

Middlemarch

by George Eliot

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: ardent, consequence (2), correspond (2), divine (2), hinder, impetuous, incline, inclined, interpret (2), melancholy, odious, proverb, Proverbs, remonstrate, satire, supposition



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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 is an **ardent** defender of free speech.
 - A. standing above others in attainment or reputation
 - B. enthusiastic (feeling intense emotion)
 - C. existing as an inseparable part or characteristic
2. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
3. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
4. The bones in a bat's wing exactly **correspond** to those in a human forearm.
 - A. are equivalent
 - B. are opposite
 - C. are unrelated
5. Do either of you have copies of your **correspondence**?
 - A. instructions
 - B. letters or emails
 - C. pictures or drawings
6. The King claimed a **divine** right.
 - A. perfect or wonderful
 - B. from birth
 - C. coming from God
7. She wouldn't talk about it, but I was able to **divine** that the project isn't going well.
 - A. figure out
 - B. state
 - C. share
8. The brace I have to wear is **hindering** my movements
 - A. helping or assisting
 - B. drawing attention to
 - C. making difficult
9. She made an **impetuous** purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
 - A. impulsive
 - B. cautious
 - C. wealthy
10. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
 - A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending
11. The boat ramp has a steep **incline**.
 - A. slope
 - B. price
 - C. danger
12. She will stand to his left and **interpret** his speech into sign language.
 - A. refute (prove false)
 - B. elaborate upon
 - C. translate

13. How will a court interpret the word *careless* if there is a lawsuit?
- A. understand
 - B. insist on
 - C. ignore
14. This weather makes me *melancholy*. I can't wait for spring,
- A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing
15. The poll tax was designed as a particularly odious violation of civil rights.
- A. extremely devious
 - B. harmful and hidden
 - C. extremely dislikable
16. "It takes a village to raise a child," goes the African proverb.
- A. a well-known, short saying that is thought to communicate wisdom
 - B. a legislative assembly in certain countries (that can pass laws)
 - C. a portable platform for storing or moving goods that are stacked on it
17. She often quoted verses from Proverbs to give advice to her grandchildren.
- A. a modern self-help guide
 - B. a famous adventure novel
 - C. a book of biblical wisdom
18. The lawyers will *remonstrate* that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
- A. promise
 - B. protest
 - C. explain
19. Through *satire*, the cartoon exposed how ridiculous the new policy looked in practice.
- A. literal description
 - B. factual reporting
 - C. humorous criticism
20. It is an unsupportable *supposition*.
- A. expense
 - B. computer program
 - C. belief

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 *I have made up my mind that I ought not to be a perfect horsewoman, and so I should never **correspond** to your pattern of a lady.*
 - A. connect or fit together by being equivalent, proportionate, or matched
 - B. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
 - C. speak in a manner that does not clearly express an opinion or decision
- 2 *Our vanities differ as our noses do: all conceit is not the same conceit, but varies in **correspondence** with the minutiae of mental make in which one of us differs from another.*
 - A. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - B. communication by written letters or messages
 - C. found a condition or substance to be present
- 3 *she burst forth in her most **impetuous** manner.*
 - A. impulsive (acting suddenly without much thought)
 - B. most important; or person that is most important
 - C. tending to have exceedingly unfavorable opinions
- 4 *"I should be all the happier, uncle, the more room there was for me to help him," said Dorothea, **ardently**.*
 - A. in a manner that is not sensible and careful
 - B. with intense enthusiasm (or another emotion)
 - C. in a manner that is capable of being noticed
- 5 *—Italian Proverb.*
 - A. a well-known, short saying that is thought to communicate wisdom
 - B. a group formed to discuss or offer insight on a particular topic
 - C. to constrain in some way -- such as tie up, require, or obligate
- 6 *You don't know what it is to want spiritual tobacco—bad emendations of old texts, or small items about a variety of Aphis Brassicae, with the well-known signature of Philomicron, for the 'Twaddler's Magazine;' or a learned treatise on the entomology of the Pentateuch, including all the insects not mentioned, but probably met with by the Israelites in their passage through the desert; with a monograph on the Ant, as treated by Solomon, showing the harmony of **the Book of Proverbs** with the results of modern research.*
 - A. the state of being of low quality or of lower quality than something else
 - B. the state or degree of being capable of being protected or kept unchanged
 - C. a work of wisdom literature found in both the Christian and Hebrew Bibles
- 7 *This was the happy side of the house, for the south and east looked rather **melancholy** even under the brightest morning.*
 - A. relating to the outside
 - B. a sad feeling or manner
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 8 *"Beauty is of very little **consequence** in reality," said Rosamond, turning her head towards Mary, but with eyes swerving towards the new view of her neck in the glass.*
 - A. translates
 - B. importance
 - C. sticks out
- 9 *Of course if a woman accepts the wrong man, she must take the **consequences**, and one who does it twice over deserves her fate.*
 - A. results
 - B. battles
 - C. desires
- 10 *And to me it is one of the most **odious** things in a girl's life, that there must always be some supposition of falling in love coming between her and any man who is kind to her, and to whom she is grateful.*
 - A. the degree to which something is able to change or is different
 - B. not trustworthy, or improper, or attracting unwelcome attention
 - C. extremely unpleasant, disgusting, dislikable, or worthy of hate

