President.
 - A. being discouraging
 - B. indirectly referring
 - C. not talking
2. She has scheduled a news conference to respond to the **appalling** accusations.
 - A. false
 - B. horrible
 - C. foolish
3. I like Twitter for its **brevity**.
 - A. short texts
 - B. varied texts
 - C. clever texts
4. In spite of the **censure** of her colleagues, she believed she had done the right thing.
 - A. criticism
 - B. anger
 - C. disinterest
5. Can we **compel** the witness to testify?
 - A. prevent
 - B. force
 - C. delay
6. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
7. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
8. Does the sentence **contradict** what is said in the previous paragraph?
 - A. disagree with
 - B. reinforce
 - C. expand upon
9. Over the years, she has grown **cynical** and unhappy.
 - A. distrustful of others
 - B. trusting of strangers
 - C. envious of friends
10. Critics continue to **deprecate** the film despite its strong box office success.
 - A. loudly praise
 - B. speak poorly of
 - C. carefully study
11. Russian TV is famous for inventing stories to **discredit** those who disagree with Russian interests.
 - A. anger
 - B. convince
 - C. damage the reputation of
12. The example **illustrates** the belief.
 - A. disproves
 - B. proves
 - C. makes clear

13. The assembly directions include **illustrations** to identify each part.
- A. drawings
 - B. coded stickers
 - C. descriptions
14. Her **impudent** reply to the manager shocked everyone in the meeting.
- A. thoughtfully kind
 - B. disrespectfully bold
 - C. extremely quiet
15. The **magistrate** set bail at \$10,000.
- A. attorney
 - B. queen or king
 - C. judge
16. Words can be like baseball bats when used **maliciously** against someone who is sensitive.
- A. carelessly
 - B. mockingly
 - C. evilly
17. I wouldn't describe myself as **materialistic**, but I would like some financial security.
- A. too concerned with wealth and possessions
 - B. too afraid of risk and uncertainty
 - C. unwilling to spend any money
18. Many graduates have high college debt. **Moreover**, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
- A. in contrast to that
 - B. in addition to that
 - C. as a result of that
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. McDonald's menu options **vary** by location.
- A. are consistent
 - B. are different
 - C. are known

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 His memory was good, and for so young a man he had read largely; the themes he preferred were the decay of Islam and the **brevity** of Love.
 - A. the use of just a few words; or lasting a short time
 - B. the ability to take or adopt power or responsibility
 - C. the process of excessive encouragement or excitement
- 2 It was this that led him to repeat, exaggerate, **contradict**.
 - A. disagree
 - B. subtract
 - C. continue
- 3 Windows were barred, lest the servants should see their mem-sahibs acting, and the heat was **consequently** immense.
 - A. resultantly (as a result)
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 4 If I do break down, it is of no **consequence**.
 - A. translates
 - B. importance
 - C. sticks out
- 5 Then it was **impudence**.
 - A. an artist's 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
- 6 Turton would never do this unless **compelled**.
 - A. fruit cooked with sugar (like jam)
 - B. forced; or (more rarely) convinced
 - C. didn't trust or have confidence in
- 7 Whatever she said produced a murmur of deprecation, **varying** into a murmur of concern when she dropped her pocket-handkerchief.
 - A. gaining advantage from
 - B. differing; or changing
 - C. taking on as one's own
- 8 He made pleasant remarks and a few jokes, which were applauded lustily, but he knew something to the **discredit** of nearly every one of his guests, and was consequently perfunctory.
 - A. struggle or disagreement
 - B. include consideration of
 - C. damage the reputation of
- 9 He knew little of the district and less against the inhabitants, so he was in a less **cynical** state of mind.
 - A. someone who expects the worst -- especially of people (such as expecting them to be selfish and lie)
 - B. characterized by recurrent and persistent thoughts and feelings and repetitive, ritualized behaviors
 - C. related to the change of a light wave (or other wave) when it passes an opaque edge or narrow opening
- 10 "McBryde has an **illustrated** bird book," he said dejectedly.
 - A. (verb) drew pictures to accompany OR (adjective) accompanied by pictures
 - B. not justified or explained as an understandable reaction to another action
 - C. related such that a change in one thing helps predict a change in another

- 11 *And in order to **illustrate** the strategy, they produced a plan of the Marabar Hills, showing the route that the party had taken, and the "Tank of the Dagger" where they had camped.*
- A. work or operate
 - B. think carefully
 - C. help make clear
- 12 *Moreover, Adela in her excitement knelt and swept her skirts about, until it was she if anyone who appeared to have attacked the car.*
- A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in addition to what has just been said
 - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 13 *But the Major assumed either that his **subordinates** were made of ice, or that they repaired to the Chandrapore bazaars—disgusting ideas both.*
- 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
- 14 *They attacked one another with obscure **allusions** and had a silly quarrel.*
- A. outward appearances
 - B. indirect references
 - C. agreements to marry
- 15 *Vexed rather than **appalled**, she stood still, her eyes on the sparkling rock.*
- A. with an unadjusted lens so the image isn't clear
 - B. shocked by how terrible or horrible something is
 - C. gave an opinion of what was wrong with something
- 16 *Ronny had emphasized to his mother that Adela would arrive in a morbid state, yet she was being positively **malicious**.*
- A. exceedingly important, serious, or dangerous
 - B. designed to be useful; or capable of working
 - C. the intention or desire to see others suffer
- 17 *But the case has to come before a **magistrate** now;*
- A. someone who shows
 - B. people who attack
 - C. judge
- 18 *It was the first interruption, and the Magistrate felt bound to **censure** it.*
- A. criticize
 - B. find, search, or research
 - C. being a boundary or limit
- 19 *Is anything wrong with you this evening that you grow so **materialistic**?*
- A. too concerned with wealth and possessions
 - B. without purpose, job, or natural activity
 - C. unable or difficult to meet and talk with
- 20 *Fielding **deprecated** confidences, but Sir Gilbert insisted on imparting them;*
- A. (verb) created, started, settled, or set in a place OR (adjective) existing, or familiar
 - B. disapproved of
 - C. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	brevity	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
2	A	contradict	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
3	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
5	B	impudent	Used 5 times in this book.
6	B	compel	Used 9 times in this book.
7	B	vary	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
8	C	discredit	Used 3 times in this book.
9	A	cynical	Used 12 times in this book.
10	A	illustrate (<i>as in: an illustrated children's book</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	C	illustrate (<i>as in: as illustrated by this example</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
13	A	subordinate	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
14	B	allude	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
15	B	appalling	Used 8 times in this book.
16	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
17	C	magistrate	Used 37 times in this book.
18	A	censure	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
19	A	materialistic	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	B	deprecate	Used 5 times in this book.