

Jude the Obscure

by Thomas Hardy

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: accord (2), antipathy, ascend, consequence (2), conviction, denotes, discern, ecclesiastical, enable, inconsistent, indulge, inquiry, intrusion, matrimony, reproach, satire, scorn, vivacious



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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18	C
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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. She dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
 - A. opposition
 - B. keeping
 - C. ignorance
2. After the fight, he turned himself in of his own **accord**.
 - A. own fear
 - B. own safety
 - C. own mind
3. A mutual **antipathy** prevented them from working well together.
 - A. attraction
 - B. sympathy
 - C. strong dislike
4. He watched the hot-air balloon **ascend** slowly into the clear morning sky.
 - A. move upward
 - B. drift downward
 - C. spin in place
5. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
6. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
7. She stood up in class with total **conviction** and said, "I believe animals deserve to be treated kindly, no matter what."
 - A. raised voice
 - B. firm belief
 - C. shaky voice
8. In algebra, letters often **denote** unknown numbers in equations.
 - A. scatter
 - B. represent
 - C. confuse
9. In the novel, she sees through his friendly facade and **discerns** his evil intent.
 - A. understands
 - B. overcomes
 - C. avoids
10. **Ecclesiastical** law governs many church traditions.
 - A. sports-related
 - B. kitchen-related
 - C. church-related
11. Modern smartphones **enable** people to work from almost anywhere.
 - A. require
 - B. allow
 - C. remind

12. His grades were inconsistent, ranging from A's to F's each term.
- A. perfect
 - B. private
 - C. uneven
13. I **indulge** my taste for sweets more than is good for me.
- A. give in to
 - B. hold back from
 - C. complain about
14. The official inquiry has ended, but the press continues to ask questions.
- A. story
 - B. statement
 - C. investigation
15. They are a proud people and resent foreign intrusion into their local affairs.
- A. watching as a show
 - B. showing off superior abilities
 - C. unwelcome involvement
16. Their bond of **matrimony** lasted for over fifty years.
- A. marriage
 - B. friendship
 - C. divorce
17. Don't **reproach** yourself for things beyond your control.
- A. congratulate
 - B. criticize
 - C. accept honor for
18. Through **satire**, the cartoon exposed how ridiculous the new policy looked in practice.
- A. literal description
 - B. factual reporting
 - C. humorous criticism
19. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
20. She's a **vivacious** high school senior who has captured the nations heart.
- A. kind and attractive
 - B. engaging and lively
 - C. smart and well-spoken

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 *Having seen the school-master depart, they were summing up particulars of the event, and **indulging** in predictions of his future.*
 - A. enjoying to excess
 - B. leaping or jumping
 - C. thinking carefully
- 2 *The more he thought of it the more convinced he was of his **inconsistency**.*
 - A. a collection of things on public display OR a detailed explanation or background of a specific topic
 - B. the process of assigning a value on or judging the worth of something; or the result of such a process
 - C. not the same in different parts or at different times

or:

not in agreement [with something else]
- 3 *Certainly there seemed little harmony between this pagan literature and the mediaeval colleges at Christminster, that **ecclesiastical** romance in stone.*
 - A. the state of being awake
 - B. able to take on or adopt
 - C. associated with a church
- 4 *This was true, Jude possessing a facility in that language which **enabled** him with great ease to himself to beguile his lonely walks by imaginary conversations therein.*
 - A. got closer to
 - B. made possible
 - C. not satisfied
- 5 *He looked closely, and could just **discern** in the damp dust the imprints of their feet as they had stood locked in each other's arms.*
 - A. notice or understand something
 - B. made by taking on as one's own
 - C. a sensible view of a situation
- 6 *"What's God got to do with such a messy job as a pig-killing, I should like to know!" she said **scornfully**.*
 - A. in a disrespectful or rejecting manner
 - B. in a manner that is not easily noticed
 - C. with grace of movement and flexibility
- 7 *Their lives were ruined, he thought; ruined by the fundamental error of their **matrimonial** union: that of having based a permanent contract on a temporary feeling which had no necessary connection with affinities that alone render a lifelong comradeship tolerable.*
 - A. marriage (or related to marriage)
 - B. able to be stopped from happening
 - C. improper, awkward, or unfavorable
- 8 *Like enthusiasts in general he made no **inquiries** into details of procedure.*
 - A. social events or ceremonies
 - B. reasons for doing something
 - C. questions or investigations
- 9 *"Your cousin is so terribly clever that she criticizes it unmercifully," said Phillotson, with good-humoured satire.*
 - A. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
 - B. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
 - C. a way of making fun of people or ideas -- often through exaggeration

