

Candide

by Voltaire

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: abominable, accord (2), cultivate, despair (2), detestable, dispute (2), genealogy, hinder, inquisition, interpret, perish, profound (2), prudent, resolve, scruples, sonnet



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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. That was before she was trained, when her work was **abominable**.
 - A. showing early promise
 - B. incomplete
 - C. exceptionally bad
2. She dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
 - A. opposition
 - B. keeping
 - C. ignorance
3. His lawyers demand he be **accorded** the status of a captured soldier rather than a spy.
 - A. given
 - B. denied
 - C. told about
4. Creativity can be **cultivated**.
 - A. useful
 - B. developed or grown
 - C. risky or dangerous
5. She rescued me from **despair**.
 - A. fear
 - B. poverty
 - C. hopelessness
6. Don't **despair**--help is on the way!
 - A. lose hope
 - B. be impatient
 - C. cry
7. Jefferson described the legislation as **detestable**.
 - A. outstanding
 - B. terrible
 - C. important
8. We have a procedure for handling these kinds of **disputes**.
 - A. surprises
 - B. disagreements
 - C. opportunities
9. She **disputes** his claim.
 - A. supports
 - B. accepts
 - C. challenges
10. The researcher is utilizing a database that combines **genealogy** records with vital statistics including cause-of-death.
 - A. medical information
 - B. blood test
 - C. family history
11. The brace I have to wear is **hindering** my movements
 - A. helping or assisting
 - B. drawing attention to
 - C. making difficult

12. The reporter's questions felt more like an inquisition than an interview.
- A. friendly chat
 - B. formal apology
 - C. harsh questioning
13. She will stand to his left and interpret his speech into sign language.
- A. refute (prove false)
 - B. elaborate upon
 - C. translate
14. We can work together or perish separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
15. She is a profound thinker.
- A. shallow
 - B. deep
 - C. quick
16. It was a profound spiritual experience that changed her life.
- A. intense
 - B. common
 - C. traditional
17. Courage is dangerous without prudence.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
18. I resolved to never drink again.
- A. was forced
 - B. was encouraged
 - C. firmly decided
19. Her scruples were not so strong as to withstand her friend's arguments.
- A. principles that discourage certain kinds of action
 - B. known facts
 - C. firmness of purpose
20. *Romeo and Juliet* opens with a sonnet.
- A. poem of a particular form
 - B. narrator introduction
 - C. moralizing song

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 ...he **accorded** him his pardon with a clemency which...
 - A. gave (as a special privilege)
 - B. found, sought, or researched
 - C. not judged in a negative way
- 2 But **according** to these principles the Grey Friar ought to have left us enough to carry us through our journey.
 - A. idiom meaning "won the day"
 - B. as stated by; or in agreement with
 - C. U.S. history: pre-Civil War period
- 3 How could this beautiful cause produce in you an effect so **abominable**?
 - A. poor ability to make a decision
 - B. non-traditional or non-standard
 - C. exceptionally bad or detestable
- 4 After the earthquake had destroyed three-fourths of Lisbon, the sages of that country could think of no means more effectual to prevent utter ruin than to give the people a beautiful auto-da-fe[6]; for it had been decided by the University of Coimbra, that the burning of a few people alive by a slow fire, and with great ceremony, is an infallible secret to **hinder** the earth from quaking.
 - A. make different; or show difference
 - B. to cause something to move forward
 - C. slowed down or caused problems for
- 5 ...he would give us good counsel in this emergency, for he was a **profound** philosopher.
 - A. foolish or showing ignorance of important circumstances
 - B. deep or far-reaching in insight
 - C. quick or efficient
- 6 ...presented it to her with a **profound** reverence.
 - A. greatest intensity of
 - B. without a tendency to be full of thought
 - C. lacking a tendency to be full of thought
- 7 I fell, oppressed with fright, fatigue, horror, **despair**, and hunger.
 - A. adjusts a lens to make an image clear
 - B. not creating disagreement or struggle
 - C. hopelessness
- 8 I should have been burnt, but you may remember it rained exceedingly hard when they were going to roast me; the storm was so violent that they **despaired** of lighting the fire, so I was hanged because they could do no better.
 - A. lost hope
 - B. disagreed
 - C. stuck out
- 9 I did not die, however, but my eunuch, and the Dey, and almost the whole seraglio of Algiers **perished**.
 - A. examined in detail to better understand
 - B. died, was destroyed, or ceased to exist
 - C. moved into position to work; or started
- 10 And at the end of a few days they **resolved** also to devour the women.
 - A. changed
 - B. adapted
 - C. definitely decided
- 11 I own, that if I were in your place, I should have no **scruple** in marrying the Governor and in making the fortune of Captain Candide.
 - A. an ethical or moral principle that discourages certain kinds of action
 - B. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
 - C. speak in a manner that does not clearly express an opinion or decision

- 12 The **prudent** old woman saw at once what was to be done.
- A. sensible and careful
 - B. not demonstrative of
 - C. sincerity (realness)
- 13 The country was **cultivated** as much for pleasure as for necessity.
- A. a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
 - B. developed, grown, or prepared for growing crops
 - C. not found guilty or forced into a bad situation
- 14 "I will be your **interpreter** here," said he to Candide; "let us go in, it is a public-house."
- A. people who criticize or condemn
 - B. someone who extensively damages
 - C. someone who translates language
- 15 What! have you no monks who teach, who **dispute**, who govern, who cabal, and who burn people that are not of their opinion?
- A. a basic building block for proteins
 - B. argue or debate
 - C. someone who believe in a single God
- 16 "Let us work," said Martin, "without **disputing**; it is the only way to render life tolerable."
- A. emphasizing (drawing attention to something)
 - B. a non-doctor assisting a women in childbirth
 - C. arguing
- 17 I am not a **genealogist**, but if these preachers tell truth, we are all second cousins.
- A. thing that affects a result or outcome
 - B. job, reservation, booking, or activity
 - C. a person who studies family ancestries
- 18 "Yes," said the Abbe, "but it means nothing, for they complain of everything with great fits of laughter; they even do the most **detestable** things while laughing."
- A. able to be disagreed with
 - B. deserving intense dislike
 - C. not able to be translated
- 19 I make them lie with me sometimes, for I am very tired of the ladies of the town, of their coqueties, of their jealousies, of their quarrels, of their humours, of their pettinesses, of their prides, of their follies, and of the **sonnets** which one must make, or have made, for them.
- A. a poem consisting of 14 lines with a fixed rhyme scheme
 - B. members of Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - C. extremely dense collapsed stars made mostly of neutrons
- 20 The executioner of the Holy **Inquisition** was a sub-deacon, and knew how to burn people marvellously well, but he was not accustomed to hanging.
- A. military court in a country ruled by the military
 - B. secret political organization of spies and soldiers
 - C. former heresy-seeking tribunal of the Roman Catholic Church

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	accord (<i>as in: accord her the respect deserved</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
2	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 7 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	C	abominable	Used 6 times in this book.
4	C	hinder (<i>as in: hindered by</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
5	B	profound (<i>as in: profound idea</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	A	profound (<i>as in: profound sadness</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	despair (<i>as in: she felt despair</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	despair (<i>as in: do not despair</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
10	C	resolve (<i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
11	A	scruples	Used 2 times in this book.
12	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
13	B	cultivate	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
14	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
15	B	dispute (<i>as in: their border dispute</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	C	dispute (<i>as in: She disputes his claim.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	genealogy	Used 3 times in this book.
18	B	detestable	Used 4 times in this book.
19	A	sonnet	Used 2 times in this book.
20	C	inquisition	Used 4 times in this book.