

Henry IV, Part 2

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: banish, beseech, brevity, commend, commotion, derive, discord, ebb, forswear, heed, loath, peril, redress, revere, rogue, scorn, scruples, swagger, valor, zeal



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	A
3	A
4	A
5	A
6	B
7	A
8	C
9	B
10	C
11	B
12	B
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15	A
16	A
17	A
18	B
19	C
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. I tried to **banish** the thought from my mind.
 - A. understand
 - B. collect
 - C. send away
2. She closed the prayer by **beseeking** God to grant them wisdom and patience.
 - A. asking
 - B. demanding
 - C. instructing
3. I like Twitter for its **brevity**.
 - A. short texts
 - B. varied texts
 - C. clever texts
4. I **commend** her dedication.
 - A. praise
 - B. envy
 - C. miss
5. Her entrance created quite a **commotion**.
 - A. disturbance
 - B. outburst of laughter
 - C. accident
6. I **derive** pleasure from my work.
 - A. refuse
 - B. obtain
 - C. ignore
7. There is too much **discord** in their home.
 - A. conflict
 - B. loud noise
 - C. uncritical agreement
8. After the incident, support for the policy **ebbed**.
 - A. increased
 - B. disappeared
 - C. declined
9. She should **forswear** contributions from special interest groups.
 - A. make public
 - B. stop (taking)
 - C. take advantage of
10. She didn't **heed** the storm warnings and got caught in the heavy rain.
 - A. pass through
 - B. tell others of
 - C. pay attention to
11. Though they **loath** to admit it, there are serious divides splitting the party.
 - A. are eager
 - B. are reluctant
 - C. are excited
12. The journalist's investigation put her in great **peril**.
 - A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness

13. The committee expressed a desire to **redress** the oversight.
- A. investigate
 - B. change clothing after
 - C. make up for
14. She **reveres** nature and all that is natural.
- A. dislikes and avoids
 - B. deeply respects
 - C. thoroughly enjoys
15. The computer programmer went **rogue** and started leaking classified files without permission.
- A. untrustworthy
 - B. exhausted
 - C. unconcerned
16. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
17. Her **scruples** were not so strong as to withstand her friend's arguments.
- A. principles that discourage certain kinds of action
 - B. known facts
 - C. firmness of purpose
18. The cowboy **swaggered** into the saloon with his holster unstrapped.
- A. limped with difficulty
 - B. walked confidently
 - C. snuck
19. She has served her country with **valor**.
- A. wisdom
 - B. enthusiasm
 - C. courage
20. We need someone with both **zeal** and ability.
- A. enthusiasm
 - B. patience
 - C. honesty

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 still-**discordant** *wavering multitude*,
 - A. disagreeing/conflicting
 - B. without purpose, job, or natural activity
 - C. unable or difficult to meet and talk with
- 2 How is this **derived**?
 - A. hid
 - B. got
 - C. cut
- 3 I am as poor as Job, my lord, but not so patient: your lordship may minister the potion of imprisonment to me in respect of poverty; but how I should be your patient to follow your prescriptions, the wise may make some dram of a **scruple**, or indeed a scruple itself.
 - A. an ethical or moral principle that discourages certain kinds of action
 - B. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
 - C. speak in a manner that does not clearly express an opinion or decision
- 4 Virtue is of so little regard in these costermonger times that true **valour** is turned bear-herd; pregnancy is made a tapster, and hath his quick wit wasted in giving reckonings: all the other gifts appertinent to man, as the malice of this age shapes them, are not worth a gooseberry.
 - 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
- 5 **Commend** me to my cousin Westmoreland.
 - A. recommend (express a favorable opinion of)
 - B. influence or effect
 - C. gain advantage from
- 6 take **heed** of him; he stabbed me in mine own house, and that most beastly: in good faith, he cares not what mischief he does, if his weapon be out: he will foin like any devil; he will spare neither man, woman, nor child.
 - A. a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
 - B. adjusted excessively or made up for excessively
 - C. pay close attention to; or do what is suggested
- 7 Pray thee, Sir John, let it be but twenty nobles: i' faith, I am **loath** to pawn my plate, so God save me, la!
 - A. able to be protected or kept unchanged
 - B. reluctant or unwilling to do something
 - C. able to accept as true (without proof)
- 8 "I will imitate the honourable Romans in **brevity**:" he sure means brevity in breath, short-winded.
 - 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
- 9 Hang him, **swaggering** rascal!
 - A. giving an opinion of what is wrong with something
 - B. walking and behaving in a highly confident manner
 - C. expressing regret for having done something wrong
- 10 I **scorn** you, scurvy companion.
 - A. disrespect or reject as not good enough
 - B. not answer questions; or block progress
 - C. move from more general to more specific
- 11 I'll forswear keeping house, afore I'll be in these tirrits and frights.
 - A. a drug that calms or puts to sleep; or describing something as calming
 - B. to decide to stop doing something; or to renounce or disavow something
 - C. the reason for doing something; or the level of desire to do something

