

Le Morte D'Arthur

by Thomas Malory

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: abbey, assail, assent, beguile, beseech, deemed, devise, forbearance, garnish, joust, loath, medley, ordinance, pavilion, peril, repent, siege, treason, yield (2)



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Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	B
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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. After years of dedicated service to the church, she retired to a quiet **abbey** in the countryside.
 - A. a small, rural parish church
 - B. a large cathedral open to the public
 - C. a building where monks or nuns live
2. She took every opportunity to **assail** the policy.
 - A. study
 - B. attack
 - C. understand
3. The singer **assented** to the request for an encore.
 - A. declined or refused
 - B. dislike or resented
 - C. consented or agreed
4. She was **wined, dined, and beguiled** into signing the contract.
 - A. forced
 - B. tricked
 - C. encouraged
5. She closed the prayer by **beseeking** God to grant them wisdom and patience.
 - A. asking
 - B. demanding
 - C. instructing
6. The chemical was **deemed** unsafe to use in children's products.
 - A. judged
 - B. manufactured
 - C. tested
7. This may be our last chance to **devise** a compromise that will save the peace.
 - A. consider
 - B. create
 - C. save
8. I appreciate your **forbearance**.
 - A. patience or tolerance
 - B. financial loan
 - C. family concerns
9. She **garnished** the soup with parsley before serving it to her guests.
 - A. thickened
 - B. reheated
 - C. decorated
10. I saw the **jousting** show in Las Vegas.
 - A. mounted combat competition
 - B. telling of jokes in rhyme
 - C. magic and slight-of-hand
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 band opened the concert with a **medley** of popular movie themes.
 - A. solo
 - B. video
 - C. mix

13. The Chicago ordinance required that new streets be laid out with eight streets per mile in one direction and sixteen in the other direction.
- A. custom
 - B. suggestion
 - C. law
14. We ate lunch under the open-sided pavilion near the lake.
- A. freestanding shelter
 - B. tall stone monument
 - C. narrow garden path
15. The journalist's investigation put her in great peril.
- A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness
16. She said the U.S. should repent for the sins of fossil fuels.
- A. reimburse
 - B. apologize
 - C. suffer
17. The castle was under siege for months, with the enemy forces relentlessly attacking its walls.
- A. fortified defense
 - B. prolonged attack
 - C. passionate negotiation
18. Benedict Arnold was not captured after he committed treason.
- A. committing acts of sabotage
 - B. war crimes against civilians
 - C. betrayal of one's own country
19. The experiment yielded data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down
20. After the scandal, she yielded to public pressure and resigned her position.
- A. added
 - B. gave in
 - C. produced

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 *And there he pight many **pavilions**, and there was great war made on both parties, and much people slain.*
 - A. a large building or section of a building that stands apart in function or design -- often used for gatherings, exhibitions, or specialized purposes
 - B. (noun) things that are lighter and draw attention -- such as areas of a painting OR (verb) making some things lighter -- such as areas of a painting
 - C. items characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open -- such as a door or musical instrument with that characteristic
- 2 *And anon, like a lusty knight, he **assented** thereto with good will, and so in all haste they were married in a morning with great mirth and joy.*
 - A. campaigned or worked for a cause that was passionately believed to be important
 - B. became less intense, less severe, or less active -- perhaps went away entirely
 - C. to express agreement -- especially with a statement or proposal to do something
- 3 *So like as Merlin **devised** it was done.*
 - A. not provided with investment funds
 - B. came up with (invented or created)
 - C. stopped (something from happening)
- 4 *I will well, said Arthur, and rode fast after the sword, and when he came home, the lady and all were out to see the **jousting**.*
 - A. competing in a contest to knock each other off horses with blunted lances OR competing in any kind of contest
 - B. "spiritual renewing" a person in a Christian ceremony OR initiating or purifying by a challenging experience
 - C. turning in the opposite position -- such as upside down, inside out, or (of two things) switching their position
- 5 *But Gracian and Placidus were left to furnish and **garnish** the castles, for dread of King Claudas.*
 - A. feel angry or unhappy about having to accept something not liked
 - B. accept something undesired as unavoidable or the lesser of evils
 - C. to decorate or adorn something; or the item added for decoration
- 6 *All this while Lucas, and Gwinas, and Briant, and Bellias of Flanders, held strong **medley** against six kings, that was King Lot, King Nentres, King Brandegoris, King Idres, King Uriens, and King Agwisanse.*
 - A. act of hiring again
 - B. wrong understanding
 - C. a mixture of things
- 7 *It shall be soon revenged, said King Ban, for I trust in God mine ure is not such but some of them may sore **repent** this.*
 - A. mark important text; or the text that is marked
 - B. to express or feel regret for having done wrong
 - C. give an opinion of what is wrong with something
- 8 *And when we horsemen be together, look every each of you kings let make such **ordinance** that none break upon pain of death.*
 - A. an expert in the branch of geology that studies rocks
 - B. someone who exposes wrongdoing within an organization
 - C. a rule or law -- typically enacted by city government
- 9 *How Ulfius impeached Queen Igraine, Arthur's mother, of **treason**; and how a knight came and desired to have the death of his master revenged.*
 - A. easily set on fire
 - B. untied or released
 - C. an act of betrayal
- 10 *That is me **loath**, said the knight, but sith I must needs, I will dress me thereto.*
 - A. able to be protected or kept unchanged
 - B. reluctant or unwilling to do something
 - C. able to accept as true (without proof)

