

# All the Pretty Horses

by Cormac McCarthy

## Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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#### PRE-READING ACTIVITY

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#### OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

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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:** consequence (2), constrained, deference, enable, exile, faint, guile, hobbled, incline, naive, patron, proprietor, qualms, rancor, recollect, retinue, stallion, twilight, vary



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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| #  | KEY |
|----|-----|
| 1  | A   |
| 2  | B   |
| 3  | A   |
| 4  | C   |
| 5  | B   |
| 6  | B   |
| 7  | A   |
| 8  | B   |
| 9  | A   |
| 10 | A   |
| 11 | C   |
| 12 | B   |
| 13 | C   |
| 14 | B   |
| 15 | C   |
| 16 | C   |
| 17 | C   |
| 18 | C   |
| 19 | C   |
| 20 | 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. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.  
A. result  
B. unimportant part  
C. important part
2. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.  
A. unethical  
B. important  
C. harmful
3. Congressional power is **constrained** by the court.  
A. restricted  
B. enforced  
C. threatened
4. Out of **deference** to the Hindu visitors, they did not serve beef.  
A. open dislike  
B. loud praise  
C. polite respect
5. Modern smartphones **enable** people to work from almost anywhere.  
A. require  
B. allow  
C. remind
6. Napoleon was forced into **exile** on the island of Elba.  
A. apologizing  
B. living elsewhere  
C. hard labor
7. He **feinted** left and then charged from the right.  
A. faked  
B. attacked strongly  
C. moved sideways
8. She had the **guile** to lie directly to his face.  
A. necessity  
B. cunning and deceit  
C. ambition
9. She **hobbled** onto the court, determined to help her team win.  
A. walked with difficulty  
B. walked quickly  
C. showed enthusiasm
10. The boat ramp has a steep **incline**.  
A. slope  
B. price  
C. danger
11. Being **naive**, she is too quick to believe what people say.  
A. honest  
B. a pleaser  
C. too trusting
12. A wealthy **patron** donated millions to fund young artists in the city.  
A. critic  
B. supporter  
C. neighbor

13. After 40 years of greeting guests in person, the proprietor of the restaurant is retiring.
- A. customer
  - B. employee
  - C. owner
14. Despite qualms about discussing her friends, she agreed to cooperate with the investigation.
- A. a desire for revenge
  - B. feelings of uneasiness
  - C. detailed plans
15. Even after years apart, the rancor between the brothers had not faded at all.
- A. warm affection
  - B. mild curiosity
  - C. deep bitterness
16. I don't recollect her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
  - B. spell properly
  - C. remember
17. The queen traveled with a large retinue of servants and guards to ensure her safety and comfort.
- A. car
  - B. plane
  - C. group
18. The powerful stallion galloped across the open field.
- A. wild deer
  - B. young calf
  - C. male horse
19. I awakened to a twilight sky but did not know if the sun was setting or rising.
- A. the light from the sky just before sunrise
  - B. the light from the sky just after sunset
  - C. the light from the sky between daylight and darkness
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 The **proprietor** came over to take their order.
  - A. interaction or interest
  - B. a subtle characteristic
  - C. the owner of a business
- 2 He wouldn't have no **qualms** about showin em which way we'd headed.
  - A. subtle characteristics
  - B. feelings of uneasiness
  - C. basic rules or beliefs
- 3 When he rode up to the gerente's house that morning he was accompanied by four friends and by a **retinue** of mozos and two packanimals saddled with hardwood kiacks, one empty, the other carrying their noon provisions.
  - A. a group formed to discuss or offer insight on a particular topic
  - B. to constrain in some way -- such as tie up, require, or obligate
  - C. a group of people following and attending to an important person
- 4 They were **bunched** against the fence at the far side of the enclosure and they were a mixed lot, roans and duns and bays and a few paints and they were of **varied** size and conformation.
  - A. took on as one's own
  - B. differed; or changed
  - C. began fighting again
- 5 The **stallion** I have bought is a half brother out of the same mare.
  - A. a large, elongated gland located behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin
  - B. of the philosophical & religious system based on the teachings of Laozi (also spelled Taoist)
  - C. a male horse that has not been castrated (gelded) -- especially one used for breeding purposes
- 6 The names of the entities that have power to **constrain** us change with time.
  - A. restrict
  - B. disagree
  - C. subtract
- 7 In an ideal world the gossip of the idle would be of no **consequence**.
  - A. translates
  - B. importance
  - C. sticks out
- 8 But I have seen the **consequences** in the real world and they can be very grave indeed.
  - A. results
  - B. battles
  - C. desires
- 9 They walked out through the grass, Blevins **hobbling** after them.
  - A. walking with difficulty
  - B. injuring the ligaments of a joint by stretching them too far (ligaments are the tough, fibrous bands that connect bones across joints)
  - C. presenting something to treat as true in order to advance a discussion or to further investigation even though it might not be true
- 10 You know what is **naive**?
  - A. the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together
  - B. the degree of being influenced by personal belief, feelings, or preferences (rather than being based purely upon fact)
  - C. lacking experience or sophistication, and the understanding that comes from them -- often too trusting or optimistic

