

Great Expectations

by Charles Dickens

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: accord (2), acquit (2), approach (2), contrast (2), countenance, dismal, establish (2), forbearance, interpose, penitent, remonstrate, repugnant, resolve, retort, wretched



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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 dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
 - A. opposition
 - B. keeping
 - C. ignorance
2. His lawyers demand he be **accorded** the status of a captured soldier rather than a spy.
 - A. given
 - B. denied
 - C. told about
3. She was **acquitted** of all charges.
 - A. accused
 - B. cleared
 - C. convicted
4. She **acquitted** herself well at the interview.
 - A. tired
 - B. handled
 - C. exercised
5. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
6. I **approached** three bankers about a loan.
 - A. avoided
 - B. complained to
 - C. asked
7. **Contrast** typical underlying beliefs of pro-life and pro-choice supporters.
 - A. study
 - B. compare
 - C. describe
8. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
9. Her **countenance** grew stern.
 - A. facial expression
 - B. a method of counting
 - C. voice
10. When she graduated from college the job market was **dismal**.
 - A. especially good
 - B. promising but unusual
 - C. terrible or depressing
11. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase

12. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with establishing the contrast between men and masculine traits.
- A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
13. I appreciate your forbearance.
- A. patience or tolerance
 - B. financial loan
 - C. family concerns
14. They have interposed themselves on the side of our enemy.
- A. been seen
 - B. hidden
 - C. inserted
15. 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
16. The lawyers will remonstrate that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
- A. promise
 - B. protest
 - C. explain
17. His repugnant behavior at the party made everyone want to go home early.
- A. warmly welcomed
 - B. highly amusing
 - C. deeply offensive
18. I resolved to never drink again.
- A. was forced
 - B. was encouraged
 - C. firmly decided
19. She retorted, "Takes one to know one."
- A. quickly replied
 - B. insulted back
 - C. joyfully laughed
20. The photograph showed poor people in a wretched village in East Africa.
- A. irresponsible
 - B. in terrible condition
 - C. foolish or thoughtless

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 At that point, my convict became so frantically exasperated, that he would have rushed upon him but for the **interposition** of the soldiers.
 - A. the act of again being in a working position; or the act of starting again
 - B. someone involved in challenging, arguing about, or fighting over something
 - C. to insert between other elements; or to interrupt or stop action by others
- 2 For such reasons, I was very glad when ten o'clock came and we started for Miss Havisham's; though I was not at all at my ease regarding the manner in which I should **acquit** myself under that lady's roof.
 - A. hire again or occupy again
 - B. handle (conduct or behave)
 - C. draw pictures to accompany
- 3 "Yes; but not only that," said Wemmick, "she went into his service immediately after her **acquittal**, tamed as she is now."
 - A. another battle with the same foe
 - B. official finding of "not guilty"
 - C. describing someone as antisocial
- 4 The Educational scheme or Course **established** by Mr. Wopsle's great-aunt may be resolved into the following synopsis.
 - A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - B. created
 - C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 5 So convinced I was of that woman's being her mother, that I wanted no evidence to **establish** the fact in my own mind.
 - A. take (power or responsibility)
 - B. accept as true (without proof)
 - C. prove
- 6 "And do you remember," **retorted** Mr. Jaggers, "that but for me you wouldn't be here and couldn't be here?"
 - A. quickly replied
 - B. said indirectly
 - C. greatly annoyed
- 7 ...a **countenance** expressive of grief and despair...
 - A. facial expression
 - B. the best or most important
 - C. a secret agreement or plot
- 8 The air of completeness and superiority with which she walked at my side, and the air of youthfulness and submission with which I walked at hers, made a **contrast** that I strongly felt.
 - A. come to terms with
 - B. block or interfere
 - C. notable difference
- 9 But, it was only the pleasanter to turn to Biddy and to Joe, whose great forbearance shone more brightly than before, if that could be, **contrasted** with this brazen pretender.
 - A. very surprised -- often too surprised to know what to say or do
 - B. compared to show differences
 - C. legally ordered to provide documents, or to appear as a witness
- 10 Having thought of the matter with care, I **approached** my subject as if I had never hinted at it before.
 - A. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - B. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
 - C. began talking about

- 11 *With these fears upon me, I began either to imagine or recall that I had had mysterious warnings of this man's **approach**.*
A. coming near
B. create dramatic change
C. mirror back (an image)
- 12 *Wemmick explained to me ... that this was **according** to custom, and...*
A. idiom meaning "won the day"
B. in agreement with
C. U.S. history: pre-Civil War period
- 13 *He further gave me leave to accompany the prisoner to London; but declined to **accord** that grace to my two friends.*
A. give special treatment
B. mirror back (an image)
C. create dramatic change
- 14 *It was **wretched** weather; stormy and wet, stormy and wet; and mud, mud, mud, deep in all the streets.*
A. not easily identified
B. miserable
C. exactness or accuracy
- 15 *The abhorrence in which I held the man, the dread I had of him, the **repugnance** with which I shrank from him, could not have been exceeded if he had been some terrible beast.*
A. discouragement
B. dissatisfaction
C. strong disgust
- 16 *Never had I breathed, and never would I breathe—or so I **resolved**—a word of Estella to Provis.*
A. changed
B. adapted
C. decided
- 17 *...and he seems to have felt pity for her, and **forbearance** towards her.*
A. patience or tolerance
B. a right that is naturally due because of human nature and the natural condition
C. something suggested indirectly; or something that can be concluded; or a result
- 18 *At this **dismal** time we were evidently all possessed by the idea that we were followed.*
A. irrelevant or unimportant
B. important or significant
C. depressing or gloomy
- 19 *...I lay there, **penitently** whispering, "O God bless him!"*
A. in a manner that is not sensible and careful
B. in a manner that is capable of being noticed
C. feeling remorse (sorrow) for misdeeds
- 20 *The last word **grated** on me; but how could I **remonstrate**!*
A. select (on a computer screen)
B. argue, complain, or criticize
C. make small restless movements

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	interpose	Used 10 times in this book.
2	B	acquit (<i>as in: she acquitted herself well</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
3	B	acquit (<i>as in: she was acquitted</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 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	retort (<i>as in: quick retort</i>)	Used 32 times in this book.
7	A	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	Used 23 times in this book.
8	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	contrast (<i>as in: contrast their writing styles</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	approach (<i>as in: approached her with the proposal</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 16 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 21 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
13	A	accord (<i>as in: accord her the respect deserved</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	B	wretched	Used 26 times in this book.
15	C	repugnant	Used 4 times in this book.
16	C	resolve (<i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 27 times in this book.
17	A	forbearance	Used 6 times in this book.
18	C	dismal	Used 21 times in this book.
19	C	penitent	Used 11 times in this book.
20	B	remonstrate	Used 11 times in this book.