

David Copperfield

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), allude, apprehend (2), approach (2), constraint, cordial, endeavor, entreat, interpose, recollect, remonstrate, reproach, trifle, trifle with, utmost, 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. She didn't mention any names, but everyone knew she was **alluding** to the President.
 - A. being discouraging
 - B. indirectly referring
 - C. not talking
4. 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
5. I hope it is better than we **apprehend**.
 - A. have seen
 - B. fear
 - C. can capture
6. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
7. I **approached** three bankers about a loan.
 - A. avoided
 - B. complained to
 - C. asked
8. We want **constraints** on her power to spend taxpayer funds.
 - A. flexibility
 - B. limitations
 - C. increases
9. The professor greeted each student **cordially** as they entered.
 - A. in a hurried manner
 - B. in a friendly manner
 - C. in a clumsy manner
10. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
 - A. not be able
 - B. promise
 - C. try
11. The students **entreated** the Chinese troops not to use force against peaceful demonstrations.
 - A. bribed (with gifts)
 - B. asked earnestly
 - C. threatened

12. They have **interposed** themselves on the side of our enemy.
- A. been seen
 - B. hidden
 - C. inserted
13. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember
14. The lawyers will **remonstrate** that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
- A. promise
 - B. protest
 - C. explain
15. Don't **reproach** yourself for things beyond your control.
- A. congratulate
 - B. criticize
 - C. accept honor for
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. She handled the fragile artifact with the **utmost** care.
- A. least
 - B. usual
 - C. greatest
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 *There must be no **trifling with** HER affections, poor dear.*
 - A. treating thoughtlessly or without respect
 - B. stop interacting; or stop having interest
 - C. to spoil something so it is not desirable
- 2 *It was so precious to me that I look back on these **trifles**, now, with an aching heart.*
 - A. struggles or disagreements
 - B. is attractive or desirable
 - C. things of small importance
- 3 *'I **apprehend**, if you come to that,' said Mr. Creakle, with his veins swelling again bigger than ever, 'that you've been in a wrong position altogether, and mistook this for a charity school.'*
 - A. understand
 - B. interact
 - C. get along with
- 4 *Steerforth not yet appearing, which induced me to **apprehend** that he must be ill, I left the Commons early on the third day, and walked out to Highgate.*
 - A. recommend or require what should be done OR (of a medical doctor) give medical instructions -- such as writing that a patient should take antibiotics
 - B. fear
 - C. to expression feelings or thoughts enthusiastically OR to squirt or give off (typically under pressure such as blood or leaking gas)
- 5 *by which he meant snail, and this was in **allusion** to his being slow to go,*
 - A. a nerve or brain cell
 - B. an indirect reference
 - C. long eventful journey
- 6 *The **constraint** that had been put upon me, was quite abandoned.*
 - A. lacking experience or sophistication
 - B. something that limits something else
 - C. a Muslim religious teacher or leader
- 7 *It made me very miserable to hear it, and I looked at Mrs. Micawber's red eyes with the **utmost** sympathy.*
 - A. not real
 - B. allowing
 - C. greatest
- 8 *I imagined it would be a kind of company to have the boys, and the bedroom where I used to tell the stories, so near me: although the boys would know nothing of my being there, and the bedroom would **yield** me no shelter.*
 - A. give
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 9 *I didn't have it in my mind a minute ago, to say a word about myself; but it come up so nat'ral, that I **yielded** to it afore I was aweer.'*
 - A. with rises and falls in pitch
 - B. gave in, gave way, or gave up
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 10 *Mr. Murdstone seemed afraid of a renewal of hostilities, and **interposing** began: 'Miss Trotwood!'*
 - A. (verb) creating, starting, or setting in a place OR (adjective) existing
 - B. to gradually take something like control, property, or rights from another
 - C. to insert between other elements; or to interrupt or stop action by others

- 11 He greeted me **cordially**; and told me I should certainly be happy under Doctor Strong, who was one of the gentlest of men.
- A. in a pleasing way
 - B. in a friendly way
 - C. in a skillful way
- 12 But for the reluctance I had to betray the confidence of Agnes, but for my uncertainty how to **approach** the subject with no risk of doing so, it would have reached them before he said, 'God bless you, Daisy, and good night!'
- A. did not find a condition or substance to be present
 - B. to support by providing money or other economic aid
 - C. speak with someone about
- 13 Even when he kissed her — and I never saw him **approach** her, but I felt that nature had given him the soul of a gentleman — she seemed to cling closer to her uncle, even to the avoidance of her chosen husband.
- A. get near
 - B. create dramatic change
 - C. mirror back (an image)
- 14 I was charmed by her presently asking me, of her own accord, to give her that cookery-book I had once spoken of,
- A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
 - B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
 - C. own mind (without prompting or anyone telling her to)
- 15 I readily pledged myself to accompany him in **accordance** with his wish.
- A. the quality of being continuous
 - B. keeping (or agreement)
 - C. doubt (that something is true)
- 16 Without such assurance I should certainly have left it alone, and bestowed my energy on some other endeavour.
- A. a slight amount; or to contain a slight amount
 - B. to write or exchange written letters or emails
 - C. project (attempting to do something else)
- 17 'My dearest,' I **remonstrated**, 'don't talk preposterous nonsense!'
- A. selected (on a computer screen)
 - B. protested
 - C. took up or received into heaven
- 18 I **entreat** Mr. Traddles to bear with me in entering into these details.
- A. stop fighting
 - B. ask
 - C. make possible
- 19 There was no higher praise for her; no higher **reproach** for me.
- A. move into position to work; or start
 - B. criticism
 - C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 20 How well I **recollect** the wintry ride!
- A. disagree
 - B. subtract
 - C. remember

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	trifle with (<i>as in: trifle with her affections</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
2	C	trifle (<i>as in: a trifling matter</i>)	Used 18 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	apprehend (<i>as in: apprehend the situation</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
4	B	apprehend (<i>as in: apprehend misfortune</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
5	B	allude	High-utility academic word; used 40 times in this book.
6	B	constraint	Used 15 times in this book.
7	C	utmost	Used 35 times in this book.
8	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	interpose	Used 32 times in this book.
11	B	cordial (<i>as in: a cordial reception</i>)	Used 24 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	approach (<i>as in: approached her with the proposal</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
13	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 41 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
14	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
15	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 41 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
16	C	endeavor	Used 50 times in this book.
17	B	remonstrate	Used 18 times in this book.
18	B	entreat	Used 37 times in this book.
19	B	reproach	Used 33 times in this book.
20	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 101 times in this book.