

Bleak House

by Charles Dickens

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: accord (2), apprehend (2), consequence (2), deport (2), establish, incline, inclined, interpose, remonstrate, render (2), trifle, trifle with, vagabond, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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 dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
 - A. opposition
 - B. keeping
 - C. ignorance
2. After the fight, he turned himself in of his **own accord**.
 - A. own fear
 - B. own safety
 - C. own mind
3. It defines *intelligence* as "the ability to **apprehend** the interrelationships of presented facts in such a way as to guide action toward a desired goal."
 - A. understand
 - B. interact with
 - C. get along with
4. They **apprehended** the suspect late last night.
 - A. found the location of
 - B. understood
 - C. caught and arrested
5. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
6. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
7. She appealed the **deportation**.
 - A. large fine
 - B. order to leave
 - C. unfavorable decision
8. She launched into a lecture on **deportment** and dress at school.
 - A. behavior
 - B. making amends for a wrong
 - C. study habits
9. Which word choice would help to establish a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
10. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
 - A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending
11. The boat ramp has a steep **incline**.
 - A. slope
 - B. price
 - C. danger

12. They have **interposed** themselves on the side of our enemy.
- A. been seen
 - B. hidden
 - C. inserted
13. The lawyers will **remonstrate** that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
- A. promise
 - B. protest
 - C. explain
14. I received an invoice for \$100 for services **rendered**.
- A. to be performed
 - B. described in writing
 - C. provided or supplied
15. The disorder will eventually **render** her paralyzed.
- A. make
 - B. unmake
 - C. compare
16. Don't waste my time with **trifling** matters.
- A. other's
 - B. future
 - C. unimportant
17. The European Parliament refuses to be **trifled** with.
- A. treated without respect
 - B. argued with
 - C. negotiated with
18. After losing everything, he lived as a **vagabond** for nearly five years.
- A. wealthy landowner
 - B. wandering drifter
 - C. settled farmer
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 *arranged in exact **accordance** with the wishes of your guardian*
 - A. the quality of being continuous
 - B. agreement with
 - C. doubt (that something is true)
- 2 *The lady said, of her **own accord** and not of his seeking, that her name was an assumed one.*
 - A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
 - B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
 - C. own mind (voluntarily without anyone asking)
- 3 *A screen was **interposed** between them and it, and they were leaning on the screen, talking.*
 - A. (verb) drew pictures to accompany OR (adjective) accompanied by pictures
 - B. not justified or explained as an understandable reaction to another action
 - C. to insert between other elements; or to interrupt or stop action by others
- 4 *The weather is so very bad down in Lincolnshire that the liveliest imagination can scarcely **apprehend** its ever being fine again.*
 - A. understand
 - B. interact
 - C. get along with
- 5 *"The party to be **apprehended** is now in this house," proceeds Mr. Bucket, putting up his watch with a steady hand and with rising spirits, "and I'm about to take her into custody in your presence."*
 - A. wrongly understood
 - B. worked or operated
 - C. arrested
- 6 *And that was another most consummate **vagabond**!*
 - A. feel angry or unhappy about having to accept something not liked
 - B. a person who wanders from town to town with no fixed home or job
 - C. accept something undesired as unavoidable or the lesser of evils
- 7 *Whether his whole soul is devoted to the great or whether he **yields** them nothing beyond the services he sells is his personal secret.*
 - A. gives or produces
 - B. complains or verbally attacks in a loud, excited way
 - C. formally gives up power, as of monarchs and emperors
- 8 *It greatly affected me to see him so, but I hoped he might become more **yielding**, and I remained silent.*
 - 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
- 9 *I'd **deport** him!*
 - A. spend time with; or someone with whom a person spends a lot of time
 - B. force (him) to leave the country
 - C. an overwhelming amount; or to overwhelm -- especially said of water
- 10 ***deporting** himself so beautifully*
 - A. behaving (in a manner)
 - B. stopping a battle or fight
 - C. changing through evolution
- 11 *And when it came to creditors making rows at the office and to people that the office dealt with making complaints about dirty **trifles** of borrowed money, why there was an end of that connexion.*
 - A. struggles or disagreements
 - B. is attractive or desirable
 - C. things of small importance

- 12 My Lady **trifles** with the screen and makes them glitter more, again with that expression which in other times might have been so dangerous to the young man of the name of Guppy.
- A. treats thoughtlessly or without respect
 - B. injured muscles or tendons of the ankle
 - C. a nonliteral expression used for effect
- 13 Mr. William Guppy, however, having got the advantage, cannot quite release it without a little more injured **remonstrance**.
- A. someone who expresses disapproval
 - B. argument in protest or opposition
 - C. the act of recognizing difference
- 14 If you get into debt, you must pay your debts or take the **consequences**.
- A. results
 - B. battles
 - C. desires
- 15 It is not an illness of any serious **consequence**, Sir Leicester.
- A. translates
 - B. importance
 - C. sticks out
- 16 I was **rendered** motionless.
- A. made (caused to become)
 - B. mirrored back (an image)
 - C. quoted (to make a point)
- 17 ...and no human creature could **render** her any aid.
- A. less important
 - B. one who lives
 - C. give
- 18 We found our old lodging vacant, and in half an hour were quietly **established** there, as if we had never gone away.
- A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - B. settled
 - C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 19 ...**inclined** his head as if he did not wholly dispute even that.
- A. bent
 - B. told (a story)
 - C. lied or misled
- 20 As I approached the house, I was strongly **inclined** to turn back,
- A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
 - C. in the mood (had a desire to)

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 52 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
2	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
3	C	interpose	Used 19 times in this book.
4	A	apprehend (<i>as in: apprehend the situation</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
5	C	apprehend (<i>as in: apprehend the criminal</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
6	B	vagabond	Used 15 times in this book.
7	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	deport (<i>as in: deport from the U.S.</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	A	deport (<i>as in: deport herself with dignity</i>)	Used 42 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	trifle (<i>as in: a trifling matter</i>)	Used 10 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	A	trifle with (<i>as in: trifle with her affections</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
13	B	remonstrate	Used 21 times in this book.
14	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	render (<i>as in: rendered her unconscious</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
17	C	render (<i>as in: rendered service or a verdict</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
18	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	incline (<i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.