

Madame Bovary

by Gustave Flaubert

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: abyss, adieu, amorous, anecdote, azure, chateau, detest, ecclesiastical, enumerate, lament, languid, melancholy, monotonous, moreover, naive, peasant, prudent, rendezvous, reproach, resignation



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. Our foot is stuck on the accelerator, and we are headed towards an **abyss**.
 - A. turning point
 - B. dangerous situation
 - C. major opportunity
2. We waved **adieu** to our friends at the train station.
 - A. goodbye
 - B. hello
 - C. greetings
3. She doesn't think of him in an **amorous** way.
 - A. logical or analytical
 - B. light-hearted
 - C. romantic or sexual
4. She is good at making a point in an interesting and memorable way with an **anecdote**.
 - A. short true story
 - B. long boring lecture
 - C. detailed research report
5. The children painted the ocean an **azure** shade on the classroom mural.
 - A. dark red
 - B. pale yellow
 - C. bright blue
6. The wealthy family owned a **chateau** in the wine region.
 - A. a city studio
 - B. a French manor
 - C. a small shack
7. I **detest** broccoli.
 - A. love
 - B. avoid
 - C. hate
8. Ecclesiastical law governs many church traditions.
 - A. sports-related
 - B. kitchen-related
 - C. church-related
9. There is not enough time to **enumerate** all of her accomplishments.
 - A. study
 - B. follow
 - C. list
10. We **lamented** our sad circumstances.
 - A. made worse
 - B. improved
 - C. expressed grief about
11. She greeted us with a **languid** wave of the hand.
 - A. quick and sharp
 - B. slow and relaxed
 - C. stiff and formal
12. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring,
 - A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing

13. The study indicates that traffic accidents from falling asleep increase on long, straight, monotonous roads.
- A. dark
 - B. narrow
 - C. boring
14. Many graduates have high college debt. Moreover, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
- A. in contrast to that
 - B. in addition to that
 - C. as a result of that
15. Being naive, she is too quick to believe what people say.
- A. honest
 - B. a pleaser
 - C. too trusting
16. In 1932 a peasant revolt in Su County, China stopped collection of the poppy tax.
- A. city dweller
 - B. young person
 - C. poor farmer
17. Courage is dangerous without prudence.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
18. The spies arranged a secret rendezvous at the old cafe at midnight.
- A. argument
 - B. celebration
 - C. meeting
19. Don't reproach yourself for things beyond your control.
- A. congratulate
 - B. criticize
 - C. accept honor for
20. She was resigned to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
 - B. resistant
 - C. with acceptance

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 His mother always kept him near her; she cut out cardboard for him, told him tales, entertained him with endless monologues full of **melancholy** gaiety and charming nonsense.
 - A. relating to the outside
 - B. a sad feeling or manner
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 2 Moreover, he could not believe that a man born of him could be a fool.
 - A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in addition to what has just been said
 - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 3 And she **detested** her instinctively.
 - A. not disagreed with
 - B. previously created
 - C. disliked intensely
- 4 He obeyed then, but the strength of his desire protested against the servility of his conduct; and he thought, with a kind of **naive** hypocrisy, that his interdict to see her gave him a sort of right to love her.
 - A. the quality of being characterized by fantastic imagery, or combinations of things and events that don't go together
 - B. the degree of being influenced by personal belief, feelings, or preferences (rather than being based purely upon fact)
 - C. lacking experience or sophistication, and the understanding that comes from them -- often too trusting or optimistic
- 5 For him the universe did not extend beyond the circumference of her petticoat, and he **reproached** himself with not loving her.
 - A. translated
 - B. criticized
 - C. subtracted
- 6 Instead of attending to mass, she looked at the pious vignettes with their **azure** borders in her book, and she loved the sick lamb, the sacred heart pierced with sharp arrows, or the poor Jesus sinking beneath the cross he carries.
 - A. reporter
 - B. disorder
 - C. sky-blue
- 7 By moonlight in the garden she recited all the passionate rhymes she knew by heart, and, sighing, sang to him many melancholy adagios; but she found herself as calm after as before, and Charles seemed no more **amorous** and no more moved.
 - A. logical or analytical
 - B. comprehensive
 - C. romantic or sexual
- 8 At the crash of the glass Madame Bovary turned her head and saw in the garden the faces of **peasants** pressed against the window looking in at them.
 - A. organisms in the early stages of growth prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting; in humans organisms during the first eight weeks of development (prior to the fetal stage)
 - B. members of an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
 - C. used historically or possibly in relation to a very poor country: people of low income, education, and social standing -- especially those who raise crops or livestock
- 9 Then they talked a few moments longer, and after the goodnights, or rather good mornings, the guests of the **chateau** retired to bed.
 - A. people who do not believe in the existence of god
 - B. an impressive country house (or castle) in France
 - C. discomfort caused by difficulty in digesting food

