

# Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl

by Harriet Jacobs

## 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:** abolition, compel, consequence (2), cordial, forbearance, fugitive, however (2), ingratitude, moreover, oblige, oppress (2), persecution, prudent, remonstrate, render (2), resolve



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	B
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4	B
5	B
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10	B
11	B
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16	A
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20	C

**Vocabulary Preview**  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. The long fight for **abolition** finally achieved its goal in the 19th century.
  - A. outlawing alcohol
  - B. ending slavery
  - C. regulating child labor
2. Can we **compel** the witness to testify?
  - A. prevent
  - B. force
  - C. delay
3. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
  - A. result
  - B. unimportant part
  - C. important part
4. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
  - A. unethical
  - B. important
  - C. harmful
5. The professor greeted each student **cordially** as they entered.
  - A. in a hurried manner
  - B. in a friendly manner
  - C. in a clumsy manner
6. I appreciate your **forbearance**.
  - A. patience or tolerance
  - B. financial loan
  - C. family concerns
7. The **fugitive** fled to Venezuela.
  - A. person on vacation
  - B. rebel
  - C. person running from the law
8. 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
9. **However** we get there, the main thing is to be absolutely sure we're not late.
  - A. whatever way
  - B. even if in a non-standard manner
  - C. to whatever degree
10. The **ingratitude** shown by those who benefited from her kindness was a bitter reminder of the world's indifference.
  - A. lack of success
  - B. lack of gratefulness
  - C. lack of ability
11. Many graduates have high college debt. **Moreover**, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
  - A. in contrast to that
  - B. in addition to that
  - C. as a result of that

12. I didn't want to help, but I felt obliged because of our family connections.
- A. required to
  - B. interested
  - C. sad
13. My work environment is oppressive.
- A. friendly
  - B. harsh and unfair
  - C. very important
14. She is oppressed by her insecurity.
- A. made uncomfortable (it weighs heavily on the spirit)
  - B. showed fear by positioning the body as though afraid of being hit
  - C. laughed at or made fun of--while showing a lack of respect
15. In that country people who are gay are persecuted by law.
- A. forced to leave
  - B. ignored
  - C. treated badly
16. Courage is dangerous without prudence.
- A. good sense
  - B. good purpose
  - C. good support
17. The lawyers will remonstrate that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
- A. promise
  - B. protest
  - C. explain
18. I received an invoice for \$100 for services rendered.
- A. to be performed
  - B. described in writing
  - C. provided or supplied
19. The disorder will eventually render her paralyzed.
- A. make
  - B. unmake
  - C. compare
20. I resolved to never drink again.
- A. was forced
  - B. was encouraged
  - C. firmly decided

# 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 **Moreover**, they thought he had spoiled his children, by teaching them to feel that they were human beings.
  - A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
  - B. in addition to what has just been said
  - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 2 It did not, **however**, prohibit him from retaining the silver candelabra, which had been purchased with that money.
  - 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)
- 3 **However** that might be, I was determined that I would never go to Louisiana with him.
  - A. in whatever way
  - B. starts fighting
  - C. starts (a fire)
- 4 My owner knew of it, and sought in every way to **render** me miserable.
  - A. make
  - B. gradually add or remove
  - C. feel sadness and regret
- 5 They had all been kind to us, and they had **rendered** us a greater service than they could possibly conceive of.
  - A. restart (a fire)
  - B. started (a fire)
  - C. given
- 6 He boasted much of the **forbearance** he had exercised towards me, and reminded me that there was a limit to his patience.
  - A. tolerance
  - B. a right that is naturally due because of human nature and the natural condition
  - C. something suggested indirectly; or something that can be concluded; or a result
- 7 He was too **prudent** to come into her room.
  - A. sensible and careful
  - B. not demonstrative of
  - C. sincerity (realness)
- 8 I was an object of her jealousy, and, **consequently**, of her hatred;
  - A. as a result
  - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
  - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 9 Had my children, then, become of so little **consequence** to him?
  - A. translates
  - B. importance
  - C. sticks out
- 10 On such occasions he would assume the air of a very injured individual, and reproach me for my **ingratitude**.
  - A. the ability to take or adopt power or responsibility
  - B. lack of gratefulness -- typically inappropriately so
  - C. the process of excessive encouragement or excitement
- 11 Some believe that the **abolitionists** have already made them free, and that it is established by law, but that their masters prevent the law from going into effect.
  - A. things that disagree with themselves
  - B. reformers who favored ending slavery
  - C. Muslim religious teachers or leaders

- 12 *I had resolved that I would be virtuous, though I was a slave.*  
A. changed  
B. adapted  
C. definitely decided
- 13 *He, whose persecutions had been the cause of my sin!*  
A. relating to properties of sound or hearing  
B. substances that causes a chemical reaction  
C. unfair treatment
- 14 *They are constantly compelled to resort to it.*  
A. fruit cooked with sugar (like jam)  
B. forced  
C. didn't trust or have confidence in
- 15 *It is the only weapon of the weak and oppressed against the strength of their tyrants.*  
A. not with energy redirected from a negative impulse to a positive one  
B. people treated harshly and unfairly  
C. convinced (someone) that an idea previously believed was not correct
- 16 *I did not mention the constant feeling of insecurity which oppressed my spirits.*  
A. made uncomfortable (weighed heavily on)  
B. joined with others in a public protest or display of support  
C. intruded or encroached (inserted oneself without invitation)
- 17 *The woman could not read, and was obliged to employ another to read the letter.*  
A. required  
B. gradually added or removed  
C. limited or with boundaries
- 18 *Peter remonstrated earnestly.*  
A. selected (on a computer screen)  
B. argued in protest or opposition  
C. took up or received into heaven
- 19 *Mrs. Bruce did not know I was a fugitive.*  
A. the state or degree of agreeing or approving  
B. the state of doing something unintentionally  
C. someone who is running away or hiding to avoid arrest or an unpleasant situation
- 20 *I well remembered what a desolate feeling it was to be alone among strangers, and I went up to him and greeted him cordially.*  
A. in a pleasing way  
B. in a friendly way  
C. in a skillful way

# ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
2	A	however ( <i>as in: However, complications may...</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	however ( <i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
4	A	render ( <i>as in: rendered her unconscious</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	C	render ( <i>as in: rendered service or a verdict</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	A	forbearance	Used 6 times in this book.
7	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
8	A	consequence ( <i>as in: a direct consequence of</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	consequence ( <i>as in: of little consequence</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
10	B	ingratitude	Used 7 times in this book.
11	B	abolition	Used 7 times in this book.
12	C	resolve ( <i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 33 times in this book.
13	C	persecution	Used 22 times in this book.
14	B	compel	Used 16 times in this book.
15	B	oppress ( <i>as in: oppressive government</i> )	Used 15 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	oppress ( <i>as in: oppressive heat</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
17	A	oblige ( <i>as in: I am obliged by law.</i> )	Used 19 times in this book.
18	B	remonstrate	Used 4 times in this book.
19	C	fugitive ( <i>as in: she is a fugitive</i> )	Used 15 times in this book.
20	B	cordial ( <i>as in: a cordial reception</i> )	Used 4 times in this book.