

Hedda Gabler

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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, allude, anxiety, complacent, confide, curt, despair, dispel, earnest, equivocal, imperative, inclined, indifferent, motive, nevertheless, principle, repulsive, scorn, spontaneous, suppress



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
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7	C
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10	A
11	A
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17	A
18	A
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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. The region has **abundant** natural resources, from oil to fresh water.
 - A. extremely scarce
 - B. highly disputed
 - C. widely available
2. She didn't mention any names, but everyone knew she was **alluding** to the President.
 - A. being discouraging
 - B. indirectly referring
 - C. not talking
3. It is a vicious cycle in which worry leads to decreased spending and decreased spending leads to increased **anxiety**.
 - A. happiness
 - B. worry
 - C. saving
4. This team could win State if they stay hungry instead of getting too **complacent**.
 - A. worried
 - B. distracted
 - C. satisfied
5. She **confided** in her parents.
 - A. trusted
 - B. didn't trust
 - C. was proud
6. I tried asking open-ended questions, but all I could get were curt replies.
 - A. angry
 - B. selfish
 - C. short
7. She rescued me from **despair**.
 - A. fear
 - B. poverty
 - C. hopelessness
8. The explanation helped **dispel** her fears about starting the new job.
 - A. confirm
 - B. drive away
 - C. intensify
9. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - A. frivolous attitude
 - B. seriousness
 - C. falseness
10. The politician's **equivocal** statement could be taken two completely different ways.
 - A. unclear in meaning
 - B. openly honest
 - C. firmly decided
11. It's becoming **imperative** that we get that national deficit under control.
 - A. essential and urgent
 - B. a popular belief
 - C. an excuse for ignoring other problems

12. I was inclined to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
- A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending
13. She was indifferent to his anger.
- A. without interest
 - B. with fear
 - C. with anger
14. A desire for religious freedom was their motive for leaving England.
- A. excuse
 - B. technique
 - C. reason
15. She loves him. Nevertheless, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
16. One guiding principle is that everyone should be treated fairly.
- A. rule or belief
 - B. complaint
 - C. answer or result
17. She found the bully's rude behavior repulsive.
- A. deeply offensive
 - B. warmly inviting
 - C. calmly soothing
18. That coach scorns students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
19. The group broke into spontaneous laughter.
- A. quiet and polite
 - B. sudden and unplanned
 - C. loud and bothersome
20. Stalin suppressed criticism in the press.
- A. kept from spreading
 - B. caused to spread
 - C. expressed publicly

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 TESMAN. [*Hums a little and smiles **complacently**.*] Yes, I fancy I have several good friends about town who would like to stand in my shoes--eh?
 - A. in a manner that relates to properties of sound or hearing
 - B. in a manner that causes great mental or physical suffering
 - C. in a satisfied manner
- 2 But **nevertheless**— MISS TESMAN.
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 3 Her hair is of an agreeable brown, but not particularly **abundant**.
 - A. able to be disagreed with
 - B. not tending to find fault
 - C. present in great quantity
- 4 That is why I beg so **earnestly** that you—you too—will keep a sharp eye upon him.
 - A. in a self-aware manner
 - B. sincerely or seriously
 - C. finally; or in the end
- 5 But of course he saw how **repulsive** they were to me; and so he dropped them.
 - A. very unpleasant or causing disgust
 - B. a tendency to think back on things
 - C. relating to surrounding conditions
- 6 He has only once—quite vaguely—**alluded** to it.
 - A. marked important text
 - B. indirectly referenced
 - C. gained advantage from
- 7 [*To BRACK, laughing with a touch of **scorn**.*]
 - A. disrespect
 - B. not answer questions; or block progress
 - C. move from more general to more specific
- 8 Why, my dearest Hedda, how can you be so **indifferent** about it?
 - A. unconcerned (without interest)
 - B. likely to change
 - C. able to be found
- 9 You declared they were adapted only for men of the strictest **principles**.
 - A. basic rules or beliefs
 - B. subtle characteristics
 - C. long eventful journeys
- 10 [*Curtly and **decidedly**.*]
 - A. in a manner that makes uncomfortable (weighs heavily on the senses or spirit)
 - B. in a manner that is the most exciting or important part of a series of events
 - C. in a manner that uses few words or is abrupt and perhaps discourteous or rude
- 11 I am sure Mr. Lovborg is much more **inclined** to remain here and have supper with me.
 - A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
 - C. desirous (in the mood)
- 12 What was your **motive**, then?
 - A. small quantity or indication
 - B. the sacred writings of Islam
 - C. reason (for doing something)

- 13 *[Trying to conceal her anxiety.]*
A. basic rule or belief
B. nervousness or worry
C. narrow water passage
- 14 *you can imagine what a state of **despair** he will be in when he awakens and misses the manuscript.*
A. adjusts a lens to make an image clear
B. not creating disagreement or struggle
C. distress (at inability to fix a bad situation)
- 15 *[Laughing **equivocally**.]*
A. with meaning that is not clear
B. in a manner that is almost transparent -- allowing light to pass through without providing a clear image
C. in a manner that is terrible (vile; disgusting) -- worthy of being strongly disliked and looked down upon
- 16 *First promise me--give me your word--that what I now **confide** in you Thea shall never know.*
A. place trust (in someone) and talk about private things
B. aka analyze -- analyze based upon a theory of psychiatry
C. search for and discover through persistent investigation
- 17 *It was **imperative** I should see you this evening.*
A. essential and urgent
B. not demonstrative of
C. sincerity (realness)
- 18 *a deed of **spontaneous** beauty*
A. fascinate so much that awareness of other surrounding things is partially lost and too much trust is granted
B. happening or arising without plan
C. related to a government official whose job is to represent their country in discussions with other countries
- 19 *I am sorry, Mrs. Hedda,--but I fear I must **dispel** an amiable illusion.*
A. portray or create in a particular way OR interpret, translate, or extract from
B. to drive away or put an end to something -- especially a feeling, idea, or doubt
C. removing the favoring any side in a contest, war, disagreement, or other dispute
- 20 *Suppressing an involuntary smile,*
A. trying to keep under control
B. gradually adding or removing
C. thinking about or discussing

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	complacent	High-utility academic word
2	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this play.
3	C	abundant	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
4	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
5	A	repulsive (<i>as in: she found him repulsive</i>)	Used 3 times in this play.
6	B	allude	High-utility academic word
7	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
8	A	indifferent	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this play.
9	A	principle	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this play.
10	C	curt	Used 5 times in this play.
11	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
12	C	motive (<i>as in: What is her motive?</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
13	B	anxiety	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
14	C	despair (<i>as in: she felt despair</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this play.
15	A	equivocal	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
16	A	confide	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this play.
17	A	imperative	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
18	B	spontaneous	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
19	B	dispel	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
20	A	suppress	Used 4 times in this play.