

Measure for Measure

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: censure, condemn (2), discredit, entreat, forfeit, forswear, manifest, notorious, penitent, peril, perish, pernicious, perpetual, profess, redeem, redress, repent, slander, tyranny



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	A
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7	B
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10	C
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18	B
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20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. In spite of the **censure** of her colleagues, she believed she had done the right thing.
 - A. criticism
 - B. anger
 - C. disinterest
2. The United Nations **condemned** North Korea's development of nuclear weapons.
 - A. criticized
 - B. delayed
 - C. ended
3. He was **condemned** to ten years in prison.
 - A. expecting punishment
 - B. spared punishment
 - C. given punishment
4. Russian TV is famous for inventing stories to **discredit** those who disagree with Russian interests.
 - A. anger
 - B. convince
 - C. damage the reputation of
5. The students **entreated** the Chinese troops not to use force against peaceful demonstrations.
 - A. bribed (with gifts)
 - B. asked earnestly
 - C. threatened
6. The team was half an hour late and had to **forfeit** the game.
 - A. rush through
 - B. give up as lost
 - C. re-schedule
7. She should **forswear** contributions from special interest groups.
 - A. make public
 - B. stop (taking)
 - C. take advantage of
8. Her program has been a **manifest** failure. Everyone is trying to blame someone else for it.
 - A. sudden
 - B. obvious
 - C. surprising
9. She is **notorious** for flagrant fouls and losing her temper.
 - A. frightening and intimidating
 - B. widely admired
 - C. well known for something bad
10. After breaking the window, the **penitent** boy apologized to his neighbor.
 - A. proud of one's actions
 - B. confused about the rules
 - C. feeling regret for wrongdoing
11. The journalist's investigation put her in great **peril**.
 - A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness
12. We can work together or **perish** separately.
 - A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail

13. Pernicious, regulatory gridlock has already delayed the project for a decade.
- A. harmful
 - B. careful
 - C. wise
14. He has a perpetual fear of forgetting important deadlines.
- A. joyful
 - B. constant
 - C. secret
15. He continued to profess his innocence after the trial ended.
- A. doubt quietly
 - B. forget entirely
 - C. declare openly
16. It's been a terrible season, but the team has a shot at redemption if they can beat their cross-town rival.
- A. earning a good report
 - B. making up for bad things
 - C. preventing disaster
17. The committee expressed a desire to redress the oversight.
- A. investigate
 - B. change clothing after
 - C. make up for
18. She said the U.S. should repent for the sins of fossil fuels.
- A. reimburse
 - B. apologize
 - C. suffer
19. Check your sources or you could be sued for slander.
- A. selling a product that is not suitable for its purpose
 - B. hurting someone's reputation by lying
 - C. injuring others with outdated scientific information
20. Pure democracy (without protection of minority rights) can become tyranny of the majority.
- A. a situation in which a difficult choice must be made between imperfect alternatives
 - B. a form of government where some people control others in a harsh, unfair manner
 - C. a form of government that is fair because decisions are made by majority vote

