

# Long Day's Journey into Night

by Eugene O'Neill

## 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:** apprehensive, contempt, contrite, coquette, cynical, deride, detach, disdain, enmity, exasperated, fastidious, indifferent, indignant, melancholy, prescribe, resignation, scorn, solicitous, swindle, vehement



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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| #  | KEY |
|----|-----|
| 1  | B   |
| 2  | B   |
| 3  | A   |
| 4  | A   |
| 5  | A   |
| 6  | C   |
| 7  | A   |
| 8  | A   |
| 9  | C   |
| 10 | C   |
| 11 | C   |
| 12 | A   |
| 13 | A   |
| 14 | B   |
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| 16 | C   |
| 17 | A   |
| 18 | C   |
| 19 | C   |
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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. She is **apprehensive** about finals.  
A. talkative  
B. worried  
C. unconcerned
2. He was **impolite**. She pretended not to notice except that she treated him with **contempt**.  
A. great annoyance  
B. lack of respect  
C. impatience
3. Even after the jury found her guilty, she showed no sign of **contrition**.  
A. regret  
B. understanding  
C. emotion
4. He introduced Bette Midler (pronounced *bet*) by saying, *Bette* rhymes with **coquette**, but never *regret*.  
A. a flirt  
B. a dancer  
C. a star
5. Over the years, she has grown **cynical** and unhappy.  
A. distrustful of others  
B. trusting of strangers  
C. envious of friends
6. She **derided** him as *hormone-ravaged*.  
A. whispered about  
B. sympathized with  
C. made fun of
7. These days, she seems emotionally **detached** whenever she talks about him.  
A. separated  
B. connected  
C. heightened
8. She has nothing but **disdain** for the notion that common people can regulate their own lives better than she can.  
A. lack of respect  
B. humility  
C. intense anger
9. She harbors no **enmity** towards her ex-husband.  
A. love  
B. disrespect  
C. hatred
10. My little brother can be **exasperating**. He's always testing his boundaries.  
A. very active  
B. endearing (lovable)  
C. greatly annoying
11. She was **fastidious** about keeping her desk perfectly organized.  
A. careless and disorganized  
B. loud and outgoing  
C. extremely attentive to detail

12. She was **indifferent** to his anger.
- A. without interest
  - B. with fear
  - C. with anger
13. She was **indignant**, but she agreed to be searched when they accused her of shoplifting.
- A. annoyed at something unjust
  - B. surprised at the unexpected
  - C. defensive about being suspected
14. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring,
- A. happy
  - B. sad
  - C. feel like singing
15. Most doctors **prescribe** simple lifestyle changes before medication.
- A. ignore
  - B. delay
  - C. recommend
16. She was **resigned** to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
  - B. resistant
  - C. with acceptance
17. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
  - B. encourages
  - C. trains
18. She described him as humble, polite, and **solicitous**.
- A. perceptive
  - B. smart
  - C. caring
19. Scammers often **swindle** people through fake phone calls.
- A. warn or protect
  - B. pay back fully
  - C. cheat or defraud
20. The politician's **vehement** speech stirred up strong emotions in the crowd.
- A. calm and composed
  - B. forceful or intense
  - C. highly convincing

# 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 Her hair is arranged with **fastidious** care.  
A. a person who works from within to destroy an established order; or relating to such destructive efforts  
B. not relevant (not related to the subject being considered, or not important enough to want to consider)  
C. giving careful attention to detail  
  
or:  
  
excessively concerned with cleanliness or matters of taste
- 2 There is a lot of stolid, earthy peasant in him, mixed with streaks of sentimental **melancholy** and rare flashes of intuitive sensibility.  
A. relating to the outside  
B. a sad feeling or manner  
C. about (but not exactly)
- 3 JAMIE With a **scornful** shrug of his shoulders.  
A. full of strong disrespect or rejection  
B. able to accept as true (without proof)  
C. able to be protected or kept unchanged
- 4 TYRONE With **indignant** appeal now.  
A. angered or annoyed at something unjust or wrong  
B. surprised as something unexpected  
C. accepted of something undesired as unavoidable
- 5 JAMIE With a defensive air of weary **indifference** again.  
A. without interest  
B. risky investment  
C. chaotic disorder
- 6 All I did was make a pal of him and be absolutely frank so he'd learn from my mistakes that — He shrugs his shoulders—**cynically**.  
A. someone who expects the worst -- especially of people (such as expecting them to be selfish and lie)  
B. while taking pains to avoid being observed; or in a nervous manner (as though hoping not to be seen)  
C. in a manner that provokes, excites, or stimulates -- especially controversy, sexual desire, or anger
- 7 He winks at her, with a **derisive** glance at his father.  
A. tendency to be direct in a disagreeable, insensitive manner  
B. the quality of believing oneself morally superior to others  
C. contemptuous (treating as inferior and unworthy of respect)
- 8 That was when — EDMUND Too **vehemently**.  
A. the manner in which things have generally been done in the past  
B. marked by extreme intensity -- especially emotion such as anger  
C. in a manner that shows a lack of integrity and money motivation
- 9 His manner is nervously **apprehensive** and he looks more sickly than in the previous act.  
A. not representative  
B. nervous or worried  
C. impossible to find
- 10 Then with a strange, abrupt change to a **detached**, impersonal tone.  
A. separated OR emotionally uninvolved (separated from emotions)  
B. pointed to differences between; or compared to show differences  
C. legally ordered to provide documents, or to appear as a witness
- 11 A moment later he is heard calling from the porch **exasperatedly**.  
A. in a wasteful manner  
B. in a critical manner  
C. with great annoyance

