

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

by J. K. Rowling

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: accompany, avert (2), conscious (2), expel, focus (2), incantation, incidental, jaunty, malevolent, omen, positive (2), resignation (2), stifle (2), vindictive



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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. Will you **accompany** her to the party?
A. follow
B. precede
C. go with
2. When asked, her guilt was clear from the way she **averted** her eyes
A. stared
B. turned away
C. blinked
3. Lincoln tried to **avert** a war.
A. start
B. win
C. prevent
4. She is **conscious** and alert, but very weak.
A. out of pain
B. awake
C. medically stable
5. I instinctively grabbed at the gun without **conscious** thought.
A. being afraid
B. being aware
C. being confident
6. If her behavior does not improve, she could face **expulsion** from school.
A. having to repeat a grade
B. serious punishment
C. being forcing to leave
7. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
A. concentrating
B. depending
C. getting help
8. The discussion brought into **focus** an important difference of opinion.
A. hiding
B. conflict
C. view
9. Harry Potter said the incantation, "*expecto patronum*" as he focuses on a happy memory to summon protection from dark magic.
A. common saying
B. magic words
C. foreign phrase
10. Travel costs were the main expense; meals were just **incidental**.
A. minor and secondary
B. central and primary
C. carefully planned
11. He walked down the street with a **jaunty** stride, whistling a tune.
A. slow and weary
B. lively and cheerful
C. stiff and formal

12. My computer is so frustrating. Sometimes it seems alive and malevolent.
- A. evil
 - B. stupid
 - C. unstable
13. The appearance of Halley's comet in 1066, was seen by many as an omen that the Norman Conquest would be successful.
- A. a scientific explanation
 - B. the cause (of an important event)
 - C. a sign (of what would happen)
14. I'm positive our team will win on Friday.
- A. happy
 - B. pretty sure
 - C. certain
15. Volunteering had a positive impact on the whole neighborhood.
- A. good or beneficial
 - B. harmful or damaging
 - C. minor and unnoticed
16. She said that if I don't resign, I will be fired.
- A. do better
 - B. quit
 - C. renew an agreement
17. She was resigned to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
 - B. resistant
 - C. with acceptance
18. She had to stifle a laugh during the somber funeral service.
- A. let out freely
 - B. hold back
 - C. loudly announce
19. The heat and humidity are stifling.
- A. summertime events
 - B. not bad
 - C. uncomfortable
20. She's not a vindictive person.
- A. easy-going
 - B. revengeful
 - C. driven

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 *Through the window soared three owls, two of them holding up the third, which appeared to be **unconscious**.*
 - A. the state or degree of being absolutely sure of something
 - B. in a state similar to sleep where one is not aware of anything
 - C. related to the two chambers at the top of the human heart
- 2 *"We shall start by practicing relaxing the **conscious** mind and external eyes" — Ron began to snigger uncontrollably and had to stuff his fist in his mouth to stifle the noise — "so as to clear the Inner Eye and the superconscious."*
 - A. without involvement of anything in between
 - B. mentally self-aware
 - C. able to be learned, discovered, or decided
- 3 *He had pinned his Head Boy badge to the fez perched **jauntily** on top of his neat hair, his horn-rimmed glasses flashing in the Egyptian sun.*
 - A. in a manner where a clear decision is not made
 - B. appearing cheerful, lively, and self-confident
 - C. in a manner that is exceedingly odd or unusual
- 4 *...if the Ministry got wind of any more magic in Privet Drive, Harry would face **expulsion** from Hogwarts.*
 - A. not easily set on fire
 - B. surrounding conditions
 - C. to be thrown out (of the school never to attend classes again)
- 5 *You'll start seeing death **omens** everywhere.*
 - A. examines in detail to better understand
 - B. protects something or keeps it as it is
 - C. signs of what will happen in the future
- 6 *It was **stiflingly** warm, and the fire that was burning under the crowded mantelpiece was giving off a heavy, sickly sort of perfume as it heated a large copper kettle.*
 - A. in a pessimistic or disagreeable manner
 - B. enthusiastically or with great interest
 - C. in a way that makes breathing difficult
- 7 *...they both had to **stifle** their laughs as Professor Trelawney gazed in their direction.*
 - A. aka analyze -- analyze based upon a theory of psychiatry
 - B. suppress (prevent something or decrease its development)
 - C. search for and discover through persistent investigation
- 8 *One look told them that Hagrid had been drinking a lot; there was a pewter tankard almost as big as a bucket in front of him, and he seemed to be having difficulty getting them into **focus**.*
 - A. software that stops unwanted software from spreading between computers and causing damage to data and software
 - B. a condition where the body cannot properly regulate blood sugar levels because it produces little or no insulin
 - C. view (a state where something can be seen clearly)
- 9 *We must keep our **focus**!*
 - A. concentration
 - B. make one's home in; or live in; or stay (in a place)
 - C. a real estate loan; or pledging something for a loan
- 10 *But Malfoy's eyes were shining **malevolently**, and they were fixed on Harry.*
 - A. with evil intent
 - B. in a manner that is not sensible and careful
 - C. in a manner that is capable of being noticed