- 11 If there was **guile** there it was of no sort he could reckon with and he sat in the dirt and pulled off his left boot and reached down into it and took out the small damp sheaf of bills.
- A. prepare food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
  - B. cunning and deceit
  - C. treat as a particular type that is considered bad
- 12 Some news that had moved through the prison but bypassed him in his **exile**.
- A. (noun) something that is lighter and draws attention -- such as an area of a painting OR (verb) making something lighter -- such as an area of a painting
  - B. to force someone to live outside of their homeland; or living in such a condition
- or more rarely: voluntary absence from a place someone would rather be
- C. recommend or require what should be done OR (of a medical doctor) give medical instructions -- such as writing that a patient should take antibiotics
- 13 He **feinted** with the tray again.
- A. any distracting or deceptive maneuver; or the act of making the maneuver
  - B. having points along the edge -- like a saw, some knives, and some leaves
  - C. broke the law by telling lies after formally promising to tell the truth
- 14 His movements were precise and without **rancor**.
- A. measure of general intelligence
  - B. a firm decision to do something
  - C. anger or hatred
- 15 Like theatre **patrons** anxious to avoid the crush.
- A. members of the Religious Society of Friends (the Friends have never called themselves Quakers)
  - B. customers
  - C. compounds consisting of large molecules made up of linked series of repeated smaller molecules
- 16 The man stood at his bed and took off his hat as though in **deference** to some wounded hero.
- A. start (a fire)
  - B. small kitchens
  - C. polite respect
- 17 Of course the times **enabled** some of these men to style themselves revolutionaries.
- A. got closer to
  - B. made possible
  - C. not satisfied
- 18 Yet my **recollection** of them was a child's recollection and I must have been to them something wholly unknown.
- A. battle
  - B. result
  - C. memory
- 19 The sun was down and a blue **twilight** filled the park and...
- A. the light from the sky just before sunrise
  - B. light from the moon and stars
  - C. the light from the sky between daylight and darkness
- 20 The loose horses walked uncertainly down the shallow rock **incline** of the basin and blew at the water and drank.
- A. slope
  - B. tell someone about something
  - C. something repeated regularly

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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| #  | KEY | WORD                                                        | NOTE                                                        |
|----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | C   | proprietor                                                  | Used 9 times in this book.                                  |
| 2  | B   | qualms                                                      | Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library. |
| 3  | C   | retinue                                                     | Used 2 times in this book.                                  |
| 4  | B   | vary                                                        | High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.      |
| 5  | C   | stallion                                                    | Used 13 times in this book.                                 |
| 6  | A   | constrained                                                 | Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library. |
| 7  | B   | consequence ( <i>as in: of little consequence</i> )         | Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.         |
| 8  | A   | consequence ( <i>as in: a direct consequence of</i> )       | High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.        |
| 9  | A   | hobbled ( <i>as in: she hobbled up the hill</i> )           | Used 18 times in this book.                                 |
| 10 | C   | naïve                                                       | Used 3 times in this book.                                  |
| 11 | B   | guile                                                       | Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library. |
| 12 | B   | exile                                                       | Used 5 times in this book.                                  |
| 13 | A   | feint                                                       | Used 3 times in this book.                                  |
| 14 | C   | rancor                                                      | High-utility academic word                                  |
| 15 | B   | patron ( <i>as in: a patron of the arts</i> )               | Used 6 times in this book.                                  |
| 16 | C   | deference                                                   | High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.      |
| 17 | B   | enable                                                      | High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.      |
| 18 | C   | recollect                                                   | High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.      |
| 19 | C   | twilight ( <i>as in: pink clouds in a twilight sky</i> )    | Used 8 times in this book.                                  |
| 20 | A   | incline ( <i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i> ) | High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.        |