- 10 When, in the evening, Charles told her this **anecdote**, Emma inveighed loudly against his colleague.
- A. a short story that is true -- often told for amusement or to make a point
 - B. a feeling of anger or unhappiness at having to accept something not liked
 - C. Hitler's fanatical and oppressive political party in World War II Germany
- 11 *Afar off a dog sometimes howled; and the bell, keeping time, continued its monotonous ringing that died away over the fields.*
- A. increasingly more frightening and/or dangerous
 - B. interesting and/or stimulating
 - C. lacking in variety and/or boring
- 12 He blushed at the compliment of his landlord, who had already turned to the doctor, and was **enumerating** to him, one after the other, all the principal inhabitants of Yonville.
- A. causing something to move forward
 - B. playing cheerful and lively music
 - C. to name or list things one-by-one
- 13 But from the general background of all these human faces Emma's stood out isolated and yet farthest off; for between her and him he seemed to see a vague **abyss**.
- A. of the American Indian civilization of Yucatan and Belize and Guatemala that reached its peak between AD 300 and 900
 - B. a hole or dropoff so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply a frightening bottomless pit
 - C. removal and examination of tissues or liquids from the living body to determine the existence or cause of a disease
- 14 She often begged him to read her the verses; Leon declaimed them in a **languid** voice, to which he carefully gave a dying fall in the love passages.
- A. mental activity of which one is self-aware
 - B. lacking energy or relaxed or moving slowly
 - C. without involvement of anything in between
- 15 In the distance cattle moved about; neither their steps nor their lowing could be heard; and the bell, still ringing through the air, kept up its peaceful **lamentation**.
- A. dreamlike state of altered consciousness
 - B. a range of things between two boundaries
 - C. passionate expression of grief or sorrow
- 16 So the next day they talked over how to arrange their **rendezvous**.
- A. something constructed to control the flow of sound or fluid
 - B. determine or identify the nature of a problem or an illness
 - C. to meet at a specific time and place; or the meeting itself
- 17 And there was a last "**adieu**" divided into two words!
- A. goodbye
 - B. hello
 - C. greetings
- 18 "Sir!" replied the **ecclesiastic**, with such angry eyes that the druggist was intimidated by them.
- A. social event or ceremony
 - B. a positively charged ion
 - C. associated with a church
- 19 ...but vanity getting the better of all **prudence**,
- A. good sense and caution
 - B. not easily set on fire
 - C. surrounding conditions
- 20 And Charles, his head in his hands, went on in a broken voice, and with the **resigned** accent of infinite sorrow—.
- 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. having accepted something undesired as unavoidable

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	melancholy	Used 17 times in this book.
2	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 33 times in this book.
3	C	detest	Used 10 times in this book.
4	C	naïve	Used 8 times in this book.
5	B	reproach	Used 13 times in this book.
6	C	azure	Used 6 times in this book.
7	C	amorous	Used 10 times in this book.
8	C	peasant	Used 19 times in this book.
9	B	chateau	Used 12 times in this book.
10	A	anecdote	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
11	C	monotonous	Used 8 times in this book.
12	C	enumerate	Used 4 times in this book.
13	B	abyss	Used 10 times in this book.
14	B	languid	Used 9 times in this book.
15	C	lament	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
16	C	rendezvous	Used 9 times in this book.
17	A	adieu	Used 9 times in this book.
18	C	ecclesiastical	Used 11 times in this book.
19	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
20	C	resignation (<i>as in:</i> <i>accepted it with</i> <i>resignation</i>)	Used 7 times in this book.