

Ecclesiastes

by *The Bible*

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: abundant, acquaint, besiege, contend, defer, discern, goad, grievous, heed, iniquity, mirth, mischievous, moreover, nevertheless, oppress, perish, prosper, refrain, serpent, wrath



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	C
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10	A
11	B
12	A
13	B
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15	B
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18	C
19	B
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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.

- The region has **abundant** natural resources, from oil to fresh water.
 - extremely scarce
 - highly disputed
 - widely available
- One of the objectives in my literature class is to **acquaint** my students with different cultures.
 - make surprised
 - make a list for
 - make familiar
- Helicopters dropped food and medicine into the **besieged** city.
 - hungry
 - surrounded
 - flooded
- The teams are in fierce contention for first place.
 - surrender
 - confidence
 - competition
- She asked to **defer** cross-examination until the morning.
 - delay
 - cancel
 - schedule
- In the novel, she sees through his friendly facade and **discerns** his evil intent.
 - understands
 - overcomes
 - avoids
- She tried to **goad** the candidate into saying something extreme.
 - poke with a stick
 - provoke
 - prevent
- It is a **grievous** offense against morality.
 - serious
 - minor
 - foolish
- She didn't **heed** the storm warnings and got caught in the heavy rain.
 - pass through
 - tell others of
 - pay attention to
- She fought against the **iniquity** of slavery.
 - immorality
 - practice
 - supporters
- It was an evening of many stories and great **mirth**.
 - warm friendship
 - fun and laughter
 - fond memories
- The **mischievous** children spilled chocolate syrup all over the kitchen.
 - misbehaving
 - careless
 - young

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. She loves him. Nevertheless, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
15. My work environment is **oppressive**.
- A. friendly
 - B. harsh and unfair
 - C. very important
16. We can work together or **perish** separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
17. She is **prospering** in business.
- A. struggling
 - B. starting
 - C. doing well
18. You must **refrain** from personal attacks in this forum.
- A. learn
 - B. report
 - C. hold back
19. What does the **serpent** represent in the Garden of Eden?
- A. fig leaf
 - B. snake
 - C. apple
20. She fears the **wrath** of God.
- A. angry punishment
 - B. power
 - C. unpredictable moods

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 2:1 I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with **mirth**, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity.
A. restart (a fire)
B. fun and laughter
C. started (a fire)
- 2 2:3 I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet **acquainting** mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.
A. leaping or jumping
B. thinking carefully
C. familiarizing with
- 3 2:17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is **grievous** unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.
A. very serious; or very bad
B. not tending to find fault
C. not able to be translated
- 4 ...a time to embrace, and a time to **refrain** from embracing; (3:5)
A. express personal artistic ideas or feelings while performing (or performing to) someone else's work
B. direct energy from a negative (unacceptable) impulse or urge into a positive or acceptable action
C. avoid or resist
- 5 3:16 And **moreover** I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there.
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
- 6 3:16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that **iniquity** was there.
A. immorality; or an immoral act
B. long-accepted behavior
C. set of laws
- 7 So I returned, and considered all the **oppressions** that are done under the sun...
A. acts or processes of stopped something from happening
B. harsh and unfair domination
C. bands of inelastic tissue connecting a muscle to bone
- 8 When thou vowest a vow unto God, **defer** not to pay it... (5:4)
A. delay
B. trade
C. adapt
- 9 5:10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth **abundance** with increase: this is also vanity.
A. sharpness or intenseness
B. conflict or disagreement
C. large amount or quantity
- 10 5:14 But those riches **perish** by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand.
A. move into position to work; or start
B. die, be destroyed, or cease to exist
C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 11 5:17 All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he hath much sorrow and **wrath** with his sickness.
A. extreme anger
B. determination
C. use of reason

- 12 ...neither may he **contend** with him that is mightier than he. (16:10)
- restore
 - examine
 - compete
- 13 7:21 Also take no **heed** unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee: 7:22 For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.
- a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
 - adjusted excessively or made up for excessively
 - pay close attention to; or do what is suggested
- 14 8:5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart **discerneth** both time and judgment.
- notices things that are not obvious
 - suited or appropriate for something
 - hires, reserves, books, or occupies
- 15 9:13 This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me: 9:14 There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and **besieged** it, and built great bulwarks against it: 9:15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.
- a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
 - surrounded and cut-off supplies; or overwhelmed
 - not found guilty or forced into a bad situation
- 16 9:16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: **nevertheless** the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.
- in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - therefore (for that reason)
- 17 10:8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a **serpent** shall bite him.
- skill
 - snake
 - story
- 18 10:13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is **mischievous** madness.
- playfully causing minor trouble; or describing the smile of someone doing so
 - the state or degree of having the ability to change for different situations
 - the quality of behaving in an instinctive, uninhibited, and unplanned manner
- 19 11:6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall **prosper**, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.
- restore
 - examine
 - do well
- 20 12:11 The words of the wise are as **goats**, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.
- works or operates
 - provokes or prods
 - makes more varied

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	mirth	Used 4 times in this book.
2	C	acquaint	Used about 5 times per 10 books in our high school library.
3	A	grievous	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
4	C	refrain (<i>as in: refrain from laughing</i>)	Used about 4 times per 10 books in our high school library.
5	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
6	A	iniquity	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
7	B	oppress (<i>as in: oppressive government</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
8	A	defer (<i>as in: deferred the decision</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
9	C	abundant	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	A	wrath	Used about 8 times per 10 books in our high school library.
12	C	contend (<i>as in: She contended for the gold medal</i>)	High-utility academic word
13	C	heed	Used 2 times in this book.
14	A	discern	Used about 6 times per 10 books in our high school library.
15	B	besiege	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
16	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word
17	B	serpent	Used 2 times in this book.
18	A	mischievous	Used about 5 times per 10 books in our high school library.
19	C	prosper	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
20	B	goad	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.