

Mansfield Park

by Jane Austen

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: adapt, adapted, animate (2), approbation, consequence (2), convey (2), countenance (2), delicacy (2), discretion (2), matrimony, perceive (2), trifle, trifle with



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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2	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. This passage is **adapted** from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
 - A. copied
 - B. read
 - C. changed
2. The human spine is not as **well adapted** to walking upright as we would like.
 - A. well suited
 - B. known widely
 - C. insured
3. She spoke in an **animated** manner.
 - A. silly
 - B. soft
 - C. enthusiastic
4. Is it an **animate** noun?
 - A. capitalized
 - B. countable
 - C. living
5. Her innovative approach to solving problems earned her the **approbation** of her peers.
 - A. approval
 - B. sympathy
 - C. distrust
6. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
7. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
8. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
 - A. express
 - B. accept
 - C. understand
9. We hired a carriage to **convey** us to the city.
 - A. give service of
 - B. explain
 - C. transport
10. Her **countenance** grew stern.
 - A. facial expression
 - B. a method of counting
 - C. voice
11. They **countenance** terrorism.
 - A. provide funds for
 - B. show favor for
 - C. discourage
12. If you act like a bull in a china shop, the negotiations will fail. **Delicacy** is required.
 - A. sensitivity and tact
 - B. teamwork
 - C. thoughtful strategy

13. Her **delicacy** in blending flavors makes her an outstanding chef.
- A. quick manner
 - B. creativity
 - C. elegance
14. I mistakenly thought I could trust her **discretion**, so I gave her my cell phone number. Now I need a new number.
- A. behavior that does not reveal private information
 - B. ability to memorize important things
 - C. wisdom to finish a job quickly
15. I count on her **discretion** to recommend sound investments.
- A. communication skills
 - B. good judgment
 - C. information sources
16. Their bond of **matrimony** lasted for over fifty years.
- A. marriage
 - B. friendship
 - C. divorce
17. Researchers **perceive** a clear pattern in how the disease spreads through families.
- A. carefully measure
 - B. view or understand
 - C. actively prevent
18. It's one thing to **perceive** something with the senses and another to understand its importance.
- A. become aware of
 - B. physically touch
 - C. clearly see
19. Don't waste my time with **trifling** matters.
- A. other's
 - B. future
 - C. unimportant
20. The European Parliament refuses to be **trifled** with.
- A. treated without respect
 - B. argued with
 - C. negotiated with

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 She was preparing for her ninth lying-in; and after bewailing the circumstance, and imploring their **countenance** as sponsors to the expected child, she could not conceal how important she felt they might be to the future maintenance of the eight already in being.
A. return to an undesirable previous condition
B. support
C. cancel or annul a formal ruling or contract
- 2 Fanny's feelings on the occasion were such as she believed herself incapable of expressing; but her **countenance** and a few artless words fully conveyed all their gratitude and delight, and her cousin began to find her an interesting object.
A. facial expression
B. the best or most important
C. a secret agreement or plot
- 3 If I could suppose my aunt really to care for me, it would be delightful to feel myself of **consequence** to anybody.
A. pity
B. importance
C. usefulness
- 4 And the **consequence** was, that Fanny, strange as it was—strange, awkward, and distressing—found herself and Susan, within ten minutes, walking towards the High Street with Mr. Crawford.
A. result
B. story
C. belief
- 5 Mrs. Rushworth acknowledged herself very desirous that her son should marry, and declared that of all the young ladies she had ever seen, Miss Bertram seemed, by her amiable qualities and accomplishments, the best **adapted** to make him happy.
A. well-suited
B. most beautiful
C. formally approved
- 6 ...his continued attentions—continued, but not obtrusive, and **adapting** themselves more and more to the gentleness and delicacy of her character—obliged her very soon to dislike him less than formerly.
A. growing accustomed to
B. formally approving
C. changing (to fit a situation)
- 7 Nobody can think more highly of the **matrimonial** state than myself.
A. marriage (or related to marriage)
B. able to be stopped from happening
C. improper, awkward, or unfavorable
- 8 Yes, the profession is well enough under two circumstances: if it make the fortune, and there be **discretion** in spending it;
A. shared happiness
B. good judgment
C. adequate time
- 9 She said nothing, however, but, "Sad, sad girl! I do not know when I shall have done scolding you," and had **discretion** enough to reserve the rest till they might be secure of having four walls to themselves.
A. behavior that does not attract undesired attention
B. kindness that does not spoil
C. patience that is not excessive

