

Ligeia

by Edgar Allan Poe

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, allude, demeanor, divine, earnest, elapse, external, opium, pallid, passage, perceptible, pervasive, placid, recollect, relapse, scrutiny, subsequent, sufficient, vigor, writhe



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	B
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10	B
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17	C
18	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 didn't mention any names, but everyone knew she was **alluding** to the President.
 - A. being discouraging
 - B. indirectly referring
 - C. not talking
3. Despite her nervousness, her professional **demeanor** never wavered.
 - A. words
 - B. manner
 - C. work
4. The King claimed a **divine** right.
 - A. perfect or wonderful
 - B. from birth
 - C. coming from God
5. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - A. frivolous attitude
 - B. seriousness
 - C. falseness
6. Three hours had **elapsed** before the search team returned with news.
 - A. passed by
 - B. raced ahead
 - C. stood still
7. **External** pressure from competitors forced the company to lower its prices.
 - A. located inside
 - B. coming from outside
 - C. happening before
8. 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
9. The patient's **pallid** complexion alarmed the nurse on duty.
 - A. deeply flushed
 - B. unhealthily pale
 - C. heavily wrinkled
10. After reading each **passage**, choose the best answer to each question.
 - A. article
 - B. short part of a longer work
 - C. route to get somewhere
11. She's walking with a barely **perceptible** limp.
 - A. painful
 - B. new
 - C. noticeable
12. It is a country where corruption **pervades** their government at every level.
 - A. is stopped by
 - B. is spread in
 - C. is remembered by

13. Her eyes were clear and **placid**.
A. calm
B. anxious
C. teary
14. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
A. pronounce properly
B. spell properly
C. remember
15. **Relapses** are common with major depressive disorder.
A. returns to illness
B. lost work days
C. crying spells
16. The new policy faced **scrutiny** from independent reviewers.
A. strong support
B. quick approval
C. careful examination
17. The results of the initial investigation were unclear, but a **subsequent** investigation concluded that she used good judgment.
A. thorough
B. official
C. following
18. Is there **sufficient** cause for a search warrant?
A. adequate (enough)
B. clear or obvious
C. dangerous
19. The scientist pursued her research with **vigor**, determined to make a breakthrough discovery.
A. outside help
B. energy and strength
C. persistent patience
20. She **writhed** on the sidewalk begging that someone call an ambulance.
A. cried and whimpered
B. yelled loudly
C. twisted and turned

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 Who knoweth the mysteries of the will, with its **vigor**?
 - A. lacking things most people enjoy
 - B. strength, energy, or good health
 - C. opposed to people who are Jewish
- 2 For God is but a great will **pervading** all things by nature of its intentness.
 - A. working or operating
 - B. spreading or filling
 - C. happening repeatedly
- 3 Long years have since **elapsed**, and my memory is feeble through much suffering.
 - A. of time: to pass by
 - B. took on as one's own
 - C. began fighting again
- 4 And now, while I write, a **recollection** flashes upon me that I have never known the paternal name of her who was my friend and my betrothed, and who became the partner of my studies, and finally the wife of my bosom.
 - A. battle
 - B. result
 - C. memory
- 5 I would in vain attempt to portray the majesty, the quiet ease, of her **demeanor**, or the incomprehensible lightness and elasticity of her footfall.
 - A. lacking experience or sophistication
 - B. the manner in which a person behaves
 - C. a Muslim religious teacher or leader
- 6 It was the radiance of an **opium**-dream—an airy and spirit-lifting vision more wildly divine than the phantasies which hovered vision about the slumbering souls of the daughters of Delos.
 - A. a powerful narcotic
 - B. a powerful herbal remedy
 - C. a powerful cooking additive
- 7 ...a majesty so **divine**!
 - A. the quality of being sensible and careful
 - B. unable or difficult to meet and talk with
 - C. wonderful
- 8 There were the same luxurious smoothness of surface, the same scarcely **perceptible** tendency to the aquiline, the same harmoniously curved nostrils speaking the free spirit.
 - A. the state of being awake
 - B. able to take on or adopt
 - C. capable of being noticed
- 9 It might have been, too, that in these eyes of my beloved lay the secret to which Lord Verulam **alludes**.
 - A. draws pictures to accompany
 - B. makes an indirect reference
 - C. covers up (to hide a wrong)
- 10 And thus how frequently, in my intense **scrutiny** of Ligeia's eyes, have I felt approaching the full knowledge of their expression—felt it approaching—yet not quite be mine—and so at length entirely depart!
 - A. the best or most important
 - B. a secret agreement or plot
 - C. careful look or inspection
- 11 Length of years, and **subsequent** reflection, have enabled me to trace, indeed, some remote connection between this passage in the English moralist and a portion of the character of Ligeia.
 - A. able to take on or adopt
 - B. the state of being awake
 - C. following something else

