

Love's Labour's Lost

by William Shakespeare

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: adieu, beseech, devise, edict, envoy, flout, forswear, melancholy, mirth, pavilion, pedantic, peremptory, perjury, profound (2), rhetoric, salve, scorn, treason, zeal



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	A
2	A
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7	B
8	B
9	B
10	A
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15	A
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17	B
18	A
19	C
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. We waved **adieu** to our friends at the train station.
 - A. goodbye
 - B. hello
 - C. greetings
2. She closed the prayer by **beseeking** God to grant them wisdom and patience.
 - A. asking
 - B. demanding
 - C. instructing
3. This may be our last chance to **devise** a compromise that will save the peace.
 - A. consider
 - B. create
 - C. save
4. Constantine issued an **edict** for religious tolerance throughout the Roman Empire.
 - A. suggestion
 - B. study
 - C. order
5. Iran's top **envoy** to the United Nations nuclear agency dismissed the accusation.
 - A. scientist
 - B. representative
 - C. translator
6. Don't get caught **flouting** the rules.
 - A. ignoring
 - B. complaining about
 - C. questioning
7. She should **forswear** contributions from special interest groups.
 - A. make public
 - B. stop (taking)
 - C. take advantage of
8. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring,
 - A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing
9. It was an evening of many stories and great **mirth**.
 - A. warm friendship
 - B. fun and laughter
 - C. fond memories
10. We ate lunch under the open-sided **pavilion** near the lake.
 - A. freestanding shelter
 - B. tall stone monument
 - C. narrow garden path
11. Her essay was filled with creative ideas, but it was vulnerable to **pedantic** nitpicking.
 - A. of someone too concerned with regional style
 - B. of someone too concerned with statistical studies
 - C. of someone too concerned with book learning
12. Her tone was **peremptory**, preventing argument or disagreement.
 - A. not allowing contradiction or refusal
 - B. not in line with her usual manner
 - C. more rushed than usual

13. She signed a written declaration under penalty of **perjury**.
A. the criminal offense of lying
B. the criminal offense of disrespecting the court
C. the criminal offense of ignoring a subpoena
14. She is a **profound** thinker.
A. shallow
B. deep
C. quick
15. It was a **profound** spiritual experience that changed her life.
A. intense
B. common
C. traditional
16. Students analyzed the senator's **rhetoric** before writing their essays.
A. persuasive language
B. family history
C. voting record
17. The **salve** also acts as a moisturizer.
A. humidity
B. cream
C. nutrient
18. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
A. disrespects
B. encourages
C. trains
19. 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
20. We need someone with both **zeal** and ability.
A. enthusiasm
B. patience
C. honesty

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 Well, sit out; go home, Berowne; **adieu**.
 - A. goodbye
 - B. hello
 - C. greetings
- 2 Who **devised** this penalty?
 - A. not provided with investment funds
 - B. came up with (invented or created)
 - C. stopped (something from happening)
- 3 'sorted and consorted, contrary to thy established proclaimed **edict** and continent canon, with—with,—O!
 - A. a psychologist concerned with the treatment of abnormal thinking and behavior
 - B. a stone shaped like a disk that spins and is used to grind, sharpen or polish
 - C. an order -- typically a formal proclamation or a legally binding court decree
- 4 I'll lay my head to any good man's hat These oaths and laws will prove an idle **scorn**.
 - A. disrespect or reject as not good enough
 - B. not answer questions; or block progress
 - C. move from more general to more specific
- 5 A **pavilion** and tents at a distance.
 - A. a large structure separate from a main structure or temporary
 - B. make something more attractive or interesting by adding to it
 - C. a small group of people who plot in secret and exercise power
- 6 If my observation,—which very seldom lies, By the heart's still **rhetoric** disclosed with eyes, Deceive me not now, Navarre is infected.
 - A. the use of (or study of using) words to make a point
 - B. the quality of being very bad (deserving no respect)
 - C. the state or degree of being optimistic or agreeable
- 7 Some **enigma**, some riddle: come, thy l'**envoy**; begin.
 - A. someone who approves or supports
 - B. representative sent on a mission
 - C. one who precedes another in time
- 8 I forswore not thee:
 - A. constraining in some way -- such as tying up, requiring, or obligating
 - B. renounced (disavowed or decided to stop doing something)
 - C. the profession of assisting women in childbirth without being a doctor
- 9 And **profound** Solomon
 - A. foolish or showing ignorance of important circumstances
 - B. deep thinking
 - C. quick or efficient
- 10 With such a zealous laughter, so **profound**,
 - A. intense
 - B. without a tendency to be full of thought
 - C. lacking a tendency to be full of thought
- 11 Some certain **treason**.
 - A. easily set on fire
 - B. untied or released
 - C. an act of betrayal
- 12 I beseech your Grace, let this letter be read; Our parson misdoubts it; 'twas treason, he said.
 - A. to ask strongly or beg for something
 - B. move into position to work; or start
 - C. to spread to other parts of the body

- 13 What **peremptory** eagle-sighted eye Dares look upon the heaven of her brow, That is not blinded by her majesty?
- A. not allowing contradiction or refusal
 - B. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - C. able to be restored to good condition
- 14 What **zeal**, what **fury** hath inspired thee now?
- A. active interest and enthusiasm
 - B. made by taking on as one's own
 - C. relating to the chest (thorax)
- 15 Some **salve** for **perjury**.
- A. to expression feelings or thoughts enthusiastically OR to squirt or give off (typically under pressure such as blood or leaking gas)
 - B. something that eases pain or anxiety
 - C. the act of hiding something by making it blend in with its surroundings; or hiding the truth; or something that hides or deceives
- 16 He made her **melancholy**, *sad*, and *heavy*; And so she died:
- A. relating to the outside
 - B. sad (perhaps depressed)
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 17 O *poverty* in wit, *kingly-poor* **flout**!
- A. openly disregard
 - B. take on or adopt
 - C. make more varied
- 18 The **pedant**, the *braggart*,
- A. someone who makes something appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - B. someone who fulfills what they perceive as their highest potential
 - C. someone too concerned with book learning
- 19 You are *attaint* with faults and **perjury**;
- A. making false statements
 - B. surgical interruption of nerve tracts to and from the frontal lobe of the brain
 - C. something suggested indirectly; or something that can be concluded; or a result
- 20 It cannot be; it is impossible: **Mirth** cannot move a soul in agony.
- A. restart (a fire)
 - B. fun and laughter
 - C. started (a fire)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	adieu	Used 10 times in this play.
2	B	devise (<i>as in: devise a plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this play.
3	C	edict	Used 2 times in this play.
4	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this play.
5	A	pavilion	Used 5 times in this play.
6	A	rhetoric	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this play.
7	B	envoy	Used 16 times in this play.
8	B	forswear (<i>as in: forswear my country of birth</i>)	Used 22 times in this play.
9	B	profound (<i>as in: profound idea</i>)	2 meanings in this play.
10	A	profound (<i>as in: profound sadness</i>)	2 meanings in this play.
11	C	treason	Used 5 times in this play.
12	A	beseech	Used 9 times in this play.
13	A	peremptory	Used 2 times in this play.
14	A	zeal	Used 4 times in this play.
15	B	salve	Used 6 times in this play.
16	B	melancholy	Used 7 times in this play.
17	A	flout	Used 3 times in this play.
18	C	pedantic	Used 3 times in this play.
19	A	perjury	Used 6 times in this play.
20	B	mirth	Used 7 times in this play.