

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

by Robert Louis Stevenson

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: compose, conscience, consequence (2), countenance, however (2), inclined, indifferent, inordinate, loathe, narrate, narrative, penitent, profound, reputable, scarcity, thoroughfare, trifle, trifle with



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	A
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18	A
19	C
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. Before entering the interview room, she took a few deep breaths to **compose** herself and steady his nerves.
 - A. adjust
 - B. calm
 - C. delay
2. I will vote as my **conscience** demands.
 - A. sense of right and wrong
 - B. memory of past events
 - C. fear of public ridicule
3. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
4. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
5. Her **countenance** grew stern.
 - A. facial expression
 - B. a method of counting
 - C. voice
6. 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
7. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
8. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
 - A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending
9. She was **indifferent** to his anger.
 - A. without interest
 - B. with fear
 - C. with anger
10. She spent an **inordinate** amount of time choosing a font.
 - A. careful
 - B. ordinary
 - C. excessive
11. I **loathe** that man. He ruined my life.
 - A. fear
 - B. avoid
 - C. hate

12. She avoided eye contact as she narrated the story of how she ended up in prison.
- A. told (a story)
 - B. discouraged
 - C. urged strongly
13. It's an interesting narrative about her first year in college.
- A. story
 - B. joke
 - C. theatrical play
14. 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
15. It was a profound spiritual experience that changed her life.
- A. intense
 - B. common
 - C. traditional
16. No reputable scientist believes that.
- A. thoughtful
 - B. trusted and respected
 - C. under the age of 30
17. Work is scarce in the region.
- A. easily found
 - B. extremely hard
 - C. in short supply
18. It's the city's main east-west thoroughfare.
- A. main road
 - B. landmark
 - C. dividing line
19. Don't waste my time with trifling matters.
- A. other's
 - B. future
 - C. unimportant
20. The European Parliament refuses to be trifled with.
- A. treated without respect
 - B. argued with
 - C. negotiated with

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 *...a man of a rugged **countenance**, that was never lighted by a smile;*
 - A. face; or facial expression
 - B. the best or most important
 - C. a secret agreement or plot
- 2 *I had taken a **loathing** to my gentleman at first sight.*
 - A. changing through evolution
 - B. stopping a battle or fight
 - C. disgust or intense dislike
- 3 *I never saw a man I so disliked, and yet I **scarce** know why.*
 - A. the state of not being aware or concerned about something
 - B. a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything
 - C. in short supply OR barely or hardly (by a small margin)
- 4 *And still the figure had no face by which he might know it; even in his dreams, it had no face, or one that baffled him and melted before his eyes; and thus it was that there sprang up and grew apace in the lawyer's mind a singularly strong, almost an **inordinate**, curiosity to behold the features of the real Mr. Hyde.*
 - A. mental activity of which one is not self-aware
 - B. with the involvement of other people or things
 - C. excessive or more than is reasonable or normal
- 5 *A FORTNIGHT later, by excellent good fortune, the doctor gave one of his pleasant dinners to some five or six old cronies, all intelligent, **reputable** men and all judges of good wine; and Mr. Utterson so contrived that he remained behind after the others had departed.*
 - A. indicating approval or agreement
 - B. respected (with good reputation)
 - C. able to be taken on as one's own
- 6 *"Yes, certainly, I know that," said the doctor, a **trifle** sharply.*
 - A. leave a place, job or position previously occupied
 - B. someone (or something) taking the place of another
 - C. little
- 7 *Confident as I am that you will not **trifle with** this appeal, my heart sinks and my hand trembles at the bare thought of such a possibility.*
 - A. treat thoughtlessly or without respect
 - B. beyond the permitted boundary or limit
 - C. injured muscles or tendons of the back
- 8 *And he briefly **narrated** what the maid had seen, and showed the broken stick.*
 - A. told (a story)
 - B. not translated
 - C. began fighting
- 9 *inclined to be irritated*
 - A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
 - C. having a tendency
- 10 *"Foul play!" cried the lawyer, a good deal frightened and rather inclined to be irritated in **consequence**.*
 - A. result
 - B. battle
 - C. memory
- 11 *I met with one accident which, as it brought on no **consequence**, I shall no more than mention.*
 - A. translates
 - B. significant result
 - C. sticks out

- 12 *So far the letter had run composedly enough, but here with a sudden splutter of the pen, the writer's emotion had broken loose.*
A. done while awake
B. calmly (under control)
C. in a firm manner
- 13 *As for the moral turpitude that man unveiled to me, even with tears of **penitence**, I cannot, even in memory, dwell on it without a start of horror.*
A. a psychologist concerned with the treatment of abnormal thinking and behavior
B. a government, country, or ruling family of a country ruled by a king or queen
C. feeling or expressing remorse for misdeeds (sorrow for having done wrong); or a person who does such
- 14 *Henry Jekyll stood at times aghast before the acts of Edward Hyde; but the situation was apart from ordinary laws, and insidiously relaxed the grasp of **conscience**.*
A. feeling or appraisal of having personally behaved in a morally right or wrong manner
B. a complex carbohydrate that is the chief constituent of all plant tissues and fibers
C. not planning to kill a person, but then intentionally killing in the heat of passion
- 15 *Hyde was **indifferent** to Jekyll, or but remembered him as the mountain bandit remembers the cavern in which he conceals himself from pursuit.*
A. without interest
B. likely to change
C. able to be found
- 16 *For two months, **however**, I was true to my determination; for two months I led a life of such severity as I had never before attained to, and enjoyed the compensations of an approving conscience.*
A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though, in spite of that, in contrast, nevertheless*, etc.
B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
C. therefore (for that reason)
- 17 *At my appearance (which was indeed comical enough, **however** tragic a fate these garments covered) the driver could not conceal his mirth.*
A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
C. regardless of how
- 18 *He walked fast, hunted by his fears, chattering to himself, skulking through the less-frequented **thoroughfares**, counting the minutes that still divided him from midnight.*
A. roads
B. blockages
C. frameworks
- 19 ***profound** slumber*
A. intense (deep)
B. without a tendency to be full of thought
C. lacking a tendency to be full of thought
- 20 *Nor must I delay too long to bring my writing to an end; for if my **narrative** has hitherto escaped destruction, it has been by a combination of great prudence and great good luck.*
A. story
B. snake
C. skill

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
2	C	loathe	Used 4 times in this book.
3	C	scarcity	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
4	C	inordinate	Used 2 times in this book.
5	B	reputable	Used 3 times in this book.
6	C	trifle (<i>as in: a trifling matter</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	trifle with (<i>as in: trifle with her affections</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
8	A	narrate	Used 2 times in this book.
9	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
12	B	compose (<i>as in: compose myself</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	penitent	Used 4 times in this book.
14	A	conscience	Used 7 times in this book.
15	A	indifferent	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
16	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	A	thoroughfare	Used 3 times in this book.
19	A	profound (<i>as in: profound sadness</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
20	A	narrative (<i>as in: Narrative of the Life of...</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.