

Anna Karenina

by Leo Tolstoy

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: approach (2), conclusive, interpret (2), irony (2), materialistic, moreover, peasant, penitent, recollect, reproach, resolute, superfluous, supposition, trifle, trifle with, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	A
2	C
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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. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
2. I **approached** three bankers about a loan.
 - A. avoided
 - B. complained to
 - C. asked
3. The test results were **conclusive**, proving the medicine was effective.
 - A. early (and uncertain)
 - B. possible (but unproven)
 - C. definite (leaving no doubt)
4. She will stand to his left and **interpret** his speech into sign language.
 - A. refute (prove false)
 - B. elaborate upon
 - C. translate
5. How will a court **interpret** the word *careless* if there is a lawsuit?
 - A. understand
 - B. insist on
 - C. ignore
6. **Ironically**, her strongest supporters undermined her popularity through their extremism.
 - A. when what happens is exactly what usually happens
 - B. when what happens is very different than what might be expected
 - C. when what happens is very fitting for the situation
7. Her voice was dripping with irony as she said, "You look beautiful."
 - A. sincerity
 - B. sarcasm
 - C. kindness
8. 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
9. 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
10. In 1932 a **peasant** revolt in Su County, China stopped collection of the poppy tax.
 - A. city dweller
 - B. young person
 - C. poor farmer
11. After breaking the window, the **penitent** boy apologized to his neighbor.
 - A. proud of one's actions
 - B. confused about the rules
 - C. feeling regret for wrongdoing
12. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
 - A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember

13. Don't **reproach** yourself for things beyond your control.
A. congratulate
B. criticize
C. accept honor for
14. Despite the criticism, she remained **resolute** in her decision to speak out.
A. hopeful
B. determined and unwavering
C. out of touch with reality
15. Everyone liked the idea. The arguments I prepared to support it were **superfluous**.
A. appreciated
B. important
C. unnecessary
16. It is an unsupportable **supposition**.
A. expense
B. computer program
C. belief
17. Don't waste my time with **trifling** matters.
A. other's
B. future
C. unimportant
18. The European Parliament refuses to be trifled with.
A. treated without respect
B. argued with
C. negotiated with
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 *In the same way Levin in his heart despised the town mode of life of his friend, and his official duties, which he laughed at, and regarded as **trifling**.*
 - A. moving out of an interacting position; or stopping
 - B. canceling or annulling a formal ruling or contract
 - C. something of small importance; or a small quantity
- 2 *He doesn't understand that she's one of those women who can't **trifle** with their feelings.*
 - A. treat thoughtlessly or without respect
 - B. beyond the permitted boundary or limit
 - C. injured muscles or tendons of the back
- 3 *The professor was carrying on a hot crusade against **materialists**.*
 - A. overly concerned with wealth and possessions at the expense of other interests
 - B. defensive players who line up closest to the sideline to defend against passes
 - C. powerful attacks; or sudden and enormous amount of things that must be handled
- 4 *"But how can it be helped?" said Levin **penitently**.*
 - A. in a manner that is not sensible and careful
 - B. in a manner that is capable of being noticed
 - C. with sorrow and regret for having done wrong
- 5 *A feeling such as his was profaned by talk of the rivalry of some Petersburg officer, of the **suppositions** and the counsels of Stepan Arkadyevitch.*
 - A. chemical substance comprised of the smallest amount of a chemical substance that can exist by itself
 - B. soccer players who play in the middle third of the field and who assist with both defense and offense
 - C. something supposed (rather than something known to be so) -- such as a disputed belief or assumption
- 6 *"Come now, let us talk of you," she added, tossing her head, as though she would physically shake off something **superfluous** oppressing her.*
 - A. the quality of being sensible and careful
 - B. without purpose, job, or natural activity
 - C. more than is needed, desired, or required
- 7 *She went over all her Moscow **recollections**.*
 - A. restores
 - B. thoughts
 - C. memories
- 8 *...in a tone of **ironical** submission to destiny.*
 - A. the degree to which something is able to change or is different
 - B. when what is happens is very different than what might be expected
 - C. capable of being better understood through detailed examination
- 9 *"Oh, of course, there's no reason whatever," he said, frowning.
"That's just what I say," she said, willfully refusing to see the **irony** of his tone, and quietly turning back her long, perfumed glove.*
 - A. soft leather shoe traditionally worn by Native Americans
 - B. saying one thing while meaning the opposite
 - C. belief or opinion formed by viewing things a certain way
- 10 *In the habitual conditions of her life she felt again resolute and **irreproachable**.*
 - A. able to be found
 - B. beyond criticism
 - C. unpleasing sound
- 11 *Moreover, the recollection of the rejection and the part he had played in the affair tortured him with shame.*
 - 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

