

Kim

by Rudyard Kipling

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: auspicious, clamor, consequence (2), expound, heathen, hinder, monastery, opium, pedigree, pilgrimage, prophecy, proverb, retinue, retort, reverse, serene, stallion, subordinate, venerable



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. Clear skies and a warm breeze made for an **auspicious** start to the journey.
 - A. favorable and promising
 - B. dull and ordinary
 - C. ominous and dark
2. Noisy **clamor** gave way to reasoned dialogue.
 - A. demands
 - B. insults
 - C. whining
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 Federal Reserve Chairman will **expound** on the inflation outlook.
 - A. discuss in detail
 - B. ask questions
 - C. make more excuses
6. The Spanish colony prohibited **heathen** worship.
 - A. religious
 - B. organized
 - C. non-Christian
7. The brace I have to wear is **hindering** my movements
 - A. helping or assisting
 - B. drawing attention to
 - C. making difficult
8. During her travels, she found peace and tranquility in the serene surroundings of the ancient **monastery** nestled high in the mountains.
 - A. religious residence
 - B. secure castle
 - C. remote cabin
9. The illegal trade of **opium** has been a major source of conflict in some regions.
 - A. a powerful narcotic
 - B. a powerful herbal remedy
 - C. a powerful cooking additive
10. The dog's **pedigree** showed champions in its family for generations.
 - A. current value
 - B. ancestral history
 - C. future health
11. Many devout Hindus undertake a **pilgrimage** to the holy city of Varanasi in India, where they perform rituals and prayers along the banks of the sacred Ganges River.
 - A. cultural festival
 - B. religious journey
 - C. historical reenactment

12. It was a self-fulfilling prophecy.
- A. profitable enterprise
 - B. prediction
 - C. explanation
13. "It takes a village to raise a child," goes the African proverb.
- A. a well-known, short saying that is thought to communicate wisdom
 - B. a legislative assembly in certain countries (that can pass laws)
 - C. a portable platform for storing or moving goods that are stacked on it
14. The queen traveled with a large retinue of servants and guards to ensure her safety and comfort.
- A. car
 - B. plane
 - C. group
15. She retorted, "Takes one to know one."
- A. quickly replied
 - B. insulted back
 - C. joyfully laughed
16. She reveres nature and all that is natural.
- A. dislikes and avoids
 - B. deeply respects
 - C. thoroughly enjoys
17. She remained serene even when he was yelling at her.
- A. unmoved
 - B. calm
 - C. aggressive
18. The powerful stallion galloped across the open field.
- A. wild deer
 - B. young calf
 - C. male horse
19. Every officer under the rank of Captain, shall be subordinate to the Officer of the Watch in regard to the performance of the duties with which he is charged.
- A. subservient
 - B. in charge of
 - C. considerate
20. Many were surprised that a venerable institution like Bear Stearns could so rapidly go out of business.
- A. large and successful
 - B. long respected
 - C. popular

