

Antigone

by Sophocles

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: cunning, deemed, divine (2), edict, flout, forbearance, grievous, heed, ire, lament, ordinance, perish, pious, recompense, scorn, wrought (2), yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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2	A
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18	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. The worst mix -- greedy, **cunning**, and without morals.
 - A. stupid and impatient
 - B. clever and deceitful
 - C. strong and cruel
2. The chemical was **deemed** unsafe to use in children's products.
 - A. judged
 - B. manufactured
 - C. tested
3. The King claimed a **divine** right.
 - A. perfect or wonderful
 - B. from birth
 - C. coming from God
4. She claimed she could **divine** a person's future by reading tea leaves at the bottom of a cup.
 - A. predict supernaturally
 - B. imagine vividly
 - C. remember clearly
5. Constantine issued an **edict** for religious tolerance throughout the Roman Empire.
 - A. suggestion
 - B. study
 - C. order
6. Don't get caught **flouting** the rules.
 - A. ignoring
 - B. complaining about
 - C. questioning
7. I appreciate your **forbearance**.
 - A. patience or tolerance
 - B. financial loan
 - C. family concerns
8. It is a **grievous** offense against morality.
 - A. serious
 - B. minor
 - C. foolish
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. She has a way of arousing his **ire**.
 - A. curiosity
 - B. anger
 - C. guilt
11. We **lamented** our sad circumstances.
 - A. made worse
 - B. improved
 - C. expressed grief about

12. The Chicago ordinance required that new streets be laid out with eight streets per mile in one direction and sixteen in the other direction.
- A. custom
 - B. suggestion
 - C. law
13. We can work together or **perish** separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
14. Benjamin Franklin's parents were **pious** Puritans.
- A. non-traditional
 - B. traditional
 - C. highly religious
15. The criminal was ordered to pay **recompense** to his victims as part of his sentence.
- A. compensation for loss
 - B. a penalty fine
 - C. an apology
16. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
17. She wore a hand-wrought silver bracelet.
- A. worked
 - B. size
 - C. encircling
18. The revolt **wrought** havoc through the region.
- A. caused
 - B. ended
 - C. complicated
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 She justifies her action, asserting that she was bound to obey the eternal laws of right and wrong in spite of any human **ordinance**.
 - A. an expert in the branch of geology that studies rocks
 - B. someone who exposes wrongdoing within an organization
 - C. a rule or law -- typically enacted by city government
- 2 But Polyneices, a dishonored corse, (So by report the royal **edict** runs) No man may bury him or make lament—Must leave him tombless and unwept, a feast For kites to scent afar and swoop upon.
 - A. a psychologist concerned with the treatment of abnormal thinking and behavior
 - B. a stone shaped like a disk that spins and is used to grind, sharpen or polish
 - C. an order -- typically a formal proclamation or a legally binding court decree
- 3 As for thee, **Scorn**, if thou wilt, the eternal laws of Heaven.
 - A. disrespect or reject as not good enough
 - B. not answer questions; or block progress
 - C. move from more general to more specific
- 4 Sister, **forbear**, or I shall hate thee soon, And the dead man will hate thee too, with cause.
 - A. refrain (hold back) from acting
 - B. the ability to take on or adopt
 - C. where attention is concentrated
- 5 Master of **cunning** he: the savage bull, and the hart Who roams the mountain free, are tamed by his infinite art; And the shaggy rough-maned steed is broken to bear the bit.
 - A. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
 - B. good at achieving goals through cleverness and deception
 - C. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
- 6 a well-wrought brazen urn
 - A. worked
 - B. provided investment funds for something -- such as a business
 - C. wanting to do something; or made someone want to do something
- 7 In what wise was her self-destruction **wrought**?
 - A. made to happen
 - B. donated a portion of one's income to a church
 - C. returned to an undesirable previous condition
- 8 Now if she thus can **flout** authority Unpunished, I am woman, she the man.
 - A. openly disregard
 - B. take on or adopt
 - C. make more varied
- 9 Of all these Thebans none so **deems** but thou.
 - A. believes or judges
 - B. influences opinion
 - C. takes on or adopts
- 10 CREON The patriot **perished** by the outlaw's brand.
 - A. examined in detail to better understand
 - B. died, was destroyed, or ceased to exist
 - C. moved into position to work; or started
- 11 O sister, scorn me not, let me but share Thy work of **piety**, and with thee die.
 - A. a substance that stimulates the production of antibodies to protect against a disease
 - B. a shop that offers loans to individuals who use their personal property as collateral
 - C. highly moral behavior

- 12 *See how the trees beside a stream in flood Save, if they yield to force, each spray unharmed, But by resisting perish root and branch.*
 A. select (on a computer screen)
 B. give in, give way, or give up
 C. an involuntary vomiting spasm
- 13 *Love resistless in fight, all yield at a glance of thine eye, Love who pillowed all night on a maiden's cheek dost lie, Over the upland holds.*
 A. produce or give
 B. stop (something from happening)
 C. think deeply or carefully about
- 14 *She was sprung of gods, divine,*
 A. the quality of being sensible and careful
 B. unable or difficult to meet and talk with
 C. wonderful (as though having come from the gods)
- 15 *The divination of my arts shall tell.*
 A. the act of predicting or discover something supernaturally (as if by magic)
 B. the four-dimensional combination of space and time where everything happens
 C. a connection or relationship by being equivalent, proportionate, or matched
- 16 *Like renown with gods to gain Recompenses all thy pain.*
 A. compensates for a loss; or pays a reward
 B. learns, discovers, or decides in advance
 C. keeps away (chooses not to do something)
- 17 *For once he fain had quenched the Maenad's fire; And of the tuneful Nine provoked the ire.*
 A. allow
 B. anger
 C. quits
- 18 *the obstinate soul that fights with Fate, is smitten grievously.*
 A. very badly (causing grief)
 B. in a manner that stops or hinders something
 C. in a manner involving only one part or side
- 19 *I will heed.*
 A. a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
 B. adjusted excessively or made up for excessively
 C. pay close attention to; or to do what is suggested
- 20 *SECOND MESSENGER Hearing the loud lament above her son With her own hand she stabbed herself to the heart.*
 A. gradually add or remove
 B. make or cause to become
 C. expressing grief or regret

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	ordinance (<i>as in: passed the ordinance</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
2	C	edict	Used 4 times in this book.
3	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
4	A	forbearance	Used 2 times in this book.
5	B	cunning (<i>as in: a cunning thief</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
6	A	wrought (<i>as in: wrought iron</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	wrought (<i>as in: the damage she has wrought</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
8	A	flout	Used 2 times in this book.
9	A	deemed	Used 6 times in this book.
10	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
11	C	pious (<i>as in: a good, pious woman</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
12	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	C	divine (<i>as in: to forgive is divine</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
15	A	divine (<i>as in: divined from tea leaves</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
16	A	recompense	Used 2 times in this book.
17	B	ire	Used 2 times in this book.
18	A	grievous	Used 6 times in this book.
19	C	heed	Used 6 times in this book.
20	C	lament	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.