

Dubliners

by James Joyce

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: allude, amiable, bronze (2), candid, canvass, copious, crux, diffident, gesticulate, heed, melancholy, moreover, opera, pious, reparation, resignation, retort, shrewd, tact



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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 didn't mention any names, but everyone knew she was **alluding** to the President.
 - A. being discouraging
 - B. indirectly referring
 - C. not talking
2. It was an **amiable** gathering of old friends.
 - A. friendly
 - B. rare
 - C. emotional
3. She approached the impressive **bronze** doors.
 - A. made of a high-quality wood
 - B. notably large and appearing heavy
 - C. made of a type of high-quality metal
4. I saw her **bronze** hair.
 - A. reddish-brown or yellowish-brown
 - B. curly
 - C. straight
5. My **candid** opinion is that their team is much better than ours, but an upset isn't impossible.
 - A. honest
 - B. expert
 - C. tactful
6. Volunteers will **canvass** the neighborhood to gather support for the candidate.
 - A. go door-to-door in
 - B. set up a stage in
 - C. report news from
7. The chef served **copious** amounts of food at the wedding reception.
 - A. small in amount
 - B. rare and unusual
 - C. large in quantity
8. They debated for hours without addressing the **crux** of the issue.
 - A. most important part
 - B. first sentence
 - C. easiest detail
9. She is so **diffident**; I can't imagine her as president of the organization.
 - A. young
 - B. unassertive
 - C. argumentative
10. I couldn't hear what they were saying or see their faces, but by their **gesticulations**, I'm sure they were angry at each other.
 - A. gestures
 - B. facial expressions
 - C. tones of voice
11. 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

12. This weather makes me melancholy. I can't wait for spring,
A. happy
B. sad
C. feel like singing
13. 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
14. We're going to the opera this evening.
A. musical theater performance
B. outdoor sporting event
C. casual dinner gathering
15. Benjamin Franklin's parents were pious Puritans.
A. non-traditional
B. traditional
C. highly religious
16. The company made reparations to the community for the environmental damage it caused.
A. apologies
B. excuses
C. payments
17. She was resigned to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
A. putting a stop
B. resistant
C. with acceptance
18. She retorted, "Takes one to know one."
A. quickly replied
B. insulted back
C. joyfully laughed
19. She watched him with a shrewd eye.
A. nearby
B. outside
C. smart
20. She means well, but she lacks tact.
A. a plan
B. sensitivity
C. ability

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 he lay, solemn and **copious**, vested as for the altar, his large hands loosely retaining a chalice.*
 - A. able to accept as true (without proof)
 - B. able to be protected or kept unchanged
 - C. abundant (large in quantity or number)
- 2 *She said he just looked as if he was asleep, he looked that peaceful and **resigned**.*
 - A. to be or to become used to (adapted to and with an expectation of)
 - B. showed something -- such as demonstrated, expressed, or represented
 - C. as one having accepted what could not be avoided
- 3 *I watched my master's face pass from **amiability** to sternness;*
 - A. the quality of being friendly and agreeable
 - B. computer code that performs a specific task
 - C. relating to where attention is concentrated
- 4 *He was standing at the gate, his peaked cap pushed back on his head and his hair tumbled forward over a face of **bronze**.*
 - A. a suntanned color
 - B. view in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
 - C. not feeling or showing sympathy for another's suffering
- 5 *On his fourth trial he had been awarded a **bronze** medal.*
 - A. examine in detail to better understand
 - B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - C. made of a brownish metal
- 6 *The French, **moreover**, were virtual victors.*
 - 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
- 7 *talking and **gesticulating**.*
 - A. making gestures (hand or body movements) while speaking or to express something
 - B. releasing from slavery or servitude; or (metaphorically) from social restraints
 - C. surgically interrupting nerve tracts to and from the frontal lobe of the brain
- 8 *A little **tact** was necessary.*
 - A. having good judgment or good taste and/or perceiving things not easily perceived by most people
 - B. the ability or act of saying or handling things in such a way that others feel good about them
 - C. measles -- a highly contagious viral disease marked by distinct red spots followed by a rash
- 9 *He plucked at the wires **heedlessly**, glancing quickly from time to time at the face of each new-comer and from time to time, wearily also, at the sky.*
 - A. in a manner that is terrible (vile; disgusting) -- worthy of being strongly disliked and looked down upon
 - B. in a manner that is almost transparent -- allowing light to pass through without providing a clear image
 - C. pay close attention to; or to do what is suggested -- especially with regard to a warning or other advice
- 10 *Polly, of course, flirted with the young men but Mrs. Mooney, who was a **shrewd** judge, knew that the young men were only passing the time away: none of them meant business.*
 - A. exact
 - B. awake
 - C. smart
- 11 *The question was: What **reparation** would he make?*
 - A. something that is different than others of its type (synonyms could include: adaptation, version, alternate form)
 - B. related to a theory that views history as class struggle and argues that capitalism will be replaced by communism
 - C. compensation for a wrong -- usually an amount of money -- often payment required from the losing country in a war