- 10 "It is just one of those **intrusive**, vulgar, pushing, applications which are so common in these days," he thought.
- A. able to be translated
 - B. not easily identified
 - C. unwelcome involvement
- 11 Then a wave of warmth came over him as he thought how near he now stood to the bright-eyed **vivacious** girl with the broad forehead and pile of dark hair above it; the girl with the kindling glance, daringly soft at times—something like that of the girls he had seen in engravings from paintings of the Spanish school.
- A. the quality of feeling angry or unhappy about having to accept something not liked
 - B. having an engaging liveliness -- when said of a person, typically said of a female
 - C. an argument attributed to one's opponent that is weaker than their actual argument
- 12 He glanced at her and their eyes met, the **reproach** in his own belying his words.
- A. move into position to work; or start
 - B. a criticism; or to express criticism
 - C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 13 The affair had created a scandal, and the management had **consequently** been rough on cousins ever since.
- A. resultantly (as a result)
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 14 And then they pretended to persuade themselves that all that had happened was of no **consequence**, and that they could still be cousins and friends and warm correspondents, and have happy genial times when they met, even if they met less frequently than before.
- A. translates
 - B. importance
 - C. sticks out
- 15 "I won't disturb your **convictions**—I really won't!" she went on soothingly, for now he was rather more ruffled than she.
- A. not working or not operating
 - B. a strong, firmly held belief
 - C. calculates or judges too low
- 16 But I am not really Mrs. Richard Phillotson, but a woman tossed about, all alone, with aberrant passions, and unaccountable **antipathies**...Now you mustn't wait longer, or you will lose the coach.
- A. strong desires
 - B. gets closer to
 - C. strong dislike
- 17 Opening the heavy door he **ascended** the two or three steps to the level of the ground, and there on the gravel before him lay a white heap.
- A. climbed
 - B. not roughly calculated
 - C. consistent or the same
- 18 she left you of her **own accord**
- A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
 - B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
 - C. own mind (voluntarily without anyone asking or making her)
- 19 limited her stay to a number of minutes that should **accord** with the highest respectability.
- A. stop interacting; or stop having interest
 - B. be in keeping with
 - C. treating thoughtlessly or without respect
- 20 Yet something seemed to **denote** that she was not quite so comfortably circumstanced, nor so bouncingly attired, as she had been during Cartlett's lifetime.
- A. select (on a computer screen)
 - B. stand for or symbolize literally; or be a sign or indicator of
 - C. consume or destroy completely

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	indulge	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
2	C	inconsistent	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
3	C	ecclesiastical	Used 19 times in this book.
4	B	enable	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
5	A	discern	Used 15 times in this book.
6	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
7	A	matrimony	Used 12 times in this book.
8	C	inquiry	High-utility academic word; used 17 times in this book.
9	C	satire (<i>as in: wrote a satire</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
10	C	intrusion	Used 10 times in this book.
11	B	vivacious	Used 5 times in this book.
12	B	reproach	Used 17 times in this book.
13	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
15	B	conviction (<i>as in: spoke with conviction</i>)	Used 8 times in this book.
16	C	antipathy	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
17	A	ascend (<i>as in: ascend the mountain</i>)	Used 25 times in this book.
18	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
19	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 25 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
20	B	denotes	Used 3 times in this book.