- 11 *By my faith, said Arthur, here are good knights, as I deem, as any be in the world, but their grace is not to help you, wherefore I am displeased.*
- A. believe or judge
 - B. take on or adopt
 - C. make more varied
- 12 *When this false damosel understood this, she went to the Lady Lile of Avelion, and besought her of help, to be avenged on her own brother.*
- A. asked strongly or begged for something
 - B. differed notably in brightness or tone
 - C. adjusted a lens to make an image clear
- 13 *How the Knights of the Round Table were ordained and their sieges blessed by the Bishop of Canterbury.*
- A. melodies that, after a short interval, are exactly repeated by a different instrument or voice to create competing melodic lines (instances of strict counterpoint)
 - B. a military tactic in which a fortified place is surrounded and isolated while it is attacked over time
- or:
- any prolonged attack, effort, or period of trouble
- C. members of an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
- 14 *Well, said the knights, make you ready, and we shall assail you with all our power.*
- A. hire again or occupy again
 - B. to attack or cause trouble
 - C. learn, discover, or decide
- 15 *Now by my faith I know well that he will grieve some of the court of King Arthur; for on him knights will be bold, and deem that it is I, and that will beguile them.*
- A. to think of something as true or likely, even though it is not known with certainty
 - B. to charm, enchant, or entertain someone; or to deceive -- especially through charm
 - C. give authority, power, knowledge, or confidence to someone so they can do something
- 16 *And there they yielded them unto Sir Kay, and Sir Kay forsook them and said he fought never with them.*
- A. with rises and falls in pitch
 - B. gave in, gave way, or gave up
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 17 *I will rather yield me to you than die for that is more for the might of your men than of your hands.*
- A. give
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 18 *But I understand by the besieging of this castle she may forbear thy fellowship.*
- A. refrain (hold back) from acting
 - B. the ability to take on or adopt
 - C. where attention is concentrated
- 19 *Of the adventure that Melias had, and how Galahad revenged him, and how Melias was carried into an abbey.*
- A. a small, rural parish church
 - B. a large cathedral open to the public
 - C. a building where monks or nuns live or lived; or a church associated with such a building
- 20 *And then he made the Siege Perilous, in the which Galahad sat in at his meat on Whitsunday last past.*
- A. stuck out
 - B. dangerous
 - C. bent down

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	pavilion	Used 117 times in this book.
2	C	assent	Used 40 times in this book.
3	B	devise (<i>as in: devise a plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 36 times in this book.
4	A	joust	Used 402 times in this book.
5	C	garnish (<i>as in: garnished with parsley</i>)	Used 14 times in this book.
6	C	medley	Used 11 times in this book.
7	B	repent	Used 88 times in this book.
8	C	ordinance (<i>as in: passed the ordinance</i>)	Used 11 times in this book.
9	C	treason	Used 125 times in this book.
10	B	loath	Used 72 times in this book.
11	A	deemed	Used 70 times in this book.
12	A	beseech	Used 58 times in this book.
13	B	siege	Used 82 times in this book.
14	B	assail	Used 20 times in this book.
15	B	beguile	Used 9 times in this book.
16	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	forbearance	Used 10 times in this book.
19	C	abbey	Used 46 times in this book.
20	B	peril	Used 87 times in this book.