

Don Quixote

by Miguel de Cervantes

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: bestow, chivalry, countenance, discord (2), droll, ecclesiastical, entreat, establish (2), forthwith, however, impel, moreover, perceive (2), vagabond, vanquish, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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19	A
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. Our organization **bestows** honors, awards, and sometimes cash prizes to promising writers.
 - A. shows
 - B. recommends
 - C. gives
2. Don Quixote wanted to preserve **chivalry**.
 - A. the medieval principles governing knighthood and knightly conduct such as honor, kindness, bravery, and protection of the weak
 - B. the medieval principles governing kingdoms and the conduct of subjects such as obedience to the king, bravery, hard work, and payment of taxes
 - C. the medieval principles governing the Catholic Church and Christian conduct such as worship, charity, and protection of the weak
3. Her **countenance** grew stern.
 - A. facial expression
 - B. a method of counting
 - C. voice
4. There is too much **discord** in their home.
 - A. conflict
 - B. loud noise
 - C. uncritical agreement
5. She heard the **discordant** clanging of pots in the kitchen.
 - A. unpleasant sound
 - B. attractive sound
 - C. loud sound
6. The comedian had a **droll** way of describing everyday life.
 - A. harsh and bitter
 - B. dull and serious
 - C. quirky and funny
7. **Ecclesiastical** law governs many church traditions.
 - A. sports-related
 - B. kitchen-related
 - C. church-related
8. The students **entreated** the Chinese troops not to use force against peaceful demonstrations.
 - A. bribed (with gifts)
 - B. asked earnestly
 - C. threatened
9. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
10. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
 - A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
11. The resolution calls upon the country to "cease hostilities **forthwith**."
 - A. immediately
 - B. carefully
 - C. publicly

12. I hope to take the ACT just once. However, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
- A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and
13. Concern for her children's safety impelled her to take action and confront the intruder.
- A. prevented
 - B. slowed
 - C. drove
14. Many graduates have high college debt. Moreover, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
- A. in contrast to that
 - B. in addition to that
 - C. as a result of that
15. Researchers perceive a clear pattern in how the disease spreads through families.
- A. carefully measure
 - B. view or understand
 - C. actively prevent
16. It's one thing to perceive something with the senses and another to understand its importance.
- A. become aware of
 - B. physically touch
 - C. clearly see
17. After losing everything, he lived as a vagabond for nearly five years.
- A. wealthy landowner
 - B. wandering drifter
 - C. settled farmer
18. You need to vanquish those negative thoughts and think about good things.
- A. completely defeat
 - B. gently ease
 - C. gently persuade
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 "That matters little," replied Don Quixote; "there may be Haldudos knights; **moreover**, everyone is the son of his works."
A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
B. in addition to what has just been said
C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 2 The clear streams and running brooks **yielded** their savoury limpid waters in noble abundance.
A. produced
B. was attractive or desirable
C. not wanting to do something
- 3 and that she alone is strong who does not **yield** to the promises, gifts, tears, and importunities of earnest lovers;
A. select (on a computer screen)
B. give in, give way, or give up
C. an involuntary vomiting spasm
- 4 Arbitrary law had not yet **established** itself in the mind of the judge, for then there was no cause to judge and no one to be judged.
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
- 5 He longed for night and an opportunity of escaping from the house to go and see his good friend Lothario, and with him give vent to his joy over the precious pearl he had gained in having **established** his wife's purity.
A. accepted someone's membership though a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
B. examined an issue, got opinions by asking specific questions; and/or asked people for political support individually
C. proven or demonstrated
- 6 Don Quixote, who desired nothing better, rose and ordered Sancho to saddle and pannel at once, which he did with all despatch, and with the same they all set out **forthwith**.
A. immediately
B. a last name
C. well suited
- 7 Then listen, not to dulcet harmony,
But to a **discord** wrung by mad despair
A. unpleasant sound -- especially a combination of sounds that sound wrong together
B. take on or adopt
C. make more varied
- 8 his love for sowing dissensions and scattering **discord** everywhere
A. conflict and disagreement
B. characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open
C. design based on alphabetic letters; or adding such a design to something
- 9 He then, finding himself so handled, by whom he knew not, raising himself up as well as he could, grappled with Maritornes, and he and she between them began the bitterest and **drollest** scrimmage in the world.
A. feel or expresses regret for having done something wrong
B. lie in such a way as to damage the reputation of another
C. comical in an unusual way -- often clever and understated
- 10 a very forbidding **countenance**
A. facial expression
B. the best or most important
C. a secret agreement or plot

