

Alias Grace

by Margaret Atwood

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: amnesia, clairvoyance, conducive, contend (2), cunning, discredit, discrepancy, establish (2), incline, inclined, indulge, inquest, nonetheless, preserve, preserves, recollect, repent, sullen



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	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. **Amnesia** is much more common in the movies than it is in life.
 - A. a minor gunshot wound
 - B. loss of memory
 - C. love at first sight
2. She claimed **clairvoyance** after saying she had seen the accident before it happened.
 - A. ordinary common sense
 - B. careful scientific proof
 - C. supposed psychic insight
3. Her spending habits are not **conducive** to achieving her financial goals.
 - A. helpful
 - B. harmful
 - C. irrelevant
4. Politicians have to **contend** with false attacks.
 - A. struggle
 - B. campaign
 - C. raise money
5. The teams are in fierce **contention** for first place.
 - A. surrender
 - B. confidence
 - C. competition
6. The worst mix -- **greedy, cunning**, and without morals.
 - A. stupid and impatient
 - B. clever and deceitful
 - C. strong and cruel
7. Russian TV is famous for inventing stories to **discredit** those who disagree with Russian interests.
 - A. anger
 - B. convince
 - C. damage the reputation of
8. There was a clear **discrepancy** in the two witnesses' stories.
 - A. a strong match
 - B. an inconsistency
 - C. a happy ending
9. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
10. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
 - A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
11. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
 - A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending

12. The boat ramp has a steep **incline**.
- A. slope
 - B. price
 - C. danger
13. I **indulge** my taste for sweets more than is good for me.
- A. give in to
 - B. hold back from
 - C. complain about
14. A coroner's **inquest** determined that the death was from natural causes.
- A. formal investigation
 - B. vote
 - C. assistant
15. The class was hard. It was **nonetheless** my favorite.
- A. despite that
 - B. because of that
 - C. for that reason
16. The police closed off the room to **preserve** the crime scene.
- A. keep unchanged
 - B. keep separate
 - C. keep quiet
17. **Preserves** have more fruit than jam.
- A. chunks of fruit cooked with sugar so they will not spoil
 - B. fruit canned in its own juice
 - C. fruit that is dried, flattened, and rolled
18. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember
19. She said the U.S. should **repent** for the sins of fossil fuels.
- A. reimburse
 - B. apologize
 - C. suffer
20. A **sullen** crowd watched the execution.
- A. excited
 - B. unhappy
 - C. celebrating

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 if Grace Marks **repent** at last, And for her sins atone, Then when she comes to die, she'll stand At her Redeemer's throne.
A. mark important text; or the text that is marked
B. to express or feel regret for having done wrong
C. give an opinion of what is wrong with something
- 2 I am of a **sullen** disposition with a quarrelsome temper...
A. exactness or accuracy
B. unhappy and withdrawn
C. not easily identified
- 3 We must all pray to have our sanity **preserved**; but I have grave doubts concerning your future prospects, should your proposed course of action be pursued.
A. protected
B. not encouraged or emotionally aroused
C. genetically changed through evolution
- 4 Samantha says that her strawberry **preserves**, which you loved so much as a Boy, continue as good as ever, and you should hurry back for a taste of them, before she "crosses over the river," as she puts it;
A. fruit cooked with sugar (like jam)
B. documents granting permission to do something
C. instances or results of detailed examinations
- 5 There are so many considerations to attend to, and surely the daily consorting with the insane would be far from **conducive** to a tranquil existence.
A. helpful; or tending to contribute (to something)
B. tending to have excessively unfavorable opinions
C. the state or degree of criticism or disagreement
- 6 I was **indulging** myself, he thinks.
A. enjoying to excess
B. leaping or jumping
C. thinking carefully
- 7 He always brings something with him; the first day it was a dried flower of some sort, blue it was, the second day a winter pear, the third an onion, you never know what he will bring, although he **inclines** to the fruits and vegetables;
A. excessively examines in an attempt to better understand
B. makes one's home in; or lives in; or stays (in a place)
C. has a tendency to favor
- 8 The fact is so obvious that Simon merely **inclines** his head.
A. bends (or angles) (like an affirmative nod)
B. works or operates
C. saying indirectly
- 9 Should you **nonetheless** decide to examine Grace Marks at her current place of abode, be pleased to consider yourself amply warned.
A. in spite of that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
C. therefore (for that reason)
- 10 He said you are well up on cerebral diseases and nervous afflictions, and that in matters concerning **amnesia** you are on your way to becoming a leading expert.
A. gets closer to
B. loss of memory
C. small kitchens

- 11 *Grace appears to have told one story at the **inquest**, another one at the trial, and, after her death sentence had been commuted, yet a third.*
- formal investigation
 - basic rule or belief
 - the act of forgiving
- 12 *Is not this Neurohypnotism simply the reanimated corpse of Mesmer's **discredited** Animal Magnetism?*
- was abundant or plentiful
 - expelled or gotten rid of
 - damaged the reputation of
- 13 *Lost memories lie down there like sunken treasure, to be retrieved piecemeal, if at all; and amnesia itself may be in effect a sort of dreaming in reverse; a drowning of **recollection**, a plunging under.... Behind his back the door opens: his breakfast is making its entrance.*
- battle
 - result
 - memory
- 14 *They were Church of England, as all the best people were in those days, and also those who wanted to be the best, as it was **Established**.*
- persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - created
 - not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 15 *I **established** the fact that Nancy had been in the habit of selling her employer's cast-off garments to the servants, with or without her master's permission; so McDermott could have come by his Shirt of Nessus honestly enough.*
- accepted someone's membership through a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
 - examined an issue, got opinions by asking specific questions; and/or asked people for political support individually
 - demonstrated
- 16 *"There are **discrepancies** that are beyond dispute," says Simon.*
- people bound to serve another without pay -- such as slaves or serfs
 - disagreement -- especially an unexpected difference between two things
 - subtle, but fatal weaknesses where otherwise there is obvious strength
- 17 *I could go about the fairs, he said, and be a fire-eater, or else a medical **clairvoyant**, and trade in Mesmerism and Magnetism, which is always a draw.*
- nervousness or discomfort felt by someone due to concern about what others will think of them
 - able to be persuaded to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - to perceive things beyond the natural range of the senses -- especially foreseeing the future
- 18 *He then continued with some remarks about the intellectual turmoil in this field of study, and about the **contending** schools of thought amongst alienists.*
- restoring
 - following
 - competing
- 19 *Melting anguish is a good deal less attractive now that he actually has to **contend** with it up close and in the flesh.*
- struggle
 - disagree
 - subtract
- 20 *Is it a real case of amnesia, of the somnambulistic type, or is he the victim of a **cunning** imposture?*
- related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
 - good at achieving goals through cleverness and deception
 - relating to logical examination to improve understanding

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	repent	Used 12 times in this book.
2	B	sullen (<i>as in: a sullen mood</i>)	Used 11 times in this book.
3	A	preserve (<i>as in: preserve the records</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	A	preserves (<i>as in: mom made preserves</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	A	conductive	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
6	A	indulge	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
7	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	incline (<i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	nonetheless	Used 8 times in this book.
10	B	amnesia	Used 10 times in this book.
11	A	inquest	Used 6 times in this book.
12	C	discredit	Used 5 times in this book.
13	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
14	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	discrepancy	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
17	C	clairvoyance	Used 5 times in this book.
18	C	contend (<i>as in: She contended for the gold medal</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	contend (<i>as in: She contended with it</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	B	cunning (<i>as in: a cunning thief</i>)	Used 10 times in this book.