

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: alliance, banish, deity, deprive, destitute, enmity, entreat, exile, hallowed, impunity, lament, nevertheless, nuptial, perish, perjury, perpetrator, prudent, reverse, superfluous, wretched



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	A
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. She understands the shifting **alliances** in the Middle East.
 - A. associations formed to support common interests
 - B. sets of competing interests amongst neighbors
 - C. borders between countries
2. I tried to **banish** the thought from my mind.
 - A. understand
 - B. collect
 - C. send away
3. The village feared angry **deities**.
 - A. neighboring villages
 - B. gods and goddesses
 - C. wild animals
4. The court ruling **deprived** him of custody of his children.
 - A. granted
 - B. stripped
 - C. delayed
5. She died **destitute** in Paris at the age of 38.
 - A. too young
 - B. extremely poor
 - C. among family
6. She harbors no **enmity** towards her ex-husband.
 - A. love
 - B. disrespect
 - C. hatred
7. The students **entreated** the Chinese troops not to use force against peaceful demonstrations.
 - A. bribed (with gifts)
 - B. asked earnestly
 - C. threatened
8. Napoleon was forced into **exile** on the island of Elba.
 - A. apologizing
 - B. living elsewhere
 - C. hard labor
9. Visitors spoke softly as they entered the **hallowed** memorial.
 - A. deeply respected
 - B. newly repaired
 - C. open to everyone
10. We cannot allow powerful individuals to commit crimes with **impunity**.
 - A. government accomplices
 - B. exemption from punishment
 - C. clever lawyers
11. We **lamented** our sad circumstances.
 - A. made worse
 - B. improved
 - C. expressed grief about
12. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
 - A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition

13. After months of planning, the day of their nuptials finally arrived.
- A. wedding
 - B. vacation
 - C. move
14. We can work together or perish separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
15. She signed a written declaration under penalty of perjury.
- A. the criminal offense of lying
 - B. the criminal offense of disrespecting the court
 - C. the criminal offense of ignoring a subpoena
16. It's been a year since the crime and the perpetrator has still not been caught.
- A. someone who broke the law
 - B. someone who was hurt
 - C. someone who is violent
17. Courage is dangerous without prudence.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
18. She reveres nature and all that is natural.
- A. dislikes and avoids
 - B. deeply respects
 - C. thoroughly enjoys
19. Everyone liked the idea. The arguments I prepared to support it were superfluous.
- A. appreciated
 - B. important
 - C. unnecessary
20. The photograph showed poor people in a wretched village in East Africa.
- A. irresponsible
 - B. in terrible condition
 - C. foolish or thoughtless

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 And she **wretched** hath discovered from affliction what it is not to forsake one's paternal country.
 - A. not easily identified
 - B. miserable or very bad
 - C. exactness or accuracy
- 2 For she is violent; he who engages with her in **enmity** will not with ease at least sing the song of victory.
 - A. battle
 - B. memory
 - C. hatred
- 3 Ancient **alliances** are deserted for new, and he is no friend to this family.
 - A. associations formed to support common interests
 - B. associations formed to support common interests
 - C. senses of isolation due to competing interests
- 4 We **perish** then, if to the old we shall add a new ill, before the former be exhausted.
 - 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
- 5 I **wretched** have suffered, have suffered treatment worthy of great **lamentation**.
 - A. dreamlike state of altered consciousness
 - B. a range of things between two boundaries
 - C. passionate expression of grief or sorrow
- 6 I will do it, but I fear that I shall not persuade my mistress; **nevertheless** I will give you this favor of my labor.
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 7 Thou art wise, and skilled in many evil sciences, and thou art exasperated, **deprived** of thy husband's bed.
 - A. of the Netherlands or its people
 - B. lacking things most people enjoy
 - C. referring to any rocky mountains
- 8 Thou hast given thy daughter to whom thy mind led thee; but I hate my husband: but thou, I think, didst these things in **prudence**.
 - A. good sense and caution
 - B. not easily set on fire
 - C. surrounding conditions
- 9 how the **Deity** hath led thee, Medea, into a pathless tide of woes!
 - A. a fat compound
 - B. god or goddess
 - C. a hooved mamma
- 10 For never, I swear by my mistress whom I **revere** most of all, and have chosen for my assistant, Hecate, who dwells in the inmost recesses of my house, shall any one of them wring my heart with grief with impunity.
 - A. eagerly join in
 - B. respect or admire
 - C. dislike and avoid
- 11 For never, I swear by my mistress whom I **revere** most of all, and have chosen for my assistant, Hecate, who dwells in the inmost recesses of my house, shall any one of them wring my heart with grief with **impunity**.
 - A. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - B. exemption or freedom from punishment or loss
 - C. found a condition or substance to be present