- 11 *Snape was in a particularly **vindictive** mood these days, and no one was in any doubt why.*
- A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - B. desirous of seeking revenge or wanting to hurt someone
 - C. not capable of surviving; or not capable of being done
- 12 ***Resigned** to the fact that he would be the only third year staying behind again,*
- 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. having accepted (an unpleasant situation)
- 13 *And he said you'd **resigned**.*
- A. drew
 - B. quit (his job)
 - C. paid
- 14 *He was **positive** that there was nothing wrong with the Firebolt now, but what sort of state would it be in once it had been subjected to all sorts of anti-jinx tests?*
- A. outside
 - B. various
 - C. certain
- 15 *Professor Lupin continued, "The Patronus is a kind of **positive** force, a projection of the very things that the dementor feeds upon -- hope, happiness, the desire to survive -- but it cannot feel despair, as real humans can, so the dementors can't hurt it."*
- A. good or beneficial
 - B. not representative
 - C. impossible to find
- 16 *With an **incantation**, which will work only if you are concentrating, with all your might, on a single, very happy memory.*
- A. the act or process of stopping something from happening
 - B. words believed to have a magical effect when said aloud
 - C. a period of time when someone exhibits unusual behavior
- 17 *Right you are, Professor -- just giving a bit of background information -- the Firebolt, **incidentally**, has a built-in auto-brake and --*
- A. of something that comes with something else, but is less important than it
 - B. a trance-like state of focused concentration and heightened suggestibility
 - C. in a way that suppresses (prevents something or decreases its development)
- 18 ***Averting** his eyes from this unpleasant sight, Harry saw a gigantic, hairy brown suit and a very horrible yellow-and-orange tie hanging from the top of Hagrid's wardrobe door.*
- A. pointing to differences between; or comparing to show differences
 - B. turning away
 - C. wandering from a direct or straight course -- especially verbally
- 19 *Ron was still slightly inclined to laugh at Hermione's boggart, but an argument was **averted** by the sight that met them on the top of the steps.*
- A. lacks adequate funding
 - B. not thinking carefully
 - C. prevented
- 20 *Wood had given instructions that Harry should be **accompanied** everywhere he went, in case the Slytherins tried to put him out of action.*
- A. made possible
 - B. got closer to
 - C. traveled with

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	conscious (<i>as in: conscious after the operation</i>)	Used 8 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
2	B	conscious (<i>as in: the conscious mind</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
3	B	jaunty	Used 2 times in this book.
4	C	expel	Used 13 times in this book.
5	C	omen	Used 11 times in this book.
6	C	stifle (<i>as in: the heat is stifling</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	B	stifle (<i>as in: stifling the urge</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
8	C	focus (<i>as in: bring into focus; or out of focus</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
9	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	A	malevolent	Used 2 times in this book.
11	B	vindictive	Used 2 times in this book.
12	C	resignation (<i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
13	B	resignation (<i>as in: submitted her resignation</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	C	positive (<i>as in: I'm absolutely positive!</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	positive (<i>as in: had a positive effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	incantation	Used 2 times in this book.
17	A	incidental (<i>as in: an incidental expense</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
18	B	avert (<i>as in: avert her eyes</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
19	C	avert (<i>as in: avert a strike</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
20	C	accompany (<i>as in: accompany on the journey</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.