- 12 *O, if this were seen, The happiest youth, viewing his progress through, What **perils** past, what crosses to ensue, Would shut the book, and sit him down and die.*
 A. allowed
 B. dangers
 C. attacks
- 13 *Let me see them, I **beseech** you.*
 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
- 14 *What peer hath been suborn'd to grate on you, That you should seal this lawless bloody book Of forged rebellion with a seal divine And consecrate **commotion's** bitter edge?*
 A. noisy disturbance
 B. circular movement
 C. size or dimension
- 15 *There is no need of any such **redress**;
 Or if there were, it not belongs to you.*
 A. learn, discover, or decide in advance
 B. a quick look or partial understanding
 C. making up for a wrong
- 16 *Chide him for faults, and do it **reverently**,*
 A. in a manner that is not appropriate or different than would be expected in size, amount, or degree
 B. showing deep respect and admiration
 C. with nervousness or discomfort felt by someone due to concern about what others will think of them
- 17 *The river hath thrice flow'd, no **ebb** between; And the old folk, time's doting chronicles, Say it did so a little time before That our great-grandsire, Edward, sick'd and died.*
 A. a large structure separate from a main structure or temporary
 B. make something more attractive or interesting by adding to it
 C. decline -- typically gradually as with the height of the tide
- 18 *Come, you **rogue**, come; bring me to a justice.*
 A. deceitful person
 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
- 19 *the zeal I had to see him*
 A. active interest and enthusiasm
 B. made by taking on as one's own
 C. relating to the chest (thorax)
- 20 *I like this fair proceeding of the king's: He hath intent his wonted followers Shall all be very well provided for; But all are **banish'd** till their conversations Appear more wise and modest to the world.*
 A. thought -- possibly aloud
 B. was abundant or plentiful
 C. expelled or gotten rid of

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	discord (<i>as in: discord amongst the group</i>)	Used 2 times in this play.
2	B	derive	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this play.
3	A	scruples	Used 2 times in this play.
4	C	valor	Used 6 times in this play.
5	A	commend (<i>as in: I commend her work</i>)	Used 6 times in this play.
6	C	heed	Used 3 times in this play.
7	B	loath	Used 3 times in this play.
8	A	brevity	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
9	B	swagger	Used 14 times in this play.
10	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
11	B	forswear (<i>as in: forswear my country of birth</i>)	Used 3 times in this play.
12	B	peril	Used 5 times in this play.
13	A	beseech	Used 13 times in this play.
14	A	commotion	Used 3 times in this play.
15	C	redress (<i>as in: redress the problem</i>)	Used 6 times in this play.
16	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
17	C	ebb	Used 3 times in this play.
18	A	rogue	Used 13 times in this play.
19	A	zeal	Used 3 times in this play.
20	C	banish	Used 3 times in this play.