

# Man And Superman

by George Bernard Shaw

## 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:** anarchist, antagonist, cultivate, cynical, digress, edify, enable, fastidious, ignominious, illustrate (2), prejudice, repent, reproach, repudiate, scrupulous, socialism, sulk, temperament, vulgar



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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| #  | KEY |
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| 1  | B   |
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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 didn't call herself an **anarchist**, but she refused to follow rules she saw as unfair.
  - A. someone with anxiety
  - B. someone against authority
  - C. someone who gives advice
2. In the book, *Harry Potter*, Voldemort is Harry's **antagonist**.
  - A. partner
  - B. friend
  - C. enemy
3. Creativity can be **cultivated**.
  - A. useful
  - B. developed or grown
  - C. risky or dangerous
4. Over the years, she has grown **cynical** and unhappy.
  - A. distrustful of others
  - B. trusting of strangers
  - C. envious of friends
5. She likes it when they stick to the numbers and don't **digress** into storytelling.
  - A. wander
  - B. elaborate
  - C. compete
6. She both entertains and **edifies** when she speaks.
  - A. puzzles listeners
  - B. teaches or instructs
  - C. learns from others
7. Modern smartphones enable people to work from almost anywhere.
  - A. require
  - B. allow
  - C. remind
8. She was **fastidious** about keeping her desk perfectly organized.
  - A. careless and disorganized
  - B. loud and outgoing
  - C. extremely attentive to detail
9. The incident led to her **ignominious** departure from political office.
  - A. quick
  - B. disgraceful
  - C. eventual
10. The example **illustrates** the belief.
  - A. disproves
  - B. proves
  - C. makes clear
11. The assembly directions include **illustrations** to identify each part.
  - A. drawings
  - B. coded stickers
  - C. descriptions
12. Seeing the defendant wear prison clothes may **prejudice** the jury against the defendant.
  - A. create a sympathetic belief in
  - B. create a serious attitude in
  - C. create an unfair belief in

13. She said the U.S. should **repent** for the sins of fossil fuels.
- A. reimburse
  - B. apologize
  - C. suffer
14. Don't **reproach** yourself for things beyond your control.
- A. congratulate
  - B. criticize
  - C. accept honor for
15. The election results were a clear **repudiation** of the incumbent's policies.
- A. approval
  - B. rejection
  - C. explanation
16. Lenders trust her as a **scrupulous** property inspector.
- A. fast and cheap
  - B. honest and careful
  - C. loud and rude
17. Societies calling themselves **socialist** range from Western-style democracies to dictatorships.
- A. with an economic system that has a complete absence of political authority
  - B. with an economic system based on government control of all important companies
  - C. with an economic system based on private ownership of property and businesses
18. She **sulked** for the rest of the week when she learned she would not make the starting team.
- A. worked tirelessly to improve
  - B. was unhappy and unsociable
  - C. was angry and lashed out
19. Her calm **temperament** helped her stay patient during the long delay.
- A. formal training
  - B. usual nature
  - C. sudden mistake
20. His **vulgar** jokes embarrassed everyone at the formal dinner party.
- A. stale
  - B. crude
  - C. clever

## 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 *The levity with which you assumed this frightful responsibility has probably by this time **enabled** you to forget it; but the day of reckoning has arrived: here is your play!*
  - A. got closer to
  - B. made possible
  - C. not satisfied
- 2 *But you must not expect me to adopt your inexplicable, fantastic, petulant, **fastidious** ways: you must take me as I am, a reasonable, patient, consistent, apologetic, laborious person, with the temperament of a schoolmaster and the pursuits of a vestryman.*
  - 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
- 3 *Of that **antagonist**, and of that conception of repentance, how much is left that could be used in a play by me dedicated to you?*
  - A. someone who changes something (upon review)
  - B. someone who takes something on as their own
  - C. someone who offers opposition or is hostile
- 4 *Therefore do not misunderstand my plain statement of the fundamental constitution of London society as an Irishman's **reproach** to your nation.*
  - A. move into position to work; or start
  - B. a criticism; or to express criticism
  - C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 5 *But the mature cases all **illustrate** the Shakespearian law.*
  - A. work or operate
  - B. think carefully
  - C. help make clear
- 6 *It will be published in the **illustrated** papers.*
  - A. accompanied by drawings
  - B. not justified or explained as an understandable reaction to another action
  - C. related such that a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 7 *I not only tell you that my hero wrote a revolutionists' handbook: I give you the handbook at full length for your **edification** if you care to read it.*
  - A. a last name
  - B. instruction
  - C. well suited
- 8 *However, I am **digressing**, as a man with a grievance always does.*
  - A. wandering away from a direct discussion of the main topic
  - B. pointing to differences between; or comparing to show differences
  - C. recognizing the value or importance of; and/or being grateful for
- 9 ***Cultivate** a little impudence, Ramsden; and you will become quite a remarkable man.*
  - A. cancel or annul a formal ruling or contract
  - B. develop, grow, or prepare for growing crops
  - C. return to an undesirable previous condition
- 10 *A sensitive boy's humiliations may be very good fun for ordinary thickskinned grown-ups; but to the boy himself they are so acute, so **ignominious**, that he cannot confess them—cannot but deny them passionately.*
  - A. the state or degree of being very large
  - B. deserving or bringing disgrace or shame
  - C. the quality of relating to intelligence

