

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

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: antidote, apparition, centaur, confide, disgruntled, divine, flourish (2), gaunt, however (2), incantation, incline, inclined, indignant, prophecy, resignation (2), tribute (2)



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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. Laughter can be a good **antidote** for stress.
 - A. poison
 - B. cure
 - C. toxin
2. She saw an **apparition** of the dead man.
 - A. written diary
 - B. video picture
 - C. ghostlike figure
3. In Greek mythology, Chiron is probably the most famous of the centaurs. He is known for his wisdom and knowledge of medicine.
 - A. demigod fighters in wars between gods
 - B. winged horses that can fly
 - C. mythical beings that are half man and half horse
4. She **confided** in her parents.
 - A. trusted
 - B. didn't trust
 - C. was proud
5. Since the change, many **disgruntled** employees complain of worsening working conditions
 - A. veteran
 - B. loyal
 - C. unhappy
6. She claimed she could **divine** a person's future by reading tea leaves at the bottom of a cup.
 - A. predict supernaturally
 - B. imagine vividly
 - C. remember clearly
7. The business **flourished** from day one.
 - A. grew or developed well
 - B. struggled to make a profit
 - C. was a dangerous place
8. He bowed with a **flourish**.
 - A. showy gesture
 - B. twitch from pain
 - C. smile
9. Don Quixote looked **gaunt** and tired.
 - A. very worried
 - B. very thin
 - C. very bored
10. I hope to take the ACT just once. **However**, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
 - A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and
11. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how

12. 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
13. I was inclined to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
- A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending
14. The boat ramp has a steep incline.
- A. slope
 - B. price
 - C. danger
15. She was indignant, but she agreed to be searched when they accused her of shoplifting.
- A. annoyed at something unjust
 - B. surprised at the unexpected
 - C. defensive about being suspected
16. It was a self-fulfilling prophecy.
- A. profitable enterprise
 - B. prediction
 - C. explanation
17. She said that if I don't resign, I will be fired.
- A. do better
 - B. quit
 - C. renew an agreement
18. She was resigned to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
 - B. resistant
 - C. with acceptance
19. I wrote the song as a tribute to all parents who sacrifice for their children.
- A. expression of admiration
 - B. expression of sorrow
 - C. expression of condemnation
20. The Federalist Party adopted the slogan, "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute."
- A. money spent to attack and conquer another
 - B. something given or done to show admiration
 - C. payment to someone so they will not harm you

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 The whole Wizarding community has been screaming for my **resignation** for a fortnight.
 - A. to constrain in some way -- such as tie up, require, or obligate
 - B. quitting (from a job)
 - C. a group formed to discuss or offer insight on a particular topic
- 2 I think we must **resign** ourselves to the fact that they will, at some point, realize we are not Lord Voldemort.
 - A. feel angry or unhappy about having to accept something not liked
 - B. to manipulate voting district boundaries for political advantage
 - C. accept something undesired as unavoidable or the lesser of evils
- 3 Where were you a few weeks ago when we battled to retrieve the **prophecy** for the Dark Lord?
 - A. social event or ceremony
 - B. prediction of the future
 - C. a positively charged ion
- 4 However miserable he has been here, however unwelcome, however badly treated, you have at least, *grudgingly*, allowed him houseroom.
 - A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
 - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
 - C. regardless of how
- 5 Harry, **however**, remained behind, taking a seat beside the fire and looking down into the dying embers.
 - A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though, in spite of that, in contrast, nevertheless*, etc.
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 6 I think you, Horace, would have known better than to stride into the forest and call a horde of angry centaurs 'filthy half-breeds.'
 - A. images (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
 - B. electronic components that act as one-way valves
 - C. mythical beings that are half man and half horse
- 7 But there are some injuries you can't cure...old curses...and there are poisons without **antidotes**.....
 - A. mirrors back (an image)
 - B. cures for something bad
 - C. creates dramatic change
- 8 Ron looked slightly **disgruntled**.
 - A. not made different; or shown to be different
 - B. not changed directly from a solid to a vapor
 - C. dissatisfied - typically unhappy and annoyed
- 9 And you, I take it, are Mr. **Gaunt**?
 - A. not having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - B. very thin and bony -- often from hunger or as though having been worn to the bone
 - C. able to qualify for regular payments that permit having an income without working
- 10 Personally, I am **inclined** to think that she used a love potion.
 - A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
 - C. favoring (tending toward)
- 11 Voldemort **inclined** his head, unsmiling, and took another sip of wine.
 - A. angled
 - B. told (a story)
 - C. lied or misled
- 12 So you just decided to try out an unknown, handwritten **incantation** and see what would happen?
 - A. the act or process of stopping something from happening
 - B. words or sounds believed to have a magical effect
 - C. a period of time when someone exhibits unusual behavior

- 13 *My name is Wilkie Twycross and I shall be your Ministry-Apparition Instructor for the next twelve weeks.*
- A. lacking experience or sophistication
 - B. a Muslim religious teacher or leader
 - C. a ghostlike figure or its appearance
- 14 *To general indignation, a sign went up on all common-room noticeboards that the next trip into Hogsmeade had been cancelled.*
- A. anger at something unjust
 - B. surprise as something unexpected
 - C. acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 15 *many flourishing potted plants*
- A. thriving (growing well)
 - B. stopping a battle or fight
 - C. changing through evolution
- 16 *Seized with an immediate desire to reveal himself, Harry pulled off the cloak with a flourish.*
- A. a showy gesture
 - B. tell someone about something
 - C. something repeated regularly
- 17 *Perfect deliberation, divination, and desperation*
- A. the act of predicting something by magic
 - B. the four-dimensional combination of space and time where everything happens
 - C. a connection or relationship by being equivalent, proportionate, or matched
- 18 *Harry wiped his grazed forearm upon the stone: Having received its tribute of blood, the archway reopened instantly.*
- A. a ductless glandular organ at the base of the neck that produces lymphocytes and aids in producing immunity
 - B. someone with a potentially life-threatening psychological eating disorder that prevents eating enough food
 - C. payment demanded
- 19 *It was, Harry knew, the centaurs' tribute: he saw them turn tail and disappear back into the cool trees.*
- A. expression of admiration
 - B. an unborn child (or other unborn or unhatched vertebrate)
 - C. title for the head of a government body in some countries
- 20 *It had been here, in this very room, that Dumbledore had told him that he was to confide the contents of their lessons to nobody but Ron and Hermione.*
- A. tell confidentially
 - B. aka analyze -- analyze based upon a theory of psychiatry
 - C. search for and discover through persistent investigation

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	resignation (<i>as in: submitted her resignation</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
2	C	resignation (<i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	prophecy	Used 53 times in this book.
4	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
5	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
6	C	centaur	Used 7 times in this book.
7	B	antidote	Used 19 times in this book.
8	C	disgruntled	Used 5 times in this book.
9	B	gaunt	Used 55 times in this book.
10	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	A	incline (<i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	B	incantation	Used 11 times in this book.
13	C	apparition (<i>as in: a headless apparition</i>)	Used 26 times in this book.
14	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
15	A	flourish (<i>as in: the business is flourishing</i>)	Used 13 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	flourish (<i>as in: dismissed them with a flourish</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
17	A	divine (<i>as in: divined from tea leaves</i>)	Used 12 times in this book.
18	C	tribute (<i>as in: demanded they pay tribute</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
19	A	tribute (<i>as in: a tribute to the great actor</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
20	A	confide	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.