- 12 *Putting her arm around Edmund's shoulder— with a fond **solicitude** which is at the same time remote.*
- A. opinion of what is good and bad about something
  - B. the majority denomination of Islam (almost 90%)
  - C. behavior that shows care or concern for someone
- 13 *She adds quickly with a detached **contrition**.*
- A. sorrow or regret for a fault or offense
  - B. something that causes ongoing suffering
  - C. able to generate electricity from light
- 14 *Disdainfully.*
- A. with a lack of respect; or with a sense of superiority
  - B. in a manner that is aware or concerned about something
  - C. without concern for what others might think of oneself
- 15 *You shouldn't treat him with such **contempt** all the time.*
- A. frustration at being treated unfairly
  - B. a lack of respect
  - C. prejudice or unfair treatment
- 16 *You were **swindled** again as you always are, because you insist on secondhand bargains in everything.*
- A. prepared food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
  - B. supported by providing money or other economic aid
  - C. tricked or cheated someone -- usually to get money
- 17 *CATHLEEN The way the man in the drugstore acted when I took in the **prescription** for you.*
- A. lymph node -- one of many bean-sized organs that filter bacteria and other toxins from circulating white-blood-cell filled lymph fluid
  - B. submissiveness -- often an attitude of someone who is so submissive or eager to serve and please that they seem to lack self-respect
  - C. a recommendation or requirement OR (from a medical doctor) an instruction -- such as writing that a patient should take antibiotics
- 18 *Coquettishly.*
- A. in a manner that playfully and casually arouses sexual interest of men
  - B. in a manner that impacts the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
  - C. aka analytically -- in a manner that relates to a theory of psychiatry
- 19 *Turns on Edmund with a hard, accusing antagonism-almost a revengeful **enmity**.*
- A. battle
  - B. memory
  - C. hatred
- 20 *All we can do is try to be **resigned** -- again.*
- A. to be or to become used to (adapted to and with an expectation of)
  - B. showed something -- such as demonstrated, expressed, or represented
  - C. accepting as inevitable something undesired

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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| #  | KEY | WORD                                                       | NOTE                                                    |
|----|-----|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | C   | fastidious                                                 | Used 2 times in this play.                              |
| 2  | B   | melancholy                                                 | Used 4 times in this play.                              |
| 3  | A   | scorn                                                      | High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this play.  |
| 4  | A   | indignant                                                  | High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this play.  |
| 5  | A   | indifferent                                                | High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this play. |
| 6  | A   | cynical                                                    | Used 15 times in this play.                             |
| 7  | C   | deride                                                     | Used 7 times in this play.                              |
| 8  | B   | vehement                                                   | Used 4 times in this play.                              |
| 9  | B   | apprehensive                                               | High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.  |
| 10 | A   | detach                                                     | Used 19 times in this play.                             |
| 11 | C   | exasperated                                                | High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.  |
| 12 | C   | solicitous                                                 | Used 4 times in this play.                              |
| 13 | A   | contrite                                                   | Used 3 times in this play.                              |
| 14 | A   | disdain                                                    | High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.  |
| 15 | B   | contempt ( <i>as in: feels contempt towards her</i> )      | Used 15 times in this play.                             |
| 16 | C   | swindle                                                    | Used 4 times in this play.                              |
| 17 | C   | prescribe                                                  | Used 5 times in this play.                              |
| 18 | A   | coquette                                                   | Used 3 times in this play.                              |
| 19 | C   | enmity                                                     | Used 2 times in this play.                              |
| 20 | C   | resignation ( <i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i> ) | Used 5 times in this play.                              |