

Dracula

Chapters 24–27

by Bram Stoker

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Practice words: avert, broach, corroborated, euthanasia, occult, remonstrance, ribald, taint, travesty, volition

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Caution: do not share with students

About the Pre-Reading Activity (open-dictionary; ungraded or completion grade):

Students preview 10 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):

Same words, now in real excerpts from the text, with questions that build reading and analytical skills.

Vocabulary Sections for this Book:

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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. Quick action by the crew helped **avert** a major disaster.

- A. warn against
- B. prevent or ward off
- C. clean up after

2. I waited for the right moment to **broach** the touchy subject with my boss.

- A. bring up
- B. look into
- C. smooth over

3. Two other witnesses **corroborated** the driver's account of the crash.

- A. confirmed with evidence
- B. overheard by chance
- C. summarized in brief

4. The vet quietly raised the option of **euthanasia** for the elderly, ailing dog.

- A. long-term care
- B. mercy killing
- C. risky surgery

5. The detective sensed some **occult** force behind the strange events.

- A. mysterious and hidden
- B. old and forgotten
- C. powerful and violent

6. He rose to deliver a **remonstrance** before the school board.

- A. forceful protest
- B. careful explanation
- C. formal request

7. The sailors filled the tavern with **ribald** jokes and loud laughter.

- A. warm and good-natured
- B. clever and witty
- C. coarse and crude

8. One dishonest act can **taint** a person's good name for years.

- A. to call into question
- B. to make widely known
- C. to corrupt or spoil

9. Critics called the rushed remake a **travesty** of the beloved original.

- A. a faithful imitation
- B. a clever expansion
- C. a grotesque distortion

10. No one forced him; he left the team of his own **volition**.

- A. lasting regret
- B. free choice
- C. sudden anger

Reading Helpers

(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)

double entente — a double meaning or pun; here, “earth-work” means both a defensive refuge and Dracula’s last box of earth

enkeen his desire — make his desire stronger; an unusual verb formed from keen

will-o'-the-wisp — a false guiding light that leads people astray; from folklore about mysterious lights seen over marshes

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY
1	B
2	A
3	A
4	B
5	A
6	A
7	C
8	C
9	C
10	B

Vocabulary in Context

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 10

Read each excerpt carefully. Then choose the best answer to each question.

1 "... all the forces of nature that are occult and deep and strong must have worked together in some wonderous way."

As it is used in the passage, the word 'occult' most nearly means...

- A. hidden and mysterious
- B. ancient and geologic
- C. violent and destructive

2 "I could see that he had something on his mind, which he wanted to say, but felt some hesitancy about broaching the subject."

It can reasonably be inferred that Van Helsing's hesitancy about broaching the subject shows that...

- A. he has nothing to say
- B. he distrusts Dr. Seward
- C. the topic is painful to raise

3 "I thought that if Mrs. Harker realized the danger herself, it was much pain as well as much danger averted."

According to the passage, keeping Mrs. Harker unaware of the danger serves to...

- A. ease her pain alone
- B. ward off both pain and danger
- C. expose the hidden danger

4 "Even a sceptic, who can see nothing but a travesty of bitter truth in anything holy or emotional, would have been melted to the heart had he seen that little group of loving and devoted friends."

The author most likely has the sceptic see only 'a travesty' in the scene in order to...

- A. expose Mina's pretense
- B. mock religious belief
- C. stress how moving the scene is

5 "The Count, even if he takes the form of a bat, cannot cross the running water of his own volition, and so cannot leave the ship."

The passage most strongly suggests that the Count stays in his box because he...

- A. cannot leave of his own free will
- B. is hiding from the crew
- C. is too weak to move

6 "'Euthanasia' is an excellent and a comforting word! I am grateful to whoever invented it."

Which choice best explains the grim irony in Seward's calling 'euthanasia' a 'comforting word'?

- A. it would mean killing Mina
- B. it mocks the Count's fate
- C. it offers Mina a true cure

7 "... raised his hand over his head for a moment, as though in remonstrance with the Almighty."

Van Helsing's raised hand 'in remonstrance with the Almighty' primarily conveys his...

- A. gratitude to God
- B. protest against the blow
- C. plea for guidance

8 "... corroborated by his landlord, who had received by messenger the key of the house together with the rent due, in English money."

Which statement is best supported by the landlord's report?

- A. It shows Skinsky paid in gold
- B. It proves Skinsky acted alone
- C. It confirms Skinsky had left

9 "You have told us of their gloating lips. You heard their ribald laugh as they clutched the moving bag that the Count threw to them."

The 'ribald laugh' of the women characterizes them as...

- A. coarse and mocking
- B. calm and dignified
- C. gentle and grieving

10 "I began to fear that the fatal spell of the place was upon her, tainted as she is with that Vampire baptism."

It can reasonably be inferred that Van Helsing fears Mina's deep sleep is a sign that...

- A. the cold has made her ill
- B. the vampire's corruption is spreading
- C. she is worn out by travel

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#	KEY	NOTE
1	A	
2	C	
3	B	
4	C	The 'travesty' is the sceptic's imagined view, not the narrator's – the point is that even a mocker would be moved.
5	A	
6	A	Event comprehension. Seward means the mercy-killing of Mina should she fully turn; the 'comfort' is that a merciful release exists.
7	B	
8	C	
9	A	
10	B	Theme comprehension. The unbreakable sleep reads as the vampire corruption tightening its grip as they near the castle, not ordinary fatigue.

Teacher Context: Chapters 24–27

With Dracula fleeing back toward Transylvania, the band splits up to track his ship by sea and race overland to intercept him before he reaches the safety of his castle. The pursuit drives toward its final confrontation in the mountains. Section runs to the end of the novel.