

Henry IV, Part 1

by William Shakespeare

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: adversary, banish, bard, beguile, beseech, compulsion, countenance, disdain, forswear, melancholy, mettle, parley, peremptory, peril, redeem (2), reprove, rogue, tedious, valor



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	C
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10	B
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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. Their **adversaries** outsmarted them.
 - A. sub-groups
 - B. replacements
 - C. opponents
2. I tried to **banish** the thought from my mind.
 - A. understand
 - B. collect
 - C. send away
3. He calls himself a **bard** from Brooklyn.
 - A. someone who protects the weak and delivers justice to those who are evil
 - B. someone who composes and shares poems about important events and people
 - C. someone who knows everything about everyone
4. She was wined, dined, and **beguiled** into signing the contract.
 - A. forced
 - B. tricked
 - C. encouraged
5. She closed the prayer by **beseeking** God to grant them wisdom and patience.
 - A. asking
 - B. demanding
 - C. instructing
6. My eating **compulsion** doesn't make sense.
 - A. so slowly
 - B. unhealthfully
 - C. uncontrollably
7. Her **countenance** grew stern.
 - A. facial expression
 - B. a method of counting
 - C. voice
8. She has nothing but **disdain** for the notion that common people can regulate their own lives better than she can.
 - A. lack of respect
 - B. humility
 - C. intense anger
9. She should **forswear** contributions from special interest groups.
 - A. make public
 - B. stop (taking)
 - C. take advantage of
10. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring.
 - A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing
11. In the darkest hour, her **mettle** surged forth, allowing her to confront his fears with unwavering bravery.
 - A. luck
 - B. popularity
 - C. courage

12. After days of fighting, the generals decided to parley at dawn to seek a peaceful resolution.
- A. duel
 - B. retreat
 - C. negotiate
13. Her tone was peremptory, preventing argument or disagreement.
- A. not allowing contradiction or refusal
 - B. not in line with her usual manner
 - C. more rushed than usual
14. The journalist's investigation put her in great peril.
- A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness
15. It's been a terrible season, but the team has a shot at redemption if they can beat their cross-town rival.
- A. earning a good report
 - B. making up for bad things
 - C. preventing disaster
16. Points earned with the credit card can be redeemed for free airline tickets and other products.
- A. saved
 - B. exchanged
 - C. multiplied
17. I don't want to spoil her, but I don't have the heart to reprove her.
- A. criticize
 - B. compliment
 - C. instruct
18. The computer programmer went rogue and started leaking classified files without permission.
- A. untrustworthy
 - B. exhausted
 - C. unconcerned
19. I find it relaxing to wash the holiday dishes, but she finds it tedious.
- A. stressful
 - B. punishing
 - C. boring
20. She has served her country with valor.
- A. wisdom
 - B. enthusiasm
 - C. courage

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 *and let men say we be men of good government, being governed, as the sea is, by our noble and chaste mistress the Moon, under whose **countenance** we steal.*
 - A. face
 - B. the best or most important
 - C. a secret agreement or plot
- 2 *'Sblood, I am as **melancholy** as a gib-cat or a lugg'd bear.*
 - A. relating to the outside
 - B. a sad feeling or manner
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 3 *The virtue of this jest will be, the incomprehensible lies that this same fat rogue will tell us when we meet at supper: how thirty, at least, he fought with; what wards, what blows, what extremities he endured; and in the **reproof** of this lies the jest.*
 - A. criticism
 - B. main road
 - C. hard work
- 4 *If all the year were playing holidays,
To sport would be as **tedious** as to work;*
 - A. sensible and careful
 - B. not demonstrative of
 - C. boring or monotonous
- 5 *Worcester, get thee gone; for I do see Danger and disobedience in thine eye: O, sir, your presence is too bold and **peremptory**, And majesty might never yet endure The moody frontier of a servant brow.*
 - A. not allowing contradiction or refusal
 - B. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - C. able to be restored to good condition
- 6 *Shall our coffers, then, be emptied to **redeem** a traitor home?*
 - A. select (on a computer screen)
 - B. exchange in return for (bringing)
 - C. consume or destroy completely
- 7 *you may **redeem** your banish'd honours, and restore yourselves Into the good thoughts of the world again;*
 - A. to cause something to move forward
 - B. to make up for something bad
 - C. make different; or show difference
- 8 *I have **forsworn** his company hourly any time this two-and-twenty year, and yet I am bewitch'd with the rogue's company.*
 - A. constraining in some way -- such as tying up, requiring, or obligating
 - B. to decide to stop doing something; or to renounce or disavow something
 - C. the profession of assisting women in childbirth without being a doctor
- 9 *An the Prince and Pointz be not two arrant cowards, there's no equity stirring: there's no more **valour** in that Pointz than in a wild duck.*
 - A. exceedingly powerful bomb whose energy comes from the splitting of atoms
 - B. a long race that is shorter than the typical long race of about 26 miles
 - C. exceptional or heroic courage when facing danger -- especially in battle
- 10 *They take it already upon their salvation, that though I be but Prince of Wales, yet I am the king of courtesy; and tell me flatly I am no proud Jack, like Falstaff, but a corinthian, a lad of **mettle**, a good boy,—by the Lord, so they call me;—and, when I am King of England, I shall command all the good lads in Eastcheap.*
 - A. lacking things most people enjoy
 - B. opposed to people who are Jewish
 - C. courage or strength of character

