

Le Morte D'Arthur, Volume II

by Thomas Malory

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: abbey, beguile, beseech, deemed, devise, felon, forbearance, garnish, joust, loath, ordinance, pavilion, peril, recluse, repent, siege, treason, visage, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
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19	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. 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 was wine, dine, and **beguiled** into signing the contract.
A. forced
B. tricked
C. encouraged
3. She closed the prayer by **beseeking** God to grant them wisdom and patience.
A. asking
B. demanding
C. instructing
4. The chemical was **deemed** unsafe to use in children's products.
A. judged
B. manufactured
C. tested
5. This may be our last chance to **devise** a compromise that will save the peace.
A. consider
B. create
C. save
6. It's difficult for ex-felons to find work.
A. people who lost their jobs
B. people convicted of serious crimes
C. people with unpopular opinions
7. I appreciate your **forbearance**.
A. patience or tolerance
B. financial loan
C. family concerns
8. She **garnished** the soup with parsley before serving it to her guests.
A. thickened
B. reheated
C. decorated
9. I saw the **jousting** show in Las Vegas.
A. mounted combat competition
B. telling of jokes in rhyme
C. magic and slight-of-hand
10. Though they **loath** to admit it, there are serious divides splitting the party.
A. are eager
B. are reluctant
C. are excited
11. 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

12. We ate lunch under the open-sided pavilion near the lake.
- A. freestanding shelter
 - B. tall stone monument
 - C. narrow garden path
13. The journalist's investigation put her in great peril.
- A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness
14. Howard Hughes became an eccentric recluse.
- A. loaner
 - B. millionaire
 - C. collector
15. She said the U.S. should repent for the sins of fossil fuels.
- A. reimburse
 - B. apologize
 - C. suffer
16. The castle was under siege for months, with the enemy forces relentlessly attacking its walls.
- A. fortified defense
 - B. prolonged attack
 - C. passionate negotiation
17. 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
18. She gazed at her reflection in the mirror, studying her own visage with a critical eye.
- A. body
 - B. clothing
 - C. face
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 because ye shall have ado with him we will **forbear** you as at this time, and else ye should not escape us lightly.*
 - A. refrain (hold back) from acting
 - B. the ability to take on or adopt
 - C. where attention is concentrated
- 2 *Sir, said Sir Tristram, that is me **loath** to tell any man my name.*
 - A. able to be protected or kept unchanged
 - B. reluctant or unwilling to do something
 - C. able to accept as true (without proof)
- 3 *Then they all looked upon Sir Launcelot and said: Ye have **beguiled** us with your covered shield.*
 - A. protected or kept something as it was
 - B. deceived through charm or enchantment
 - C. controlled (how something turned out)
- 4 *Then went Arthur unto the **sieges** about the Round Table, and looked in every siege the which were void that lacked knights.*
 - 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
- 5 *And the falsest king and knight is your husband, and the most coward and full of **treason**, is your lord, King Mark.*
 - A. easily set on fire
 - B. untied or released
 - C. an act of betrayal
- 6 *And when King Mark wist that it was Sir Launcelot, and came so fast upon him with a spear, he cried then aloud: I **yield** me to thee, Sir Launcelot, honourable knight.*
 - A. give
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 7 *And that was not to the worldward, for anon he **yielded** him to a place of religion of white monks, and was a full holy man.*
 - A. with rises and falls in pitch
 - B. gave in, gave way, or gave up
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 8 *Then came Sir Palomides, and **besought** him that he might help him to joust.*
 - A. asked strongly or begged for something
 - B. differed notably in brightness or tone
 - C. adjusted a lens to make an image clear
- 9 *And if ye think that I be weary, and ye have an appetite to joust with me, I shall find you **jousting** enough.*
 - 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

- 10 *And when he had read them, and understood them, he was wroth with Sir Tristram, for he **deemed** that he had sent the damosel unto King Arthur.*
- believed or judged
 - wrongly understood
 - not disagreed with
- 11 *So when his council was come they **devised** and cast many perils of the strength of their enemies.*
- not provided with investment funds
 - came up with (invented or created)
 - stopped (something from happening)
- 12 *Then they ordained their battle in four parties, wonderly well apparelled and **garnished** with men of arms.*
- began fighting again
 - took on as one's own
 - decorated or adorned
- 13 *And when Alisander was whole, then he **repented** him of his oath, for he might not be revenged upon King Mark.*
- gave an opinion of what was wrong with something
 - expressed regret for having done something wrong
 - moved out of an interacting position; or stopped
- 14 *I dare well, said Alisander, show my **visage**.*
- a basic building block for proteins
 - someone who believe in a single God
 - someone's face or facial expression
- 15 *And then were they ware of four hundred tents and **pavilions**, and marvellous great ordinance.*
- a large building or section of a building that stands apart in function or design -- often used for gatherings, exhibitions, or specialized purposes
 - (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
 - items characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open -- such as a door or musical instrument with that characteristic
- 16 *Sir, said Palomides, meseemeth that there was as great an **ordinance** at the Castle of Maidens upon the rock, where ye won the prize, for I saw myself where ye forjousted thirty knights.*
- an expert in the branch of geology that studies rocks
 - someone who exposes wrongdoing within an organization
 - a rule or law -- typically enacted by city government
- 17 *Truly, sir, I saw every deal, how and in what wise, and therefore, sir, how should I suffer in your presence such a **felon** and traitor as Sir Palomides; for I saw him with mine eyes, how he beheld you when ye went out of the field.*
- an expert in the branch of geology that studies rocks
 - someone legally convicted of a felony (serious crime)
 - a lens that limits light vibrations to a single plane
- 18 *Of the adventure that Melias had, and how Galahad revenged him, and how Melias was carried into an abbey.*
- a small, rural parish church
 - a large cathedral open to the public
 - a building where monks or nuns live or lived; or a church associated with such a building
- 19 *This jousts was done to-fore the hermitage where a **recluse** dwelled.*
- someone withdrawn from society (living alone and avoiding contact)
 - a place where conditions are kept as they were to protect wildlife
 - someone who believes that all knowledge is derived from experience
- 20 *And then he made the Siege **Perilous**, in the which Galahad sat in at his meat on Whitsunday last past.*
- stuck out
 - dangerous
 - bent down

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	forbearance	Used 7 times in this book.
2	B	loath	Used 38 times in this book.
3	B	beguile	Used 6 times in this book.
4	B	siege	Used 47 times in this book.
5	C	treason	Used 80 times in this book.
6	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	beseech	Used 32 times in this book.
9	A	joust	Used 236 times in this book.
10	A	deemed	Used 45 times in this book.
11	B	devise (<i>as in: devise a plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 18 times in this book.
12	C	garnish (<i>as in: garnished with parsley</i>)	Used 7 times in this book.
13	B	repent	Used 53 times in this book.
14	C	visage	Used 25 times in this book.
15	A	pavilion	Used 34 times in this book.
16	C	ordinance (<i>as in: passed the ordinance</i>)	Used 7 times in this book.
17	B	felon	Used 5 times in this book.
18	C	abbey	Used 25 times in this book.
19	A	recluse	Used 9 times in this book.
20	B	peril	Used 47 times in this book.