

# Anthem

by Ayn Rand

## 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:** agony, avert, creed, dais, defile, despair, devise, gender, heed, peasant, perish, ponder, pyre, ravine, revere, sage, scorn, solemn, solidarity, transgress



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
3	C
4	B
5	C
6	C
7	B
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17	A
18	A
19	A
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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 cried out in **agony**.
  - A. sudden surprise
  - B. intense anger
  - C. intense suffering
2. When asked, her guilt was clear from the way she **averted** her eyes.
  - A. stared
  - B. turned away
  - C. blinked
3. She lived by the simple **creed** that honesty is always the best policy.
  - A. quotation
  - B. misunderstanding
  - C. set of beliefs
4. A bomb was planted under the **dais**.
  - A. park bench
  - B. raised platform
  - C. large truck
5. Vandals **defiled** the ancient temple by spray-painting the walls.
  - A. carefully restored
  - B. secretly explored
  - C. spoiled the purity of
6. She rescued me from **despair**.
  - A. fear
  - B. poverty
  - C. hopelessness
7. This may be our last chance to **devise** a compromise that will save the peace.
  - A. consider
  - B. create
  - C. save
8. The court found the company guilty of **gender discrimination**.
  - A. religious
  - B. male/female/trans
  - C. race or ethnic
9. She didn't **heed** the storm warnings and got caught in the heavy rain.
  - A. pass through
  - B. tell others of
  - C. pay attention to
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. We can work together or **perish** separately.
  - A. work
  - B. die
  - C. fail
12. We **pondered** our fate.
  - A. thought about
  - B. feared for
  - C. actively changed

13. In 1829 India banned the Hindu custom of a widow's suicide on her husband's funeral pyre.
- A. coffin
  - B. fire
  - C. gravestone
14. I was afraid that if we climbed into the ravine, we might be caught in a flood before we could get out.
- A. a hole so deep the bottom cannot be seen
  - B. deep, narrow, steep-sided valley
  - C. a large, fast-moving river
15. She reveres nature and all that is natural.
- A. dislikes and avoids
  - B. deeply respects
  - C. thoroughly enjoys
16. You can read her **sage** relationship advice at her blog.
- A. wise
  - B. spicy
  - C. shallow
17. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
  - B. encourages
  - C. trains
18. Everyone was **solemn** at the funeral.
- A. serious and dignified
  - B. teary eyed
  - C. dressed in dark colors
19. I am in **solidarity** with those who are oppressed.
- A. agreement
  - B. communication
  - C. conflict
20. The use of innocents as human shields **transgresses** "the laws of war."
- A. is within
  - B. violates
  - C. expands

# 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 *And the Council of Vocations sat on a high **dais**, and they had but two words to speak to each of the Students.*
  - A. dramatic change
  - B. raised platform
  - C. in disagreement
- 2 *There were five members of the Council, three of the male **gender** and two of the female.*
  - A. an official charge (of having broken the law)
  - B. male, female, or any of many trans categories
  - C. quick, informal vote to see what people think
- 3 *We burn the wood we find in the **ravine**.*
  - A. another battle with the same foe
  - B. deep, narrow, steep-sided valley
  - C. describing someone as antisocial
- 4 *The nature of our punishment, if it be discovered, is not for the human heart to **ponder**.*
  - A. reflect deeply on a subject
  - B. stop (something from happening)
  - C. fulfill one's highest potential
- 5 *The women who have been assigned to work the soil live in the Homes of the **Peasants** beyond the City.*
  - 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
- 6 *Their face did not move and they did not **avert** their eyes.*
  - A. notable difference
  - B. turn away
  - C. come to terms with
- 7 *They **perish** from hunger and from the claws of the wild beasts...*
  - A. move into position to work; or start
  - B. die
  - C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 8 *As the chains were wound over their body at the stake, and a flame set to the **pyre**,*
  - A. a particular understanding or explanation
  - B. stacked wood (to burn a body)
  - C. meticulousness (care about small details)
- 9 *There was no pain in their eyes and no knowledge of the **agony** of their body.*
  - A. size or dimension
  - B. circular movement
  - C. intense suffering
- 10 *we saw that their eyes, so hard and **scornful** to the world, were looking at...*
  - A. disrespectful
  - B. able to accept as true (without proof)
  - C. able to be protected or kept unchanged
- 11 *We shall be forgiven for anything we say tonight.....Tonight, after more days and trials than we can count, we finished building a strange thing, from the remains of the Unmentionable Times, a box of glass, **devised** to give forth the power of the sky of greater strength than we had ever achieved before.*
  - A. not provided with investment funds
  - B. came up with (invented or created)
  - C. stopped (something from happening)

- 12 *For our gift is greater than our transgression.*  
A. the process of controlling (how something turns out)  
B. breaking of rules  
C. the taking on or adoption of power or responsibility
- 13 *We walked through empty passages and into the great hall where the World Council of Scholars sat in solemn meeting.*  
A. serious and dignified  
B. indicating approval or agreement  
C. able to be taken on as one's own
- 14 *"Many men in the Homes of the Scholars have had strange new ideas in the past," said Solidarity 8-1164, "but when the majority of their brother Scholars voted against them, they abandoned their ideas, as all men must."*  
A. a state of agreement and support -- especially for political action  
B. people of the second most populous denomination of Islam (over 10%)  
C. supporters of Oliver Cromwell and his side in the English Civil War
- 15 *Let each man keep his temple untouched and undefiled.*  
A. with rises and falls in pitch  
B. embarrassed or self-conscious  
C. unspoiled (beautiful or pure)
- 16 *by which the fools steal the wisdom of the sages.*  
A. wise people  
B. social events or ceremonies  
C. reasons for doing something
- 17 *But I am done with this creed of corruption.*  
A. a basic building block for proteins  
B. someone who believe in a single God  
C. any system of principles or beliefs
- 18 *He will be taught reverence for his own spirit.*  
A. interfere (in another's affairs or business); or handle (something that shouldn't be handled)  
B. deep respect  
C. separate two things to prevent passage of something such as heat, cold, noise, or electricity
- 19 *But men paid no heed to their warning.*  
A. a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth  
B. adjusted excessively or made up for excessively  
C. attention
- 20 *And I wish I had the power to tell them that the despair of their hearts was not to be final, and their night was not without hope.*  
A. adjusts a lens to make an image clear  
B. not creating disagreement or struggle  
C. hopelessness

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	dais	Used 2 times in this book.
2	B	gender ( <i>as in: gender discrimination</i> )	High-utility academic word
3	B	ravine	Used 4 times in this book.
4	A	ponder	Used about 13 times per 10 books in our high school library.
5	C	peasant	Used 2 times in this book.
6	B	avert ( <i>as in: avert her eyes</i> )	Used about 5 times per 10 books in our high school library.
7	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
8	B	pyre	Used 5 times in this book.
9	C	agony	Used 2 times in this book.
10	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
11	B	devise ( <i>as in: devise a plan</i> )	High-utility academic word
12	B	transgress	Used 18 times in this book.
13	A	solemn	Used about 17 times per 10 books in our high school library.
14	A	solidarity	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
15	C	defile	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
16	A	sage ( <i>as in: sage advice</i> )	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
17	C	creed	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
18	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	C	heed	Used 3 times in this book.
20	C	despair ( <i>as in: she felt despair</i> )	High-utility academic word