

Medea

by Euripides

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: abate, abhor, banish, endeavor, entreat, exile, forsake, forswear, fraught, loathe, peril, perish, scarcity, scorn, spurn, strife, unrequited, visage, wrath, yield



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	C
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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. The pain **abated**.
 - A. increased
 - B. varied
 - C. decreased
2. However much we **abhor** it, we must be prepared for war.
 - A. avoid
 - B. don't expect
 - C. hate
3. I tried to **banish** the thought from my mind.
 - A. understand
 - B. collect
 - C. send away
4. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
 - A. not be able
 - B. promise
 - C. try
5. The students **entreated** the Chinese troops not to use force against peaceful demonstrations.
 - A. bribed (with gifts)
 - B. asked earnestly
 - C. threatened
6. Napoleon was forced into **exile** on the island of Elba.
 - A. apologizing
 - B. living elsewhere
 - C. hard labor
7. In the third year of their brutal civil war, moderates feel **forsaken** by the west.
 - A. abandoned
 - B. respected
 - C. defeated
8. She should **forswear** contributions from special interest groups.
 - A. make public
 - B. stop (taking)
 - C. take advantage of
9. The work is **fraught** with difficulty.
 - A. preceded
 - B. filled
 - C. followed
10. I **loathe** that man. He ruined my life.
 - A. fear
 - B. avoid
 - C. hate
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. Work is **scarce** in the region.
- A. easily found
 - B. extremely hard
 - C. in short supply
14. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
15. She **spurned** both major parties in the last election.
- A. joined
 - B. rejected
 - C. founded
16. Civil **strife** tore the country apart for nearly a decade before reform began.
- A. joyful celebration
 - B. violent conflict
 - C. quiet agreement
17. She suffers the despair of **unrequited** love.
- A. loss (through death)
 - B. unreturned
 - C. beyond normal limits
18. She gazed at her reflection in the mirror, studying her own **visage** with a critical eye.
- A. body
 - B. clothing
 - C. face
19. She fears the **wrath** of God.
- A. angry punishment
 - B. power
 - C. unpredictable moods
20. The experiment **yielded** data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down

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 Jason doth **forsake** My mistress and his own two sons, to make His couch in a king's chamber.
A. abandon or give up on
B. not easily identified
C. able to be translated
- 2 Her eyes Are **lifted** not; and all her **visage** lies In the dust.
A. a basic building block for proteins
B. someone who believe in a single God
C. someone's face or facial expression
- 3 ...Her sorrow lies **Scarce** wakened yet, not half its perils wrought.
A. the state of not being aware or concerned about something
B. a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything
C. in short supply OR barely or hardly (by a small margin)
- 4 And he said, 'Twas Creon's will, Being lord of all this land, that she be sent, And with her her two sons, to **banishment**.
A. way of doing something
B. not easily set on fire
C. to expel or get rid of
- 5 For sure her **wrath** Will never turn nor slumber, till she hath ...Go: and if some must suffer, may it be Not we who love her, but some enemy!
A. extreme anger
B. determination
C. use of reason
- 6 B. Why **weariest** them this day, Wild heart, for the bed **abhorred**, The cold bed in the clay?
A. helped make clear
B. guided or managed
C. hated or detested
- 7 Did ye hear her cry To them that guard man's faith **forsworn**, Themis and Zeus?
A. constraining in some way -- such as tying up, requiring, or obligating
B. to decide to stop doing something; or to renounce or disavow something
C. the profession of assisting women in childbirth without being a doctor
- 8 Would it but now **abate**, Ah God, I love her yet.
A. protect something or keep it as it is
B. learn, discover, or decide in advance
C. to become less in amount or intensity
- 9 And surely my love's **endeavour** Shall fail not here.
A. a slight amount; or to contain a slight amount
B. to write or exchange written letters or emails
C. to attempt; or a project or activity attempted
- 10 If chance yet **Dejtq** me Some path, if even now my hand can win Strength to **requite** this Jason for his sin, Betray me not!
A. think carefully
B. repay or return
C. strongly desire
- 11 A wise-woman I am; and for that sin To divers ill names men would pen me in; A seed of **strife**; an eastern dreamer; one Of brand not theirs; one hard to play upon ...Ah, I am not so wondrous wise!
A. thing that affects a result or outcome
B. violent conflict or angry disagreement
C. job, reservation, booking, or activity

12 **Spurn** me when I kneel to thee?

- A. find, search, or research
- B. reject as not good enough
- C. being a boundary or limit

13 *MEDEA* I accept mine **exile**.

- A. (noun) something that is lighter and draws attention -- such as an area of a painting OR (verb) making something lighter -- such as an area of a painting
- B. to force someone to live outside of their homeland; or living in such a condition

or more rarely: voluntary absence from a place someone would rather be

- C. recommend or require what should be done OR (of a medical doctor) give medical instructions -- such as writing that a patient should take antibiotics

14 **Scorn**?

- A. disrespect or reject as not good enough
- B. not answer questions; or block progress
- C. move from more general to more specific

15 *Here I stand Full-willed to succour thee with stintless hand, And send my signet to old friends that dwell On foreign shores, who will **entreat** thee well.*

- A. stop fighting
- B. ask earnestly
- C. make possible

16 *Once bound by oaths and sanctities Thou canst not **yield** me up for such as these To drag from Athens.*

- A. give
- B. stop (something from happening)
- C. think deeply or carefully about

17 *Nay, but with the brand Of strange suns burnt, my hate, by God above, A **perilous** thing, and passing sweet my love!*

- A. stuck out
- B. dangerous
- C. bent down

18 *Thought upon thought So pressed me, till I knew myself full-fraught With bitterness of heart and blinded eyes.*

- A. the state of not being aware or concerned about something
- B. full of negative things; or marked by or causing distress
- C. a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything

19 *Sons, did ye **perish** for your father's shame?*

- 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

20 **Loathe** on.

- A. draw
- B. quit
- C. hate

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	forsake	Used 4 times in this book.
2	C	visage	Used 3 times in this book.
3	C	scarcity	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
4	C	banish	Used 7 times in this book.
5	A	wrath	Used 17 times in this book.
6	C	abhor	Used 4 times in this book.
7	B	forswear (<i>as in: forswear my country of birth</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
8	C	abate	Used 4 times in this book.
9	C	endeavor	Used 2 times in this book.
10	B	unrequited	Used 3 times in this book.
11	B	strife	Used 3 times in this book.
12	B	spurn	Used 3 times in this book.
13	B	exile	Used 16 times in this book.
14	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
15	B	entreat	Used 4 times in this book.
16	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
17	B	peril	Used 5 times in this book.
18	B	fraught	Used 2 times in this book.
19	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	C	loathe	Used 2 times in this book.