- 11 *You **rogue**, here's lime in this sack too*
 A. a person who lies
 B. lymph node -- one of many bean-sized organs that filter bacteria and other toxins from circulating white-blood-cell filled lymph fluid
 C. when what happens is very different than what might be expected; or when things are together that seem like they don't belong together
- 12 *if reasons were as plentiful as blackberries, I would give no man a reason upon **compulsion**, I. PRINCE.*
 A. a strategy or plan to do something
 B. a dream about doing something
 C. an urge, force, or requirement to do something
- 13 *him keep with, the rest **banish**.*
 A. gain advantage from
 B. influence or effect
 C. expel or get rid of -- especially a person from a country or community
- 14 *Pride, haughtiness, opinion, and **disdain**;*
 A. a lack of respect
 B. differ; or change
 C. influence opinion
- 15 *I understand thy looks: that pretty Welsh Which thou pour'st down from these swelling heavens I am too perfect in; and, but for shame, In such a **parley** should I answer thee.*
 A. think carefully and make a judgment about something again
 B. to promise, guarantee, or indicate certainty of something
 C. a negotiation or discussion -- especially between enemies
- 16 *I know you, Sir John: you owe me money, Sir John; and now you pick a quarrel to **beguile** me of it: I bought you a dozen of shirts to your back.*
 A. to think of something as true or likely, even though it is not known with certainty
 B. to charm, enchant, or entertain someone; or to deceive -- especially through charm
 C. give authority, power, knowledge, or confidence to someone so they can do something
- 17 *Bardolph,-- **BARD**.*
 A. of the American Indian civilization of Yucatan and Belize and Guatemala that reached its peak between AD 300 and 900
 B. someone who composes and recites or sings poems about important events and people; or (as a proper noun) Shakespeare
 C. a hole or dropoff so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply a frightening bottomless pit
- 18 *A **perilous** gash, a very limb lopp'd off:--And yet, in faith, 'tis not; his present want Seems more than we shall find it.*
 A. stuck out
 B. dangerous
 C. bent down
- 19 *At my tent The Douglas is: and I **beseech** your Grace I may dispose of him.*
 A. to ask strongly or beg for something
 B. move into position to work; or start
 C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 20 *Then, brother John of Lancaster, to you This honourable bounty shall belong: Go to the Douglas, and deliver him Up to his pleasure, ransomless and free: His valour, shown upon our crests to-day, Hath taught us how to cherish such high deeds Even in the bosom of our **adversaries**.*
 A. loyalties
 B. made holy
 C. opponents

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	Used 5 times in this play.
2	B	melancholy	Used 3 times in this play.
3	A	reprove	Used 3 times in this play.
4	C	tedious	Used 3 times in this play.
5	A	peremptory	Used 2 times in this play.
6	B	redeem (<i>as in: redeem the coupon</i>)	2 meanings in this play.
7	B	redeem (<i>as in: its main redeeming quality is...</i>)	Used 5 times in this play; 2 meanings in this play.
8	B	forswear (<i>as in: forswear my country of birth</i>)	Used 4 times in this play.
9	C	valor	Used 4 times in this play.
10	C	mettle	Used 3 times in this play.
11	A	rogue	Used 20 times in this play.
12	C	compulsion	Used 4 times in this play.
13	C	banish	Used 11 times in this play.
14	A	disdain	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
15	C	parley	Used 2 times in this play.
16	B	beguile	Used 2 times in this play.
17	B	bard (<i>as in: written by the bard</i>)	Used 18 times in this play.
18	B	peril	Used 3 times in this play.
19	A	beseech	Used 4 times in this play.
20	C	adversary	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.