- 12 *I have had to do business with him, 'positively and conclusively.'*
A. in a well-known or important manner
B. in a manner that is excessively dry
C. putting an end to doubt or question
- 13 *Levin felt so **resolute** and serene that no answer, he fancied, could affect him.*
A. able to be understood or explained
B. firm in purpose, belief, or action
C. aware or concerned about something
- 14 *She went up to them, entered into conversation with them, and served as **interpreter** for the woman, who could not speak any foreign language.*
A. people who criticize or condemn
B. someone who extensively damages
C. someone who translates language
- 15 *He was a believer, who was interested in religion primarily in its political aspect, and the new doctrine which ventured upon several new **interpretations**, just because it paved the way to discussion and analysis, was in principle disagreeable to him.*
A. ways of understanding or explaining things
B. people who express disapproval
C. quiet voices; or a quiet voice
- 16 *Left alone in the room assigned him, lying on a spring mattress that **yielded** unexpectedly at every movement of his arm or his leg, Levin did not fall asleep for a long while.*
A. produced or gave
B. was attractive or desirable
C. not wanting to do something
- 17 *Unconsciously **yielding** to the weakness of Anna—who had surrendered herself up to him utterly, and simply looked to him to decide her fate, ready to submit to anything—he had long ceased to think that their tie might end as he had thought then.*
A. showing, demonstrating, determining, or causing acceptance
B. giving in, giving up, or giving way (easily moved or soft)
C. placing trust (in someone) by talking about private things
- 18 *Instinctively feeling the **approach** of spring, and knowing that there would be days of rough weather too, she built her nest as best she could, and was in haste at the same time to build it and to learn how to do it.*
A. coming
B. create dramatic change
C. mirror back (an image)
- 19 *After that, with an irrepressible smile of tenderness, Kitty recalled her husband's shamefaced embarrassment, his repeated awkward efforts to **approach** the subject, and how at last, having thought of the one means of helping Dolly without wounding her pride, he had suggested to Kitty—what had not occurred to her before—that she should give up her share of the property.*
A. did not find a condition or substance to be present
B. to support by providing money or other economic aid
C. begin communication with someone about
- 20 *Parish clerks, teachers, and one in a thousand of the **peasants**, maybe, know what it's all about.*
A. organisms in the early stages of growth prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting; in humans organisms during the first eight weeks of development (prior to the fetal stage)
B. members of an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
C. used historically or possibly in relation to a very poor country: people of low income, education, and social standing -- especially those who raise crops or livestock

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	trifle (<i>as in: a trifling matter</i>)	Used 10 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
2	A	trifle with (<i>as in: trifle with her affections</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
3	A	materialistic	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
4	C	penitent	Used 11 times in this book.
5	C	supposition	Used 10 times in this book.
6	C	superfluous	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
7	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 43 times in this book.
8	B	irony (<i>as in: situational irony</i>)	Used 32 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	irony (<i>as in: verbal irony</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	B	reproach	Used 40 times in this book.
11	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 26 times in this book.
12	C	conclusive	Used 8 times in this book.
13	B	resolute	Used 39 times in this book.
14	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	Used 10 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	interpret (<i>as in: her interpretation of the data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 52 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	approach (<i>as in: approached her with the proposal</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
20	C	peasant	Used 243 times in this book.