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 Chapter 1 O ye who tread the Narrow Way By Tophet-flare to judgment Day, Be gentle when 'the **heathen**' pray To Buddha at Kamakura!
A. the ability and tendency to determine what should be done and to start doing it without instruction; or to start something
B. the state of not being relevant (not related to the subject being considered, or not important enough to want to consider)
C. someone who is not civilized or not moral OR an offensive term for a person who does not believe in a preferred religion
- 2 Those things, he was used to say, in his glorious **opium**-hours, would yet make little Kimball a man.
A. a powerful narcotic
B. a powerful herbal remedy
C. a powerful cooking additive
- 3 My **pilgrimage** is well begun.
A. portray or create in a particular way OR interpret, translate, or extract from
B. a journey to a special place -- especially a sacred place for religious purposes
C. removing the favoring any side in a contest, war, disagreement, or other dispute
- 4 'One of us who had made pilgrimage to the Holy Places—he is now Abbot of the Lung-Cho **Monastery**—gave it me,' stammered the lama.
A. the residence of a religious community
B. dense, rainy forest with many species
C. island (that is made of a coral reef)
- 5 Then he composed himself **reverently** to listen to fragments hastily rendered into Urdu.
A. in a manner that is not appropriate or different than would be expected in size, amount, or degree
B. with feelings of deep respect and admiration -- sometimes with a mixture of wonder and awe or fear
C. with nervousness or discomfort felt by someone due to concern about what others will think of them
- 6 'Those who beg in silence starve in silence,' said Kim, quoting a native **proverb**.
A. a well-known, short saying that is thought to communicate wisdom
B. a group formed to discuss or offer insight on a particular topic
C. to constrain in some way -- such as tie up, require, or obligate
- 7 The lama did not wake till the evening life of the city had begun with lamp-lighting and the return of white-robed clerks and **subordinates** from the Government offices.
A. less important or subservient; or to rank as such
B. is considered (for affect on a result or outcome)
C. things or characteristics that are bad or harmful
- 8 Perhaps they will make me a king,' said Kim, **serenely** prepared for anything.
A. in a pessimistic or disagreeable manner
B. in a manner that is calm and untroubled
C. enthusiastically or with great interest
- 9 It concerns a horse—a white **stallion** which I have sold to an officer upon the last time I returned from the Passes.
A. a large, elongated gland located behind the stomach that secretes digestive enzymes and insulin
B. of the philosophical & religious system based on the teachings of Laozi (also spelled Taoist)
C. a male horse that has not been castrated (gelded) -- especially one used for breeding purposes
- 10 'That **pedigree** I will give thee now—in my own fashion and some hard words as well.'
A. of the American Indian civilization of Yucatan and Belize and Guatemala that reached its peak between AD 300 and 900
B. the line of ancestors of an animal; or any background or history of a person or idea, showing origins and development
C. a hole or dropoff so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply a frightening bottomless pit

- 11 *Did one make a prophecy?*
A. social event or ceremony
B. prediction of the future
C. a positively charged ion
- 12 *Moreover, the lama was a great and venerable curiosity.*
A. relating to understanding or explaining something in a particular way
B. respected (worthy of respect) -- typically because of age or position
C. [of food] able to be prepared in a manner that keeps it from spoiling
- 13 *The Government had given him a good holding in the village, and though the demands of his sons, now grey-bearded officers on their own account, had impoverished him, he was still a person of consequence.*
A. translates
B. importance
C. sticks out
- 14 *Consequently—and this set Kim to skipping—there was a mystery somewhere, and Mahbub Ali probably spied for the Colonel much as Kim had spied for Mahbub.*
A. resultantly (as a result)
B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 15 *'A little flour, a little butter and a mouthful of cardamoms,' Kim retorted, flushed with the praise, but still cautious—'Does one grow rich on that?'*
A. quickly replied
B. said indirectly
C. greatly annoyed
- 16 *Kim looked over the retinue critically.*
A. a group formed to discuss or offer insight on a particular topic
B. to constrain in some way -- such as tie up, require, or obligate
C. a group of people following and attending to an important person
- 17 *Half a mile in the rear, Kim heard a hoarse and joyful clamour rolling down on him through the thick dust.*
A. loud noise and/or persistent demands
B. the quality of exactness or accuracy
C. the gain of advantage from something
- 18 *Why hinder him now?*
A. make different; or show difference
B. to cause something to move forward
C. slowed down or caused problems for
- 19 *Few can translate the picture-parable; there are not twenty in all the world who can draw it surely without a copy: of those who can both draw and expound are but three.*
A. explain or discuss in detail
B. tell someone about something
C. something repeated regularly
- 20 *I would not take thee till the time was ripe and auspicious.*
A. favorable; or suggestive of good things to come
B. the degree to which something can be translated
C. not able to change to fit a different situation

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	heathen	Used 8 times in this book.
2	A	opium	Used 10 times in this book.
3	B	pilgrimage	Used 15 times in this book.
4	A	monastery	Used 12 times in this book.
5	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
6	A	proverb (<i>as in: the well-known proverb</i>)	Used 11 times in this book.
7	A	subordinate	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
8	B	serene	Used 7 times in this book.
9	C	stallion	Used 27 times in this book.
10	B	pedigree	Used 24 times in this book.
11	B	prophecy	Used 19 times in this book.
12	B	venerable	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	retort (<i>as in: quick retort</i>)	Used 8 times in this book.
16	C	retinue	Used 7 times in this book.
17	A	clamor	Used 8 times in this book.
18	C	hinder (<i>as in: hindered by</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
19	A	expound	Used 5 times in this book.
20	A	auspicious	Used 9 times in this book.