

As You Like It

by William Shakespeare

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: adieu, banish, bequeath, censure, chide, countenance, devise, disdain, disposition, entreat, epilogue, feigned, forbearance, forswear, melancholy, reprove, scarcity, scorn, usurp, yield



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
3	B
4	A
5	C
6	A
7	B
8	A
9	C
10	B
11	B
12	A
13	A
14	B
15	B
16	A
17	C
18	A
19	A
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. We waved **adieu** to our friends at the train station.
 - A. goodbye
 - B. hello
 - C. greetings
2. I tried to **banish** the thought from my mind.
 - A. understand
 - B. collect
 - C. send away
3. My aunt **bequeathed** me her pearl necklace.
 - A. loaned
 - B. gave
 - C. took
4. In spite of the **censure** of her colleagues, she believed she had done the right thing.
 - A. criticism
 - B. anger
 - C. disinterest
5. She gently **chides** her friends who run up credit card debt unnecessarily.
 - A. avoids
 - B. celebrates with
 - C. criticizes
6. Her **countenance** grew stern.
 - A. facial expression
 - B. a method of counting
 - C. voice
7. This may be our last chance to **devise** a compromise that will save the peace.
 - A. consider
 - B. create
 - C. save
8. She has nothing but **disdain** for the notion that common people can regulate their own lives better than she can.
 - A. lack of respect
 - B. humility
 - C. intense anger
9. We'll see if her cheerful **disposition** continues when she's tired and under stress.
 - A. team
 - B. generosity
 - C. personality
10. The students **entreated** the Chinese troops not to use force against peaceful demonstrations.
 - A. bribed (with gifts)
 - B. asked earnestly
 - C. threatened
11. The novel ends with an **epilogue** that tells what happened years later.
 - A. opening scene
 - B. final section
 - C. main conflict

12. He **feigned** surprise when his coworkers shouted 'Happy Birthday!'
- A. faked
 - B. expected
 - C. shared
13. I appreciate your **forbearance**.
- A. patience or tolerance
 - B. financial loan
 - C. family concerns
14. She should **forswear** contributions from special interest groups.
- A. make public
 - B. stop (taking)
 - C. take advantage of
15. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring,
- A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing
16. I don't want to spoil her, but I don't have the heart to **reprove** her.
- A. criticize
 - B. compliment
 - C. instruct
17. Work is **scarce** in the region.
- A. easily found
 - B. extremely hard
 - C. in short supply
18. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
19. The lawsuit claims that the President is **usurping** constitutional powers of Congress.
- A. wrongfully seizing
 - B. legally exercising
 - C. publicly defending
20. The experiment **yielded** data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down

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 *From henceforth I will, coz, and **devise** sports: let me see; what think you of falling in love?*
 - A. stop (something from happening)
 - B. come up with (invent or create)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 2 *'Tis true; for those that she makes fair she **scarce** makes honest; and those that she makes honest she makes very ill-favouredly.*
 - A. the state of not being aware or concerned about something
 - B. a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything
 - C. in short supply OR barely or hardly (by a small margin)
- 3 *he will not be **entreated**.*
 - A. said indirectly
 - B. persuaded
 - C. became aware of
- 4 *My father's rough and **envious disposition***
 - A. dreamlike state of altered consciousness
 - B. someone who is intolerant and prejudiced
 - C. normal mood
- 5 *detain'd by her **usurping** uncle*
 - A. who seizes power without authority
 - B. protecting something or keeping it as it is
 - C. keeping away (choosing not to do something)
- 6 *Now go we in content To liberty, and not to **banishment**.*
 - A. way of doing something
 - B. not easily set on fire
 - C. being forced to leave a community and not return
- 7 *If this uncouth forest **yield** anything savage, I will either be food for it or bring it for food to thee.*
 - A. produce or give
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 8 *Forbear, and eat no more.*
 - A. stop (refrain or hold back from acting)
 - B. the ability to take on or adopt
 - C. where attention is concentrated
- 9 *And therefore put I on the **countenance** Of stern commandment.*
 - A. facial expression
 - B. the best or most important
 - C. a secret agreement or plot
- 10 *unto the green holly: Most friendship is **feigning**, most loving mere folly: Then, heigh-ho, the holly!*
 - A. pretending (making a pretense of)
 - B. causing something to move forward
 - C. accepting as true (without proof)
- 11 *I am glad of your departure: **adieu**, good Monsieur Melancholy.*
 - A. goodbye
 - B. hello
 - C. greetings
- 12 *proud **disdain***
 - A. a lack of respect for others
 - B. differ; or change
 - C. influence opinion

- 13 *Sweet Phebe, do not scorn me;*
A. reject
B. not answer questions; or block progress
C. move from more general to more specific
- 14 *I had rather hear you chide than this man woo.*
A. notable difference
B. come to terms with
C. criticize
- 15 *They say you are a melancholy fellow.*
A. relating to the outside
B. sad
C. about (but not exactly)
- 16 *therefore beware my censure, and keep your promise.*
A. criticism
B. find, search, or research
C. being a boundary or limit
- 17 *to swear and to forswear; according as marriage binds and blood breaks:*
A. a drug that calms or puts to sleep; or describing something as calming
B. renounce or disavow something
C. the reason for doing something; or the level of desire to do something
- 18 *The first, the Retort courteous; the second, the Quip modest; the third, the Reply churlish; the fourth, the Reproof valiant; the fifth, the Countercheck quarrelsome; the sixth, the Lie with circumstance; the seventh, the Lie direct.*
A. criticism
B. main road
C. hard work
- 19 *His crown bequeathing to his banish'd brother*
A. considering (the affect on a result or outcome)
B. being left or given to another after one's death
C. moving to a worse or less prestigious situation
- 20 *Yet to good wine they do use good bushes; and good plays prove the better by the help of good epilogues.*
A. agreements to marry
B. concluding passages
C. outward appearances

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	devise (<i>as in: devise a plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this play.
2	C	scarcity	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
3	B	entreat	Used 7 times in this play.
4	C	disposition (<i>as in: a kind disposition</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this play.
5	A	usurp	Used 4 times in this play.
6	C	banish	Used 13 times in this play.
7	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
8	A	forbearance	Used 3 times in this play.
9	A	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	Used 4 times in this play.
10	A	feigned	Used 4 times in this play.
11	A	adieu	Used 4 times in this play.
12	A	disdain	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
13	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this play.
14	C	chide	Used 8 times in this play.
15	B	melancholy	Used 9 times in this play.
16	A	censure	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
17	B	forswear (<i>as in: forswear my country of birth</i>)	Used 5 times in this play.
18	A	reprove	Used 2 times in this play.
19	B	bequeath	Used 3 times in this play.
20	B	epilogue	Used 5 times in this play.
