

Gulliver's Travels

by Jonathan Swift

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: advocate (2), brevity, consequence (2), convey (2), countenance (2), dispose (2), disposition (2), forbearance, interpret (2), metropolis, odious, resolve (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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18	C
19	C
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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. Privacy **advocates** want the law changed.
 - A. opponents
 - B. sufferers
 - C. supporters
2. The company needs a good **advocate** to represent them in trial in Scotland.
 - A. lawyer
 - B. sympathetic witness
 - C. expert witness
3. I like Twitter for its **brevity**.
 - A. short texts
 - B. varied texts
 - C. clever texts
4. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
5. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
6. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
 - A. express
 - B. accept
 - C. understand
7. We hired a carriage to **convey** us to the city.
 - A. give service of
 - B. explain
 - C. transport
8. Her **countenance** grew stern.
 - A. facial expression
 - B. a method of counting
 - C. voice
9. They **countenance** terrorism.
 - A. provide funds for
 - B. show favor for
 - C. discourage
10. You have a tight deadline, but the entire company is at your **disposal**.
 - A. command
 - B. mercy
 - C. office
11. In that country, you are unlikely to find an official who is **disposed** to help you unless you offer a bribe.
 - A. ordered
 - B. able
 - C. inclined
12. We'll see if her cheerful **disposition** continues when she's tired and under stress.
 - A. team
 - B. generosity
 - C. personality

13. Was **disposition** of the troops done in a strategic manner?
- A. positioning
 - B. withdrawal
 - C. training
14. I appreciate your **forbearance**.
- A. patience or tolerance
 - B. financial loan
 - C. family concerns
15. She will stand to his left and **interpret** his speech into sign language.
- A. refute (prove false)
 - B. elaborate upon
 - C. translate
16. How will a court **interpret** the word *careless* if there is a lawsuit?
- A. understand
 - B. insist on
 - C. ignore
17. The town has become a 21st century **metropolis**.
- A. small village
 - B. rural area
 - C. large city
18. The poll tax was designed as a particularly **odious** violation of civil rights.
- A. extremely devious
 - B. harmful and hidden
 - C. extremely dislikable
19. I **resolved** to never drink again.
- A. was forced
 - B. was encouraged
 - C. firmly decided
20. She is testing my **resolve** to keep a good attitude.
- A. determination
 - B. ability
 - C. optimism

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 *whereupon I rose up, with as melancholy a **disposition** as ever I had in my life.*
 - A. dreamlike state of altered consciousness
 - B. someone who is intolerant and prejudiced
 - C. mood
- 2 *and giving them a sudden turn, the whole **disposition** of the words was entirely changed.*
 - A. the arrangement or position
 - B. the main building (or buildings) of government
 - C. an order issued by a court or judicial officer
- 3 *The first request I made, after I had obtained my liberty, was, that I might have license to see Mildendo, the **metropolis**;*
 - A. tourist attraction
 - B. ghetto
 - C. large city
- 4 *...she is more **disposed** to reward than to punish.*
 - A. expelled or gotten rid of
 - B. was abundant or plentiful
 - C. inclined (has a tendency to)
- 5 *The fountains, gardens, walks, avenues, and groves, were all **disposed** with exact judgment and taste...*
 - A. arranged or placed
 - B. not roughly calculated
 - C. influenced or effected
- 6 *The cottagers and labourers keep their children at home, their business being only to till and cultivate the earth, and therefore their education is of little **consequence** to the public:*
 - A. translates
 - B. importance
 - C. sticks out
- 7 *The flying or floating island is exactly circular, its diameter 7837 yards, or about four miles and a half, and **consequently** contains ten thousand acres.*
 - A. resultantly (as a result)
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 8 *Yet I was so weak and bruised in the sides with the squeezes given me by this **odious** animal, that I was forced to keep my bed a fortnight.*
 - A. the degree to which something is able to change or is different
 - B. not trustworthy, or improper, or attracting unwelcome attention
 - C. extremely unpleasant, disgusting, dislikable, or worthy of hate
- 9 *Whether **advocates** and orators had liberty to plead in causes manifestly known to be unjust, vexatious, or oppressive?*
 - A. lawyers
 - B. inhabitants of Assyria -- an ancient kingdom centered in northern Mesopotamia which is in present-day Iraq
 - C. amounts of the value of homes that some states and local jurisdictions deduct from the value that is taxed
- 10 *Now, in this case, I, who am the right owner, lie under two great disadvantages: first, my lawyer, being practised almost from his cradle in defending falsehood, is quite out of his element when he would be an **advocate** for justice, which is an unnatural office he always attempts with great awkwardness, if not with ill-will.*
 - A. a type of small portable radio
 - B. a change; or a changed version
 - C. person who publicly speaks on behalf of

- 11 I ate no other supper, being **resolved** to spare my provisions as much as I could.
A. determined (with firmness of purpose)
B. the state of not being aware or concerned about something
C. a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything
- 12 I was weary of being confined to an island where I received so little countenance, and **resolved** to leave it with the first opportunity.
A. changed
B. adapted
C. decided
- 13 The word, which I **interpret** the flying or floating island, is in the original Laputa, whereof I could never learn the true etymology.
A. collision
B. stick out
C. translate
- 14 Glubbddubdrib, as nearly as I can **interpret** the word, signifies the island of sorcerers or magicians.
A. understand
B. excessively examine in an attempt to better understand
C. become less drunk (or get completely past drunkenness)
- 15 I was weary of being confined to an island where I received so little **countenance**,
A. return to an undesirable previous condition
B. approval
C. cancel or annul a formal ruling or contract
- 16 *appearances of uneasiness in his* **countenance**
A. facial expression
B. the best or most important
C. a secret agreement or plot
- 17 I visited many other apartments, but shall not trouble my reader with all the curiosities I observed, being studious of **brevity**.
A. the use of just a few words; or lasting a short time
B. the ability to take or adopt power or responsibility
C. the process of excessive encouragement or excitement
- 18 I could not **forbear** shaking my head, and smiling a little at his ignorance.
A. stop myself from (refrain from)
B. the ability to take on or adopt
C. where attention is concentrated
- 19 He is usually governed by a decayed wench, or favourite footman, who are the tunnels through which all graces are **conveyed**, and may properly be called, in the last resort, the governors of the kingdom.
A. communicated or expressed
B. was abundant or plentiful
C. thought -- possibly aloud
- 20 I was **conveyed** to his own house; and at my earnest request he led me up to the highest room backwards.
A. briefly saw
B. hired again
C. transported

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	disposition (<i>as in: a kind disposition</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	A	disposition (<i>as in: strategic troop disposition</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	C	metropolis	Used 22 times in this book.
4	C	dispose (<i>as in: Is she disposed to help?</i>)	Used 12 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
5	A	dispose (<i>as in: disposed the troops along...</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
6	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	Used 9 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	C	odious	Used 14 times in this book.
9	A	advocate (<i>as in: an advocate in court</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	C	advocate (<i>as in: an advocate supporting</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	A	resolve (<i>as in: Her resolve weakened.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	resolve (<i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	Used 19 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	interpret (<i>as in: her interpretation of the data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	countenance (<i>as in: giving countenance</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
16	A	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	Used 27 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	brevity	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
18	A	forbearance	Used 22 times in this book.
19	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	C	convey (<i>as in: convey her safely to</i>)	Used 13 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.