The Divine Comedy - Volume 3 (Paradise)

by Dante Alighieri

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: ardent, avarice, conform, correspond, discern, diverse, doctrine, ecclesiastical, endure (2), foreshadow, interpose, manifest, pious, purgatory, resplendent, scintillating, semblance, signify, vanquish

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#	KEY
1	B
2	B
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6	A
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8	C
9	B
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12	C
13	B
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15	C
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She is an **ardent** defender of free speech.
   A. standing above others in attainment or reputation
   B. enthusiastic (feeling intense emotion)
   C. existing as an inseparable part or characteristic

2. She was doomed to an empty life motivated by **avarice**.
   A. selfishness
   B. greed
   C. laziness

3. The Asche experiment showed the influence of the desire to **conform**.
   A. fit in
   B. have independence
   C. be honorable

4. The bones in a bat's wing exactly **correspond** to those in a human forearm.
   A. are equivalent
   B. are opposite
   C. are unrelated

5. In the novel, she sees through his friendly facade and **discerns** his evil intent.
   A. understands
   B. overcomes
   C. avoids

6. She is a person of **diverse** talents.
   A. varied (different)
   B. deeply specialized
   C. amazing

7. She challenges accepted **doctrine**.
   A. champions
   B. authority
   C. beliefs

8. **Ecclesiastical** law governs many church traditions.
   A. sports-related
   B. kitchen-related
   C. church-related

9. As a soldier, she was prepared to **endure** hardship and even to sacrifice her life for others.
   A. risk
   B. suffer through
   C. cause

10. Over the years, the stories my grandmother told me have **endured** as a source of wisdom in my life.
    A. stopped acting
    B. brought suffering
    C. continued to exist

11. Coaches worry that his behavior problems in college may **foreshadow** trouble in the NFL.
    A. create a shadow
    B. be minor compared to
    C. be a sign of

12. They have **interposed** themselves on the side of our enemy.
    A. been seen
    B. hidden
    C. inserted

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13. Her program has been a **manifest** failure. Everyone is trying to blame someone else for it.
    A. sudden
    B. obvious
    C. surprising

14. Benjamin Franklin's parents were **pious** Puritans.
    A. non-traditional
    B. traditional
    C. highly religious

15. After hours of sitting in the airport with no updates, the stranded travelers described the experience as pure **purgatory**.
    A. a state of excitement
    B. a state of ignorance
    C. a state of suffering

16. The bird is called a **Resplendent** Quetzal because of its beautiful, shimmering colors.
    A. colorful
    B. magnificent
    C. shimmering

17. She has a **scintillating** personality.
    A. alternating
    B. dull
    C. stimulating

18. After the power outage, the principal restored a **semblance** of order.
    A. appearance or impression
    B. sudden interruption
    C. careful record

19. Her silence seemed to **signify** that she disagreed.
    A. indicate
    B. delay
    C. repeat

20. You need to **vanquish** those negative thoughts and think about good things.
    A. completely defeat
    B. gently ease
    C. gently persuade

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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 *Denunciation of the* avarice *of the Popes.*

A. arousing or inspiring again
B. excessive desire for wealth
C. pessimism or unpleasantness

2 *because of the most* ardent *desire of every part of the latter to be conjoined with every part of that most divine quiet heaven.*

A. aka analytic -- relating to a theory of psychiatry
B. feeling intense emotion (often enthusiasm or love)
C. the trait of being difficult to meet and talk with

3 *From this,[7] comes whatso seems different between light and light, not from dense and rare; this is the formal principle which produces,* conformed *unto its goodness, the dark and the bright.*

A. complied, fit in, or was similar to what is normal
B. prepared food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
C. supported by providing money or other economic aid

4 *[2] The sister of Corso Donati and of Forese: see* Purgatory, *Canto XXIII*

A. treatment with extra kindness or tolerance OR (more rarely) a special pleasure (typically something done in excess of what is thought good -- such as eating too much cake, or being too lazy)
B. a person with or something related to an eating disorder in which overeating is followed by guilt and unhealthy attempts at correction -- especially self-induced vomiting
C. a place or state of temporary suffering while waiting

or in Roman Catholic theology: the place where those who have died in a state of grace undergo limited suffering to pay for their sins

5 *Thou reasonest, 'If the good will* endure, *by what reckoning doth the violence of others lessen for me the measure of desert?'*

A. differ; or change
B. influence opinion
C. continued to exist

6 *the death that He* endured *that I may live*

A. stuck out, attracted more attention than desired, or imposed on others
B. suffered through
C. not persuaded to want something (often sex or love) through temptation