- 12 Length of years, and subsequent reflection, have enabled me to trace, indeed, some remote connection between this **passage** in the English moralist and a portion of the character of Ligeia.
- the act of stopping a battle or fight
 - a short part of a longer written work
 - dense, rainy forest with many species
- 13 Of all the women whom I have ever known, she, the outwardly calm, the ever-**placid** Ligeia, was the most violently a prey to the tumultuous vultures of stern passion.
- calm and not easily excited
 - not attractive or desirable
 - related to being antisocial
- 14 I saw not then what I now clearly perceive, that the acquisitions of Ligeia were gigantic, were astounding; yet I was **sufficiently** aware of her infinite supremacy to resign myself, with a child-like confidence, to her guidance through the chaotic world of metaphysical investigation at which I was most busily occupied during the earlier years of our marriage.
- adequately (in a manner that provides enough -- often without being more than is needed)
 - done in a rude or unfriendly manner because of using too few words or moving too quickly
 - in a manner that relates to questions that cannot be answered with the scientific method
- 15 Yet not until the last instance, amid the most convulsive writhings of her fierce spirit, was shaken the **external** placidity of her demeanor.
- certain
 - outside
 - various
- 16 all unmerited, all unworthily bestowed, I at length recognized the principle of her longing with so wildly **earnest** a desire for the life which was now fleeing so rapidly away.
- impossible to find
 - sincere or serious
 - good or beneficial
- 17 A blood-red thing that **writhes** from out The scenic solitude!
- examines in detail to better understand
 - protects something or keeps it as it is
 - moves in a twisting or contorted motion
- 18 And over each quivering form, The curtain, a funeral pall, Comes down with the rush of a storm, And the angels, all **pallid** and wan, Uprising, unveiling, affirm That the play is the tragedy, "Man," And its hero the Conqueror Worm.
- mental weakness caused by old age; or describing a medical condition as caused by old age
 - abnormally pale (lacking healthy skin color); or anything that lacks energy or liveliness
 - relating to a government, country, or ruling family of a country ruled by a king or queen
- 19 The room lay in a high turret of the castellated **abbey**, was pentagonal in shape, and of capacious size.
- 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
- 20 In a short period it was certain, however, that a **relapse** had taken place; the color disappeared from both eyelid and cheek, leaving a wanness even more than that of marble; the lips became doubly shrivelled and pinched up in the ghastly expression of death; a repulsive clamminess and coldness overspread rapidly the surface of the body; and all the usual rigorous illness immediately supervened.
- return to an undesirable previous condition
 - keep busy thinking about or doing something
 - cancel or annul a formal ruling or contract

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	vigor	Used 5 times in this book.
2	B	pervasive	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
3	A	elapse	Used 4 times in this book.
4	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
5	B	demeanor	Used 3 times in this book.
6	A	opium	Used 6 times in this book.
7	C	divine (<i>as in: to forgive is divine</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
8	C	perceptible	Used 3 times in this book.
9	B	allude	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	C	scrutiny	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	C	subsequent	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
12	B	passage (<i>as in: In lines 1–9 of the passage...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	A	placid	Used 5 times in this book.
14	A	sufficient	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	B	external	Used 2 times in this book.
16	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
17	C	writhe	Used 6 times in this book.
18	B	pallid	Used 2 times in this book.
19	C	abbey	Used 4 times in this book.
20	A	relapse	Used 2 times in this book.