- 10 The next meeting of the two Mansfield families produced another alteration in the plan, and one that was admitted with general **approbation**.
- A. approval
 - B. criticism
 - C. concern
- 11 Mr. Crawford suggested the greater desirableness of some carriage which might **convey** more than two.
- A. be quicker by
 - B. be pulled by
 - C. carry
- 12 I have not time for writing much, but it would be out of place if I had, for this is to be a mere letter of business, penned for the purpose of **conveying** necessary information, which could not be delayed without risk of evil.
- A. communicating or expressing
 - B. rushing
 - C. making a profit from
- 13 Henry Crawford had **trifled with** her feelings; but she had very long allowed and even sought his attentions, with a jealousy of her sister so reasonable as ought to have been their cure; and now that the conviction of his preference for Maria had been forced on her, she submitted to it without any alarm for Maria's situation, or any endeavour at rational tranquillity for herself.
- A. treated thoughtlessly or without respect
 - B. defied or argued with
 - C. carefully studied and experimented
- 14 If tenderness could be ever supposed wanting, good sense and good breeding supplied its place; and as to the little irritations sometimes introduced by aunt Norris, they were short, they were **trifling**, they were as a drop of water to the ocean, compared with the ceaseless tumult of her present abode.
- A. uncontrollable
 - B. irritating
 - C. unimportant
- 15 She certainly understands you better than you are understood by the greater part of those who have known you so long; and with regard to some others, I can **perceive**, from occasional lively hints, the unguarded expressions of the moment, that she could define many as accurately, did not delicacy forbid it.
- A. see (understand)
 - B. think carefully
 - C. strongly desire
- 16 You must have observed his attentions; and though you always received them very properly (I have no accusation to make on that head), I never **perceived** them to be unpleasant to you.
- A. lied in such a way as to damage the reputation of another
 - B. saw (in a certain way) or believed
 - C. made a decision or voiced an opinion by formal group vote
- 17 ...if indeed he has now **delicacy** of language enough to embody his own ideas.
- A. kindness or gentleness
 - B. fragility (easily broken)
 - C. subtlety or fineness
- 18 Delicacy to her parents made her careful not to betray such a preference of her uncle's house.
- A. care and gentleness
 - B. anger
 - C. planning or scheming
- 19 A little difficulty to be overcome was no evil to Henry Crawford. He rather derived spirits from it. He had been apt to gain hearts too easily. His situation was new and **animating**.
- A. moving out of an interacting position; or stopping
 - B. canceling or annulling a formal ruling or contract
 - C. inspiring (creating enthusiasm)
- 20 ...and before he can get your heart for his own use he has to unfasten it from all the holds upon things **animate** and inanimate, which so many years' growth have confirmed, and which are considerably tightened for the moment by the very idea of separation.
- A. accept as true (without proof)
 - B. interact, interest, or attract
 - C. alive

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	countenance (<i>as in: giving countenance</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
2	A	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	Used 33 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	Used 29 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
4	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	A	adapted (<i>as in: the species is well adapted for</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	matrimony	Used 18 times in this book.
8	B	discretion (<i>as in: Parental discretion advised.</i>)	Used 9 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	discretion (<i>as in: embarrassing lack of discretion</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
10	A	approbation	Used 19 times in this book.
11	C	convey (<i>as in: convey her safely to</i>)	Used 15 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	A	trifle with (<i>as in: trifle with her affections</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
14	C	trifle (<i>as in: a trifling matter</i>)	Used 26 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	perceive (<i>as in: though blind, can perceive light</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	perceive (<i>as in: perceive the system as unfair</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	delicacy (<i>as in: delicacy of the brushwork</i>)	Used 7 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	delicacy (<i>as in: discuss with delicacy</i>)	Used 19 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	animate (<i>as in: animated by her strong belief</i>)	Used 27 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
20	C	animate (<i>as in: animate v. inanimate</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.