- 12 *Bitter and mournful to them will I make these **nuptials**, and bitter this alliance, and my flight from this land.*
- A. wedding ceremony and festivities
 - B. measures of general intelligence
 - C. animals that feed only on plants
- 13 *The waters of the **hallowed** streams flow upward to their sources, and justice and every thing is reversed.*
- A. treated as sacred or greatly respected
 - B. able to be protected or kept unchanged
 - C. able to accept as true (without proof)
- 14 *But thou hast sailed from thy father's house with maddened heart, having passed through the double rocks of the ocean, and thou dwellest in a foreign land, having lost the shelter of thy widowed bed, wretched woman, and art driven dishonored an **exile** from this land.*
- 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
- 15 *But for what has been said by thee against the royal family, think it the greatest good fortune that thou art punished by **banishment** only.*
- A. way of doing something
 - B. not easily set on fire
 - C. to expel or get rid of
- 16 *But the faith of oaths is vanished: nor can I discover whether thou thinkest that the former Gods are not still in power, or whether new laws are now laid down for men, since thou art at least conscious of being **perjured** toward me.*
- A. broke the law by telling lies after formally promising to tell the truth
 - B. having points along the edge -- like a saw, some knives, and some leaves
 - C. related such that a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 17 *Insult me, since thou hast refuge, but I **destitute** shall fly this land.*
- A. requiring great strength or effort (like that of the mythological Hercules)
 - B. extremely poor; or lacking the necessities of life such as food and shelter
 - C. working against the principles of democracy or representation of the people
- 18 *Be that as it may: all intervening words are **superfluous**; but go, hasten, and bring Jason hither; for I make use of thee in all matters of trust.*
- A. the quality of being sensible and careful
 - B. without purpose, job, or natural activity
 - C. more than is needed, desired, or required
- 19 *But how, having darted thine eyes upon thy children, wilt thou endure the **perpetration** of the murder without tears?*
- A. something done that was wrong or illegal
 - B. devices that turn light into electricity
 - C. to express strong hatred or loathing for
- 20 *Jason, I **entreat** you to be forgiving of what has been said, but right is it that you should bear with my anger, since many friendly acts have been done by us two.*
- A. stop fighting
 - B. ask earnestly
 - C. make possible

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	wretched	Used 17 times in this book.
2	C	enmity	Used 6 times in this book.
3	A	alliance	Used 9 times in this book.
4	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 18 times in this book.
5	C	lament	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
6	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
7	B	deprive	Used 6 times in this book.
8	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
9	B	deity	Used 8 times in this book.
10	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
11	B	impunity	Used 3 times in this book.
12	A	nuptial	Used 8 times in this book.
13	A	hallowed	Used 7 times in this book.
14	B	exile	Used 6 times in this book.
15	C	banish	Used 16 times in this book.
16	A	perjury	Used 2 times in this book.
17	B	destitute	Used 3 times in this book.
18	C	superfluous	High-utility academic word
19	A	perpetrator	Used 5 times in this book.
20	B	entreat	Used 6 times in this book.