

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

by Lewis Carroll

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: coax, contempt, contradict, cross-examination, earnest, indignant, inquisitive, languid, melancholy, nevertheless, oblige, persist, sage, serpent, signify, solemn, sulk, suppress, usurp, wretched



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	B
3	A
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6	A
7	B
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9	B
10	B
11	A
12	B
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14	B
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16	A
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. Let's see if we can **coax** her into coming with us.
 - A. trick
 - B. gently persuade
 - C. drag forcefully
2. He was impolite. She pretended not to notice except that she treated him with **contempt**.
 - A. great annoyance
 - B. lack of respect
 - C. impatience
3. Does the sentence **contradict** what is said in the previous paragraph?
 - A. disagree with
 - B. reinforce
 - C. expand upon
4. On **cross-examination**, their expert witness seemed less like an expert.
 - A. opposing questions
 - B. important questions
 - C. complex questions
5. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - A. frivolous attitude
 - B. seriousness
 - C. falseness
6. She was **indignant**, but she agreed to be searched when they accused her of shoplifting.
 - A. annoyed at something unjust
 - B. surprised at the unexpected
 - C. defensive about being suspected
7. Her **inquisitive** nature led her to explore every corner of the old library.
 - A. nervous
 - B. curious
 - C. forgetful
8. She greeted us with a **languid** wave of the hand.
 - A. quick and sharp
 - B. slow and relaxed
 - C. stiff and formal
9. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring,
 - A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing
10. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
 - A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
11. I didn't want to help, but I felt **obliged** because of our family connections.
 - A. required to
 - B. interested
 - C. sad
12. We expect the conditions to **persist** into next year.
 - A. grow worse
 - B. continue
 - C. go away

13. You can read her **sage** relationship advice at her blog.
- A. wise
 - B. spicy
 - C. shallow
14. What does the **serpent** represent in the Garden of Eden?
- A. fig leaf
 - B. snake
 - C. apple
15. Her silence seemed to **signify** that she disagreed.
- A. indicate
 - B. delay
 - C. repeat
16. Everyone was **solemn** at the funeral.
- A. serious and dignified
 - B. teary eyed
 - C. dressed in dark colors
17. She **sulked** for the rest of the week when she learned she would not make the starting team.
- A. worked tirelessly to improve
 - B. was unhappy and unsociable
 - C. was angry and lashed out
18. Stalin **suppressed** criticism in the press.
- A. kept from spreading
 - B. caused to spread
 - C. expressed publicly
19. The lawsuit claims that the President is **usurping** constitutional powers of Congress.
- A. wrongfully seizing
 - B. legally exercising
 - C. publicly defending
20. The photograph showed poor people in a **wretched** village in East Africa.
- A. irresponsible
 - B. in terrible condition
 - C. foolish or thoughtless