- 11 Do you suppose this eternal shallow **cynicism** of yours has any real bearing on a nature like hers?  
A. believing that things usually go poorly and that selfish and insincere  
B. a psychological disorder characterized by excessive distrust of others  
C. one-sided information that is purposefully spread to influence opinions
- 12 He has a **prejudice** against the English middle class.  
A. fear, or anticipate with worry (commonly only seen in the forms "apprehensive" and "apprehension," but seen in this form in classic literature)  
B. to expression feelings or thoughts enthusiastically OR to squirt or give off (typically under pressure such as blood or leaking gas)  
C. unreasonable and unfair beliefs or feelings
- 13 **THE SULKY SOCIAL-DEMOCRAT.**  
A. not able to be disagreed with  
B. overly unhappy and unsociable  
C. without gender classification
- 14 In fact, I am a bit of a **Socialist** myself.  
A. relating to an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms  
B. a member of a political party that believes in an economic system based on government ownership or control of all important companies -- with the ideal of equal benefits to all people  
C. relating to the 20th century movement of artists and writers who used impossible or unlikely images to represent unconscious thoughts and dreams
- 15 I, who **repudiated** all duty, trampled honor underfoot, and laughed at justice!  
A. thought carefully  
B. strongly rejected  
C. guided or managed
- 16 The **gulf** is the difference between the angelic and the diabolic **temperament**.  
A. something that stands out  
B. usual mood and tendencies  
C. something made from parts
- 17 Do you suppose heaven is like earth, where people persuade themselves that what is done can be undone by **repentance**; that what is spoken can be unspoken...  
A. opinion of what is good and bad about something  
B. to feel regret for having done wrong and to desire to be a better person in the future  
C. the majority denomination of Islam (almost 90%)
- 18 They touch their hats, except the **Anarchist**, who defies the State with folded arms.  
A. involvement in or the suggestion that someone was involved  
B. someone who favors eliminating all government or authority  
C. of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and sometimes Finland & Iceland
- 19 he looks **vulgar** in his finery,  
A. increasing reason or general desire to do something  
B. lacking in sophistication or good taste  
C. the state of being unaware of one's mental activity
- 20 she habitually and **unscrupulously** uses her personal fascination to make men give her whatever she wants.  
A. not clearly  
B. unethically  
C. importantly

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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| #  | KEY | WORD  | NOTE   |
|----|-----|---|--|
| 1  | B   | enable  | High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book. |
| 2  | C   | fastidious  | Used 7 times in this book.                             |
| 3  | C   | antagonist ( <i>as in: the antagonist in the film</i> )     | High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book. |
| 4  | B   | reproach  | Used 7 times in this book.                             |
| 5  | C   | illustrate ( <i>as in: as illustrated by this example</i> ) | High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.   |
| 6  | A   | illustrate ( <i>as in: an illustrated children's book</i> ) | 2 meanings in this book.                               |
| 7  | B   | edify   | Used 5 times in this book.                             |
| 8  | A   | digress   | High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book. |
| 9  | B   | cultivate   | High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book. |
| 10 | B   | ignominious   | Used 5 times in this book.                             |
| 11 | A   | cynical   | Used 10 times in this book.                            |
| 12 | C   | prejudice   | Used 10 times in this book.                            |
| 13 | B   | sulk  | Used 11 times in this book.                            |
| 14 | B   | socialism   | Used 11 times in this book.                            |
| 15 | B   | repudiate   | Used 4 times in this book.                             |
| 16 | B   | temperament ( <i>as in: it is her temperament</i> )         | Used 13 times in this book.                            |
| 17 | B   | repent  | Used 15 times in this book.                            |
| 18 | B   | anarchist   | Used 19 times in this book.                            |
| 19 | B   | vulgar  | Used 13 times in this book.                            |
| 20 | B   | scrupulous  | Used 11 times in this book.                            |