- 12 A gentle **melancholy** took possession of him.
A. relating to the outside
B. a sad feeling or manner
C. about (but not exactly)
- 13 Do you know what my private and **candid** opinion is about some of those little jokers?
A. honest and straightforward
B. complete or total
C. greater than zero
- 14 Between ourselves, you know, Crofton (he's a decent chap, of course), but he's not worth a damn as a **canvasser**.
A. someone who gets opinions by asking specific questions; and/or asks people for political support individually
B. people or things that change to fit a different situations, or that change things to fit different situations
C. one who dominates others harshly and unfairly OR one who denies equal rights to others or makes them suffer
- 15 One night, when an **operatic** artiste had fallen ill, he had undertaken the part of the king in the opera of *Maritana* at the Queen's Theatre.
A. relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
B. strict, firm, or hard (not giving in, not giving way, or not giving up)
C. rude or unfriendly because of using too few words or moving too quickly
- 16 And Pius IX his predecessor's motto was **Crux upon Crux**—that is, Cross upon Cross—to show the difference between their two pontificates.
A. the most important or difficult part of a problem, argument, or situation
B. a feeling of anger or unhappiness at having to accept something not liked
C. Hitler's fanatical and oppressive political party in World War II Germany
- 17 "O, to tell you the truth," **retorted** Gabriel suddenly, "I'm sick of my own country, sick of it!"
A. quickly replied
B. said indirectly
C. greatly annoyed
- 18 They are very good men, the monks, very **pious** men.
A. not able to be translated
B. able to be disagreed with
C. highly religious and moral
- 19 "...what shall I call them?--the Three Graces of the Dublin musical world."
The table burst into applause and laughter at this **allusion**.
A. a nerve or brain cell
B. an indirect reference
C. long eventful journey
- 20 Gabriel waited again and then, fearing that **diffidence** was about to conquer him, he said abruptly: "By the way, Gretta!"
A. the act of being in a working position; or the act of starting
B. hesitancy and unassertiveness due to a lack of self-confidence
C. an expert who shares professional opinions in a specific field

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	copious	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
2	C	resignation (<i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
3	A	amiable	Used 7 times in this book.
4	A	bronze (<i>as in: a bronze tan</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
5	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
7	A	gesticulate	Used 2 times in this book.
8	B	tact	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	C	heed	Used 4 times in this book.
10	C	shrewd	Used 4 times in this book.
11	C	reparation	Used 5 times in this book.
12	B	melancholy	Used 8 times in this book.
13	A	candid (<i>as in: your candid opinion</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
14	A	canvass (<i>as in: canvass the crowd</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
15	A	opera	Used 8 times in this book.
16	A	crux	Used 2 times in this book.
17	A	retort (<i>as in: quick retort</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
18	C	pious (<i>as in: a good, pious woman</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
19	B	allude	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
20	B	diffident	Used 2 times in this book.