- 11 *And here comes in at once the **bestowal** of rewards upon his squire and all who have aided him in rising to so exalted a rank.*
- A. related to a religion founded in Persia in the 6th century BC
 - B. a reproductive cell with half the usual number of chromosomes
 - C. to give -- typically to present as an honor or give as a gift
- 12 *I opened it with fear and trepidation, persuaded that it must be something serious that had **impelled** her to write to me when at a distance, as she seldom did so when I was near.*
- A. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
 - B. made appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - C. to make someone feel they must do something
- 13 *Know you not, lout, **vagabond**, beggar, that were it not for the might that she infuses into my arm I should not have strength enough to kill a flea?*
- 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
- 14 *Lothario replied that now he had begun he would carry on the undertaking to the end, though he perceived he was to come out of it wearied and **vanquished**.*
- A. completely defeated
 - B. excessively excited
 - C. nervous or confused
- 15 *This **however** he could get over by arranging with a Tagarin Moor to go shares with him in the purchase of the vessel, and in the profit on the cargo; and under cover of this he could become master of the vessel, in which case he looked upon all the rest as accomplished.*
- A. though (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 16 *uphold the right, the truth, and true chivalry!*
- A. the medieval principles governing knighthood and knightly conduct such as honor, kindness, bravery, and protection of the weak
 - B. popular art movement of late 19th century French painters who used dabs of color to give an impression of their subject rather than a photographic-like depiction
 - C. the process of replacing what was used up OR the process of restoring to a previous condition OR (more rarely) materials that replaced what was used up
- 17 *—that if they **perceive** thee to be a coarse clown or a dull blockhead, they will suspect me to be some impostor or swindler?*
- A. not feeling or showing sympathy for another's suffering
 - B. view in a certain way (so as to form a belief or opinion)
 - C. suntanned; or reddish-brown or yellowish-brown in color
- 18 *They put the surcoat on him, and on the back, without his **perceiving** it, they stitched a parchment on which they wrote in large letters, "This is Don Quixote of La Mancha."*
- A. being aware of
 - B. telling (a story)
 - C. causing suffering
- 19 *The **ecclesiastic** took his seat opposite to him, and the duke and duchess those at the sides.*
- A. social event or ceremony
 - B. a positively charged ion
 - C. associated with a church
- 20 *I want your worship to take it upon yourself to redress this wrong either by **entreaty** or by arms;*
- A. untied or released
 - B. earnest request
 - C. easily set on fire

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 56 times in this book.
2	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	A	forthwith	Used 13 times in this book.
7	A	discord (<i>as in: discordant music</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	discord (<i>as in: discord amongst the group</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
9	C	droll	Used 36 times in this book.
10	A	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	Used 93 times in this book.
11	C	bestow	Used 58 times in this book.
12	C	impel	Used 9 times in this book.
13	B	vagabond	Used 10 times in this book.
14	A	vanquish	Used 72 times in this book.
15	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
16	A	chivalry	Used 138 times in this book.
17	B	perceive (<i>as in: perceive the system as unfair</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	perceive (<i>as in: though blind, can perceive light</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	ecclesiastical	Used 10 times in this book.
20	B	entreat	Used 101 times in this book.