7 *If I flame upon thee in the heat of love, beyond the fashion that on earth is seen, go that I* vanquish *the valor of thine eyes, marvel not, for it proceeds from perfect vision,[1] which according as it apprehends, so moves its feet to the apprehended good.*

A. completely defeat
B. differ; or change
C. influence opinion

8 Diverse *voices make sweet notes; thus in our life diverse benches[2] render sweet harmony among these wheels.*

A. varied or (having differences amongst things of the same kind) -- especially with regard to ideas or members of a population group
B. submissiveness -- often behavior of someone who is so submissive or eager to serve and please that they seem to lack self-respect
C. related to a mental illness most commonly associated with undeveloped social abilities, language, and other communication skills

9 *But I will quickly loose thy mind: and do thou listen, for my words will make thee a present of a great* doctrine.

A. a substance that stimulates the production of antibodies to protect against a disease
B. an economic system where most decisions are made through voluntary buying and selling
C. a belief (or system of beliefs or principles) accepted as authoritative by some group

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10 *[2] Substance, as a scholastic term,* signifies *a being subsisting by itself with a quality of its own*
A. to indicate (to show or to mean)
B. lacking things most people enjoy
C. of the Netherlands or its people

11 *Of this* resplendent *and dear jewel of our kingdom,[6] who is nearest to me, great fame has remained, and ere it die away this hundredth year shall yet come round five times.*
A. exactness or accuracy
B. beautiful or splendid
C. able to be translated

12 *[13] Here she was silent, and had to me the* semblance *of being turned elsewhither by the wheel in which she set herself as she was before*
A. the outward appearance of something -- especially when the reality is different or incomplete
B. of the philosophical & religious system based on the teachings of Laozi (also spelled Taoist)
C. a response to an offer that proposes a different agreement while rejecting the previous offer

13 *[3] The books of the* Ecclesiastical *Law*
A. the state of being awake
B. able to take on or adopt
C. associated with a church

14 *From horn to horn[1] and between the top and the base lights were moving, brightly* scintillating *as they met together and in their passing by.*
A. making different; or showing difference
B. interacting, interesting, or attracting
C. brilliantly lively, clever, or exciting

15 *Through being just and* pious *am I here exalted to that glory which lets not itself be conquered by desire;*
A. not able to be translated
B. able to be disagreed with
C. highly religious and moral

16 *Now he knows much of what the world cannot see of the divine grace, although his sight cannot* discern *its depth.*
A. see
B. made by taking on as one's own
C. a sensible view of a situation

17 *[4] Were God now to interpose to correct the evils of the Church, the marvel would be less than that of the miracles of old, and therefore his* interposition *may be hoped for*
A. the act of again being in a working position; or the act of starting again
B. someone involved in challenging, arguing about, or fighting over something
C. to insert between other elements; or to interrupt or stop action by others

18 *...makes* manifest *to us this revelation.*
A. excessively examine in an attempt to better understand
B. obvious
C. to understand or explain something in a particular way

19 *Hence this one,[7] which sweeps along with itself all the rest of the universe,* corresponds *to the circle[8] which loves most, and knows most.*
A. connects or fits together by being equivalent, proportionate, or matched
B. (noun) text that is marked as important OR (verb) marks important text
C. causes of problems or illnesses; or processes to identify such problems

20 *[1] The stream, the sparks, the flowers are not such in reality as they seem to be; they are but images* foreshadowing *the truth*
A. making possible
B. making stronger
C. being a sign of

ANSWER KEY

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1	B	avarice	Used 5 times in this book.
2	B	ardent	Used 8 times in this book.
3	A	conform	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
4	C	purgatory	Used 11 times in this book.
5	C	endure *(as in: endure through the ages)*	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
6	B	endure *(as in: endured the pain)*	Used 19 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	vanquish	Used 16 times in this book.
8	A	diverse	High-utility academic word; used 14 times in this book.
9	C	doctrine	Used 7 times in this book.
10	A	signify	Used 7 times in this book.
11	B	resplendent	Used 8 times in this book.
12	A	semblance	Used 12 times in this book.
13	C	ecclesiastical	Used 3 times in this book.
14	C	scintillating	Used 3 times in this book.
15	C	pious *(as in: a good, pious woman)*	Used 8 times in this book.
16	A	discern	Used 9 times in this book.
17	C	interpose	Used 4 times in this book.
18	B	manifest *(as in: manifest destiny)*	Used 16 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	correspond *(as in: corresponding time period)*	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
20	C	foreshadow	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.

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