

# The Divine Comedy – Volume 2 (Purgatory)

by Dante Alighieri

## 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:** adorn, avarice, derive, discern, doctrine, forbearance, heed, lament, penitent, precede, prophecy, purgatory, purge, repent, reprove, salutation, scorn, vengeance, wrath, zeal



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	B
3	B
4	A
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8	C
9	C
10	C
11	B
12	C
13	A
14	B
15	A
16	A
17	A
18	C
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. Flowers **adorned** all the tables.
  - A. decorated
  - B. obscured (hid)
  - C. grew under
2. She was doomed to an empty life motivated by **avarice**.
  - A. selfishness
  - B. greed
  - C. laziness
3. I **derive** pleasure from my work.
  - A. refuse
  - B. obtain
  - C. ignore
4. In the novel, she sees through his friendly facade and **discerns** his evil intent.
  - A. understands
  - B. overcomes
  - C. avoids
5. She challenges accepted **doctrine**.
  - A. champions
  - B. authority
  - C. beliefs
6. I appreciate your **forbearance**.
  - A. patience or tolerance
  - B. financial loan
  - C. family concerns
7. 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
8. We **lamented** our sad circumstances.
  - A. made worse
  - B. improved
  - C. expressed grief about
9. After breaking the window, the **penitent** boy apologized to his neighbor.
  - A. proud of one's actions
  - B. confused about the rules
  - C. feeling regret for wrongdoing
10. In English, most adjectives **precede** the noun they modify.
  - A. follow
  - B. describe
  - C. go before
11. It was a self-fulfilling **prophecy**.
  - A. profitable enterprise
  - B. prediction
  - C. explanation

12. 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
13. Sometimes people **purge** old belongings to start their lives fresh.
- A. get rid of
  - B. hold on to
  - C. show off
14. She said the U.S. should **repent** for the sins of fossil fuels.
- A. reimburse
  - B. apologize
  - C. suffer
15. I don't want to spoil her, but I don't have the heart to **reprove** her.
- A. criticize
  - B. compliment
  - C. instruct
16. Her warm smile and friendly **salutation** set the tone for the entire meeting.
- A. greeting
  - B. introduction
  - C. smile
17. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
  - B. encourages
  - C. trains
18. Her evolutionary benefit theory of **vengeance** is supported by studies showing that a person's desire for revenge increases when others see their mistreatment.
- A. fairness
  - B. status
  - C. revenge
19. She fears the **wrath** of God.
- A. angry punishment
  - B. power
  - C. unpredictable moods
20. We need someone with both **zeal** and ability.
- A. enthusiasm
  - B. patience
  - C. honesty

# Vocabulary in Context

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ / 20

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

- The Divine Comedy, Volume 2, Purgatory [Purgatorio] by Dante Alighieri Translated by Charles Eliot Norton PURGATORY CONTENTS CANTO I. Invocation to the Muses.*
  - 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)
  - 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
  - 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
- The negligent, who postponed repentance to the last hour—Belacqua.*
  - opinion of what is good and bad about something
  - to feel or express regret for having done wrong
  - the majority denomination of Islam (almost 90%)
- Ascent to the Third Ledge: the Wrathful.*
  - full of extreme anger
  - not easily identified
  - able to be translated
- Examples of Forbearance seen in Vision.*
  - refraining (holding back) from acting OR patience, tolerance, or self-control
  - a right that is naturally due because of human nature and the natural condition
  - something suggested indirectly; or something that can be concluded; or a result
- Fifth Ledge: the Avaricious.*
  - the characteristic of demonstrating something
  - having or showing excessive desire for wealth
  - the quality of not being sensible and careful
- Prophecy of Bonagiunta concerning Gentucca, and of Forese concerning Corso de' Donati.*
  - social event or ceremony
  - prediction of the future
  - a positively charged ion
- Reproof of Dante by Beatrice.*
  - criticism
  - main road
  - hard work
- The rays of the four holy stars so adorned his face with light, that I saw him, as if the sun had been in front.*
  - decorated
  - disagreed
  - postponed
- I have shown to him all the guilty people; and now I intend to show him those spirits that purge themselves under thy ward.*
  - get rid of
  - connection
  - throw away
- The dawn was vanquishing the matin hour which fled before it, so that from afar I discerned the trembling of the sea.*
  - noticed something that is not obvious
  - not creating disagreement or struggle
  - adjusts a lens to make an image clear

- 11 [7] *This seems to be a **doctrine** peculiar to Dante*
- a substance that stimulates the production of antibodies to protect against a disease
  - an economic system where most decisions are made through voluntary buying and selling
  - a belief (or system of beliefs or principles) accepted as authoritative by some group
- 12 *Then that one turned to us and gave **heed**, moving his look only up along his thigh, and said, "Now go up thou, for thou art valiant."*
- a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
  - adjusted excessively or made up for excessively
  - pay close attention to; or do what is suggested
- 13 *O Lombard soul, how lofty and **scornful** wast thou; and in the movement of thine eyes grave and slow!*
- full of strong disrespect or rejection
  - able to accept as true (without proof)
  - able to be protected or kept unchanged
- 14 *After the becoming and glad **salutations** had been repeated three and four times, Sordello drew back and said, "Ye, who are ye?"*
- a greeting -- such as "Hi", "Dear John:", or "Ladies and Gentlemen"
- or:
- the act of greeting
- subatomic particles with negative charge that are found in all atoms and that act as the primary carrier of electricity
  - people who suffer from psychosis (any severe mental disorder in which contact with reality is lost or highly distorted)
- 15 [2] *The neglect of Italy by the Emperor Rudolph (see the **preceding** Canto) was not to be repaired by the vain efforts of Henry VII*
- beginning to fight again
  - influencing or effecting
  - prior (in time or space)
- 16 *Thus he said, marked in his aspect with the stamp of that upright **zeal** which in due measure glows in the heart.*
- active interest and enthusiasm
  - made by taking on as one's own
  - relating to the chest (thorax)
- 17 [2] *Three times, in **penitence** for sins in thought, in word, and in deed*
- a psychologist concerned with the treatment of abnormal thinking and behavior
  - a government, country, or ruling family of a country ruled by a king or queen
  - feeling or expressing sorrow for having done wrong; or a person who does such
- 18 *The wretched woman among all these seemed to be saying, "Lord, do **vengeance** for me for my son who is slain, whereat I am broken-hearted."*
- something that stands out
  - something made from parts
  - the act of taking revenge
- 19 [6] *This **triform** love is **lamented** down below*
- was abundant or plentiful
  - thought -- possibly aloud
  - expressed grief or regret
- 20 *This one who guides my eyes on high is that Virgil from whom thou didst **derive** the strength to sing of men and of the gods.*
- pay
  - get
  - cut

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	purgatory	Used 49 times in this book.
2	B	repent	Used 22 times in this book.
3	A	wrath	Used 8 times in this book.
4	A	forbearance	Used 3 times in this book.
5	B	avarice	Used 18 times in this book.
6	B	prophecy	Used 7 times in this book.
7	A	reprove	Used 4 times in this book.
8	A	adorn	Used 9 times in this book.
9	A	purge	Used 11 times in this book.
10	A	discern	Used 11 times in this book.
11	C	doctrine	Used 10 times in this book.
12	C	heed	Used 7 times in this book.
13	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
14	A	salutation	Used 4 times in this book.
15	C	precede	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
16	A	zeal	Used 6 times in this book.
17	C	penitent	Used 3 times in this book.
18	C	vengeance ( <i>as in: vengeance is mine</i> )	Used 8 times in this book.
19	C	lament	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
20	B	derive	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.