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 The Mouse looked at her rather **inquisitively**,
 - A. with careful thinking or discussion
 - B. curiously (with a desire to learn about)
 - C. in a manner that is excessively dry
- 2 William the Conqueror, whose cause was favoured by the pope, was soon submitted to by the English, who wanted leaders, and had been of late much accustomed to **usurpation** and conquest.
 - A. the act of seizing or taking control without authority
 - B. an electronic component that acts like a one-way valve
 - C. any substance that tends to increase the flow of urine
- 3 There was no label this time with the words 'DRINK ME,' but **nevertheless** she uncorked it and put it to her lips.
 - 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)
- 4 'Poor little thing!' said Alice, in a **coaxing** tone, and she tried hard to whistle to it; but she was terribly frightened all the time at the thought that it might be hungry, in which case it would be very likely to eat her up in spite of all her coaxing.
 - A. strongly criticizing or accusing publicly OR (more rarely) informing against someone
 - B. trying to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuading
 - C. giving authority, power, knowledge, or confidence to someone so they can do something
- 5 at last the Caterpillar ... addressed her in a **languid**, sleepy voice.
 - A. mental activity of which one is self-aware
 - B. slow and lacking energy
 - C. without involvement of anything in between
- 6 'You!' said the Caterpillar **contemptuously**. 'Who are YOU?'
 - A. done on purpose
 - B. with disrespect and dislike
 - C. in a sad manner
- 7 Alice replied in a very **melancholy** voice.
 - A. relating to the outside
 - B. sad
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 8 ...said the **sage**, as he shook his grey locks,
 - A. person known for being wise
 - B. the state or degree of agreeing or approving
 - C. the state of doing something unintentionally
- 9 Alice said nothing: she had never been so much **contradicted** in her life before, and she felt that she was losing her temper.
 - A. disagreed
 - B. separated
 - C. satisfied
- 10 'Well, I should like to be a LITTLE larger, sir, if you wouldn't mind,' said Alice: 'three inches is such a **wretched** height to be.'
 - A. not easily identified
 - B. miserable or very bad
 - C. exactness or accuracy
- 11 said Alice **indignantly**.
 - A. with anger or annoyance at something unjust or wrong
 - B. with surprise as something unexpected
 - C. with acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable

- 12 *Serpent, I say again!*
A. skill
B. snake
C. story
- 13 *'Take some more tea,' the March Hare said to Alice, very earnestly.*
A. in a self-aware manner
B. sincerely
C. finally; or in the end
- 14 *sh!' and the Dormouse sulkily remarked, 'If you can't be civil, you'd better finish the story for yourself.'*
A. in a manner that is not attractive or desirable
B. in an excessively unhappy and unsociable manner
C. in a manner that is not intense, or less active
- 15 *the Gryphon replied very solemnly.*
A. with seriousness and dignity
B. in a manner that finds fault
C. in a manner that is not good
- 16 *the Mock Turtle persisted.*
A. disagreed
B. continued despite difficulties
C. stuck out
- 17 *'And that's the jury-box,' thought Alice, 'and those twelve creatures,' (she was obliged to say 'creatures,' you see, because some of them were animals, and some were birds,) 'I suppose they are the jurors.'*
A. required (to do something)
B. gradually added or removed
C. limited or with boundaries
- 18 *Here the other guinea-pig cheered, and was suppressed.*
A. tried to keep under control
B. not learned, discovered, or decided
C. blended three or more musical notes
- 19 *The King looked anxiously at the White Rabbit, who said in a low voice, 'Your Majesty must cross-examine THIS witness.'*
A. careful, detailed questioning—especially in court, where the opposing side questions a witness after the other side has questioned them
B. to expression feelings or thoughts enthusiastically OR to squirt or give off (typically under pressure such as blood or leaking gas)
C. fear, or anticipate with worry (commonly only seen in the forms "apprehensive" and "apprehension," but seen in this form in classic literature)
- 20 *She soon got it out again, and put it right; 'not that it signifies much,' she said to herself; 'I should think it would be QUITE as much use in the trial one way up as the other.'*
A. to indicate (to show or to mean)
B. lacking things most people enjoy
C. of the Netherlands or its people

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	inquisitive	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
2	A	usurp	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
3	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word
4	B	coax (<i>as in: coax her to join us</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
5	B	languid	Used about 4 times per 10 books in our high school library.
6	B	contempt (<i>as in: feels contempt towards her</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
7	B	melancholy	Used 6 times in this book.
8	A	sage (<i>as in: sage advice</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
9	A	contradict	High-utility academic word
10	B	wretched	Used 2 times in this book.
11	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
12	B	serpent	Used 12 times in this book.
13	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
14	B	sulk	Used 5 times in this book.
15	A	solemn	Used 7 times in this book.
16	B	persist	Used 2 times in this book.
17	A	oblige (<i>as in: I am obliged by law.</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
18	A	suppress	Used 5 times in this book.
19	A	cross-examination	Used 2 times in this book.
20	A	signify	Used 2 times in this book.