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 You may not so extenuate his offence For I have had such faults; but rather tell me, When I, that **censure** him, do so offend, Let mine own judgment pattern out my death, And nothing come in partial.
A. harsh or formal criticism
B. find, search, or research
C. being a boundary or limit
- 2 a tapster, sir; parcel-bawd; one that serves a bad woman; whose house, sir, was, as they say, plucked down in the suburbs; and now she **professes** a hot-house, which, I think, is a very ill house too.
A. copies
B. trades
C. claims
- 3 **Condemn** the fault and not the actor of it!
A. criticize
B. express strong regret
C. abundant or plentiful
- 4 It is the law, not I, **condemns** your brother:
A. treats in a manner that demonstrates a sense of superiority, but is supposed to seem kind OR the actions of a patron (supports someone or something; or is a customer)
B. recommends or requires what should be done OR (of a medical doctor) gives medical instructions -- such as writing that a patient should take antibiotics
C. that finds guilty and sentences to punishment
- 5 Your brother is a **forfeit** of the law, And you but waste your words.
A. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
B. lost (as a penalty)
C. make one's home in; or live in; or stay (in a place)
- 6 O, it is excellent To have a giant's strength; but it is **tyrannous** To use it like a giant.
A. able to be translated
B. harsh and unjust rule
C. not easily identified
- 7 I do confess it, and **repent** it, father.
A. mark important text; or the text that is marked
B. feel regret for having done wrong and resolve to be a better person in the future
C. give an opinion of what is wrong with something
- 8 Pleas'd you to do't at **peril** of your soul, Were equal poise of sin and charity.
A. useful
B. danger
C. allows
- 9 Better it were a brother died at once
Than that a sister, by **redeeming** him,
Should die for ever.
A. making strips of hair lighter in color
B. saving (by exchanging something else of value)
C. making up (something that is not true)
- 10 And most **pernicious** purpose!
A. harmful
B. the state or degree of having the ability to change for different situations
C. the quality of behaving in an instinctive, uninhibited, and unplanned manner
- 11 Ay, just; **perpetual** durance; a restraint, Though all the world's vastidity you had, To a determin'd scope.
A. having the characteristics of a monk (often inclined toward self-denial)
B. continuing forever without change; or occurring so frequently it seems constant
C. about things beyond the physical world, such as existence, reality, or the soul

- 12 *Take my defiance: Die; **perish**!*
 A. move into position to work; or start
 B. die, be destroyed, or cease to exist
 C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 13 *But, indeed, I can do you little harm: you'll **forswear** this again.*
 A. a drug that calms or puts to sleep; or describing something as calming
 B. to decide to stop doing something; or to renounce or disavow something
 C. the reason for doing something; or the level of desire to do something
- 14 *Fie upon him; he will **discredit** our mystery.*
 A. struggle or disagreement
 B. include consideration of
 C. damage the reputation of
- 15 *Hath he borne himself **penitently** in prison?*
 A. in a manner that is not sensible and careful
 B. in a manner that is capable of being noticed
 C. with remorse for misdeeds (sorrow at having done wrong)
- 16 *Here in the prison, father, There died this morning of a cruel fever One Ragozine, a most **notorious** pirate,
 A man of Claudio's years; his beard and head Just of his colour.*
 A. without boundaries or limits
 B. not good at making decisions
 C. well known for something bad
- 17 *And why should we proclaim it in an hour before his entering that, if any crave **redress** of injustice, they
 should exhibit their petitions in the street?*
 A. learn, discover, or decide in advance
 B. a quick look or partial understanding
 C. fix a problem; or make up for a wrong
- 18 *did you set these women on to **slander** Lord Angelo?*
 A. a rough calculation or guess of a value, quantity, or extent of something
 B. lie to damage the reputation of
 C. surgically interrupt nerve tracts to and from the frontal lobe of the brain
- 19 *thy fault's thus **manifested**,*
 A. unrecognized difference
 B. made obvious or shown
 C. did in a particular way
- 20 *And so deep sticks it in my penitent heart
 That I crave death more willingly than mercy;
 Tis my deserving, and I do **entreat** it.*
 A. stop fighting
 B. ask for
 C. make possible

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	censure	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
2	C	profess	Used 5 times in this play.
3	A	condemn (<i>as in: She condemned their plan</i>)	Used 9 times in this play; 2 meanings in this play.
4	C	condemn (<i>as in: was condemned to life in prison</i>)	Used 4 times in this play; 2 meanings in this play.
5	B	forfeit	Used 7 times in this play.
6	B	tyranny	Used 4 times in this play.
7	B	repent	Used 6 times in this play.
8	B	peril	Used 4 times in this play.
9	B	redeem (<i>as in: its main redeeming quality is...</i>)	Used 7 times in this play.
10	A	pernicious	Used 3 times in this play.
11	B	perpetual	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
12	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
13	B	forswear (<i>as in: forswear my country of birth</i>)	Used 4 times in this play.
14	C	discredit	Used 2 times in this play.
15	C	penitent	Used 5 times in this play.
16	C	notorious	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
17	C	redress (<i>as in: redress the problem</i>)	Used 3 times in this play.
18	B	slander	Used 9 times in this play.
19	B	manifest (<i>as in: manifest destiny</i>)	Used 5 times in this play.
20	B	entreat	Used 5 times in this play.