

Little Dorrit

by Charles Dickens

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: acquaint, assent, condescending, consequence (2), establish (2), incline, inclined, interpose, irresolute, parliamentary, patronage, remonstrate, render (2), reparation, retort, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
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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. One of the objectives in my literature class is to **acquaint** my students with different cultures.
 - A. make surprised
 - B. make a list for
 - C. make familiar
2. The singer **assented** to the request for an encore.
 - A. declined or refused
 - B. dislike or resented
 - C. consented or agreed
3. She tried to sound supportive, but her advice came across as **condescending**.
 - A. acting superior
 - B. harmful or unhelpful
 - C. sounding uninformed
4. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
5. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
6. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
7. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
 - A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
8. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
 - A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending
9. The boat ramp has a steep **incline**.
 - A. slope
 - B. price
 - C. danger
10. They have **interposed** themselves on the side of our enemy.
 - A. been seen
 - B. hidden
 - C. inserted
11. She stood **irresolute**; not sure if she should go left or right.
 - A. uncertain of how to proceed
 - B. completely still
 - C. quivering

12. Despite the success of the United States, most new democracies choose a **parliamentary** or hybrid form of government because of the political instability and authoritarianism associated with the many Latin American countries that have chosen a presidential system.
- A. government in which the legislature selects the leader
 - B. government in which the military selects the leader
 - C. government in which the court selects the leader
13. Guiteau was insane and assassinated President Garfield because he believed Garfield cheated him out of a political **patronage** job. He thought he was owed the job for giving a speech encouraging others to vote for Garfield.
- A. civil service
 - B. high-ranking and high-paying
 - C. favor for political support
14. The lawyers will **remonstrate** that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
- A. promise
 - B. protest
 - C. explain
15. I received an invoice for \$100 for services **rendered**.
- A. to be performed
 - B. described in writing
 - C. provided or supplied
16. The disorder will eventually **render** her paralyzed.
- A. make
 - B. unmake
 - C. compare
17. The company made **reparations** to the community for the environmental damage it caused.
- A. apologies
 - B. excuses
 - C. payments
18. She **retorted**, "Takes one to know one."
- A. quickly replied
 - B. insulted back
 - C. joyfully laughed
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 When a wife's relations **interpose** against a husband who is a gentleman, who is proud, and who must govern, the consequences are inimical to peace.
 - A. dry out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight; or make very thirsty
 - B. the right to run a local store or business under a big company's name
 - C. insert between other elements; or to interrupt or stop action by others
- 2 Madame Rigaud **retorted**; I retorted; Madame Rigaud grew warm; I grew warm, and provoked her.
 - A. quickly replied
 - B. said indirectly
 - C. greatly annoyed
- 3 'The other, not unmoved, **assented**.
 - 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
- 4 'If **reparation** can be made to any one, if restitution can be made to any one, let us know it and make it.
 - A. something that is different than others of its type (synonyms could include: adaptation, version, alternate form)
 - B. related to a theory that views history as class struggle and argues that capitalism will be replaced by communism
 - C. compensation for a wrong -- usually an amount of money -- often payment required from the losing country in a war
- 5 The debtor **irresolutely** thought of it for a minute, and said, 'Perhaps you wouldn't object to really being her godfather?'
 - A. uncertain how to act or proceed
 - B. in a manner that is not sincere
 - C. in comparison to something else
- 6 It would be worth no man's while to mislead me; it would really be too easy--too poor a success, to **yield** any satisfaction.
 - A. produce or give
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 7 Who could be much with so pliable and beautiful a creature, and not **yield** to her endearing influence?
 - A. select (on a computer screen)
 - B. give in, give way, or give up
 - C. an involuntary vomiting spasm
- 8 There was a wonderful air of benignity and **patronage** in his manner.
 - A. belief in a single God
 - B. lowest legal hourly pay
 - C. support or favor given
- 9 Sometimes, **parliamentary** questions were asked about it, and even parliamentary motions made or threatened about it by demagogues so low and ignorant as to hold that the real recipe of government was, How to do it.
 - A. relating to a form of democracy where the chief executive is selected by and answerable to and the legislature
 - B. a condition where the body cannot properly regulate blood sugar levels because doesn't use insulin effectively
 - C. post-traumatic stress disorder -- an anxiety disorder that can develop after exposure to traumatic experiences

- 10 'My daughter Flora,' said Mr Casby, 'as you may have heard probably, Mr Clennam, was married and established in life, several years ago.'
- A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - B. settled
 - C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 11 He never said, I discovered this adaptation or invented that combination; but showed the whole thing as if the Divine artificer had made it, and he had happened to find it; so modest he was about it, such a pleasant touch of respect was mingled with his quiet admiration of it, and so calmly convinced he was that it was established on irrefragable laws.
- A. accepted someone's membership though a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
 - B. examined an issue, got opinions by asking specific questions; and/or asked people for political support individually
 - C. accepted as true
- 12 He was inclined to remonstrate, and to express his opinion that people who couldn't get on without crying, had no business there.
- A. select (on a computer screen)
 - B. argue, complain, or criticize
 - C. make small restless movements
- 13 'You may see him now,' said she, 'if you'll condescend to take a peep.'
- A. to treat others as inferior; or to do something considered beneath one's position or dignity
 - B. utter obscenities or profanities; or to speak disrespectfully of something considered sacred
 - C. have a sense that something bad will happen; or act as a sign that something bad will happen
- 14 No doubt you are well acquainted with the writing.
- A. not having taken power or responsibility
 - B. compensated for a loss; or paid a reward
 - C. familiar
- 15 Mr. Flintwinch will be happy to render you any service, and I hope your stay in this city may prove agreeable.
- A. less important
 - B. one who lives
 - C. give
- 16 If your disapproval of it should render you unwilling to discharge such business as it necessitates, I am sorry for it, and must seek other aid.
- A. make
 - B. gradually add or remove
 - C. feel sadness and regret
- 17 I myself always clearly foresaw the consequences, and am not surprised.
- A. results
 - B. battles
 - C. desires
- 18 That he has somehow or other, and how is of no consequence, attained a very good position, no one can deny.
- A. translates
 - B. importance
 - C. sticks out
- 19 made a very low inclination of her head to Mrs. General, and came loftily upright again.
- A. bend (or bow or angling)
 - B. activity or natural activity
 - C. not in an agreement to marry
- 20 I have not the present means of complying with such a demand, if I had ever so great an inclination.
- A. wrong understanding
 - B. act of hiring again
 - C. desire (an attitude favoring)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	interpose	Used 30 times in this book.
2	A	retort (<i>as in: quick retort</i>)	Used 42 times in this book.
3	C	assent	Used 34 times in this book.
4	C	reparation	Used 11 times in this book.
5	A	irresolute	Used 13 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	C	patronage	Used 15 times in this book.
9	A	parliamentary	Used 11 times in this book.
10	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	B	remonstrate	Used 14 times in this book.
13	A	condescending	High-utility academic word; used 32 times in this book.
14	C	acquaint	Used 46 times in this book.
15	C	render (<i>as in: rendered service or a verdict</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
16	A	render (<i>as in: rendered her unconscious</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
17	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	incline (<i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.