

Howards End

by E. M. Forster

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: approach (2), assert, attain, censure, consequence (2), contradict, contrast (2), cynical, incline, inclined, inquest, latent, materialistic, mistrust, retort, squalor, vulgar



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
2. I **approached** three bankers about a loan.
 - A. avoided
 - B. complained to
 - C. asked
3. She **asserts** that her opponent lacks managerial experience.
 - A. says
 - B. proves
 - C. demonstrates
4. They hope to **attain** effective law and order in the region before withdrawing troops.
 - A. openly oppose
 - B. carefully describe
 - C. successfully gain
5. In spite of the **censure** of her colleagues, she believed she had done the right thing.
 - A. criticism
 - B. anger
 - C. disinterest
6. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
7. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
8. Does the sentence **contradict** what is said in the previous paragraph?
 - A. disagree with
 - B. reinforce
 - C. expand upon
9. **Contrast** typical underlying beliefs of pro-life and pro-choice supporters.
 - A. study
 - B. compare
 - C. describe
10. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
11. Over the years, she has grown **cynical** and unhappy.
 - A. distrustful of others
 - B. trusting of strangers
 - C. envious of friends
12. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
 - A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending

13. The boat ramp has a steep **incline**.
- A. slope
 - B. price
 - C. danger
14. A coroner's **inquest** determined that the death was from natural causes.
- A. formal investigation
 - B. vote
 - C. assistant
15. A **latent** HPV infection reactivated when her immune system weakened with age.
- A. severe
 - B. inactive
 - C. common
16. I wouldn't describe myself as **materialistic**, but I would like some financial security.
- A. too concerned with wealth and possessions
 - B. too afraid of risk and uncertainty
 - C. unwilling to spend any money
17. Years of broken promises taught the team to **mistrust** anything he said.
- A. not remember
 - B. not trust
 - C. not question
18. She **retorted**, "Takes one to know one."
- A. quickly replied
 - B. insulted back
 - C. joyfully laughed
19. While my living conditions are not what I would like, they are far better than the kind of **squalor** I read of in Charles Dickens novels.
- A. slum
 - B. cruelty
 - C. confusion
20. His **vulgar** jokes embarrassed everyone at the formal dinner party.
- A. stale
 - B. crude
 - C. clever

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 *Its very situation—withdrawn a little behind the facile splendours of St. Pancras—implied a comment on the **materialism** of life.*
 - A. overly concerned with wealth and possessions at the expense of other interests
 - B. the passage food and drink follow between the back of the mouth and the stomach
 - C. blood poisoning or poisoning of other tissues by microorganisms or their toxins
- 2 *But he **inclined** his head in her direction, and said...*
 - A. angled (or bent)
 - B. told (a story)
 - C. lied or misled
- 3 *I don't feel **inclined** to talk.*
 - A. not capable of being suffered through (or put up with)
 - B. the degree to which something can be solved or settled
 - C. in the mood
- 4 *Margaret saw horror **latent** in the scene, and Helen's next remark did not surprise her.*
 - A. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
 - B. potentially existing (but not presently active)
 - C. the characteristic of tending to think back about things
- 5 *It is the vice of a **vulgar** mind to be thrilled by bigness, to think that a thousand square miles are a thousand times more wonderful than one square mile, and that a million square miles are almost the same as heaven.*
 - A. increasing reason or general desire to do something
 - B. unsophisticated
 - C. the state of being unaware of one's mental activity
- 6 *Helen could not **contradict** them, for, once at all events, she had felt the same, and had seen the reliable walls of youth collapse.*
 - A. disagree
 - B. subtract
 - C. continue
- 7 *"It isn't of any **consequence**," said the young man, in truth a little uneasy about his umbrella.*
 - A. translates
 - B. importance
 - C. sticks out
- 8 *They had attempted friendship, and they would take the **consequences**.*
 - A. results (including unintended side-effects)
 - B. battles
 - C. desires
- 9 *Most ladies would have laughed, but Margaret really minded, for it gave her a glimpse into **squalor**.*
 - A. extremely dirty and unpleasant living conditions
 - B. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 - C. a general feeling of not being as good as others
- 10 *I call that rather **cynical**.*
 - A. someone who expects the worst -- especially of people (such as expecting them to be selfish and lie)
 - B. characterized by recurrent and persistent thoughts and feelings and repetitive, ritualized behaviors
 - C. related to the change of a light wave (or other wave) when it passes an opaque edge or narrow opening
- 11 *Surely, if experience is **attainable**, she had attained it.*
 - A. without a tendency to be full of thought
 - B. lacking a tendency to be full of thought
 - C. able to be gained or reached with effort
- 12 *She **mistrusted** the periods of quiet that are essential to true growth.*
 - A. fruit cooked with sugar (like jam)
 - B. didn't trust or have confidence in
 - C. past-tense of the verb *lead*

- 13 *Our business is not to **contrast** the two, but to reconcile them.*
A. determine or distinguish the nature of a problem
B. point to differences between
C. separate
- 14 *Leonard noticed the **contrast** when he stepped out of it into the country.*
A. similarity
B. size
C. difference
- 15 *She **censured** her, not for disapproving of the engagement, but for throwing over her disapproval a veil of mystery.*
A. criticized
B. not hired, occupied, or booked
C. developed or changed gradually
- 16 *The business man who assumes that this life is everything, and the mystic who **asserts** that it is nothing, fail, on this side and on that, to hit the truth.*
A. says (something is true -- especially something disputed)
B. encourages growth or excitement, or causes something to happen
C. points to differences between; or compares to show differences
- 17 *It was always best to **approach** him formally.*
A. did not find a condition or substance to be present
B. to support by providing money or other economic aid
C. begin communication with someone about something
- 18 *They were warned quietly—really quietly, for as the day **approached** she refused to go through another Oniton.*
A. got near
B. made possible
C. not satisfied
- 19 *"I can **diagnose** the case more bluntly if you wish," he **retorted**.*
A. quickly replied
B. said indirectly
C. greatly annoyed
- 20 *On his way through the village he informed the police, who thanked him, and said there must be an **inquest**.*
A. formal investigation
B. basic rule or belief
C. the act of forgiving

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	materialistic	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
2	A	incline (<i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	B	latent	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
5	B	vulgar	Used 11 times in this book.
6	A	contradict	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
7	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	squalor	Used 6 times in this book.
10	A	cynical	Used 10 times in this book.
11	C	attain	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
12	B	mistrust	Used 5 times in this book.
13	B	contrast (<i>as in: contrast their writing styles</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	censure	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
16	A	assert (<i>as in: asserted her opinion that...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	approach (<i>as in: approached her with the proposal</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 12 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	retort (<i>as in: quick retort</i>)	Used 13 times in this book.
20	A	inquest	Used 8 times in this book.