- 11 *A hidden soul seemed to be flowing forth from Rosamond's fingers; and so indeed it was, since souls live on in perpetual echoes, and to all fine expression there goes somewhere an originating activity, if it be only that of an interpreter.*
- A. people who criticize or condemn
 - B. someone who extensively damages
 - C. someone who translates language
- 12 *The result of the conversation was on the whole more painful to Mary: inevitably her attention had taken a new attitude, and she saw the possibility of new interpretations.*
- A. ways of understanding or explaining things
 - B. people who express disapproval
 - C. quiet voices; or a quiet voice
- 13 *Naumann's pronunciation of the vowel seemed to stretch the word satirically.*
- A. in a manner that influences reason or general desire to do something
 - B. with disbelief; or with difficulty accepting something so unexpected
 - C. a way of making fun of people or ideas -- often through exaggeration
- 14 *She was beginning to be shocked that she had got to such a point of supposition, and indignant with Will for having led her to it.*
- A. nerve cells running from the base of the skull to the lower back and enclosed by vertebrae in adults
 - B. a powerful stimulant drug that increases activity in the brain and nervous system -- often addictive
 - C. something supposed (rather than something known to be so) -- such as a disputed belief or assumption
- 15 *and chin seeming to follow his hat-brim in a moderate inclination upwards,*
- A. angle
 - B. activity or natural activity
 - C. not in an agreement to marry
- 16 *she had had no inclination to fetch them from the library.*
- A. wrong understanding
 - B. act of hiring again
 - C. desire (tendency; or attitude favoring)
- 17 *he had divined from Dorothea's glance at her husband that there was some alarm in her mind.*
- A. discovered
 - B. translated
 - C. subtracted
- 18 *For Mercy has a human heart,
Pity a human face;
And Love, the human form divine;*
- A. the quality of being sensible and careful
 - B. unable or difficult to meet and talk with
 - C. wonderful or god-like
- 19 *it was to hinder Mr. Ladislav from wanting to marry you for your money*
- A. make different; or show difference
 - B. to cause something to move forward
 - C. slow down or cause problems
- 20 *Dorothea quietly persisted in spite of remonstrance and persuasion.*
- A. someone who expresses disapproval
 - B. argument in opposition
 - C. the act of recognizing difference

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding time period</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	B	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding by email</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
3	A	impetuous (<i>as in: an impetuous decision</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 18 times in this book.
4	B	ardent	Used 36 times in this book.
5	A	proverb (<i>as in: the well-known proverb</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	Proverbs (<i>as in: from The Book of Proverbs</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
7	B	melancholy	Used 32 times in this book.
8	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	Used 12 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	odious	Used 13 times in this book.
11	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	Used 26 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	A	interpret (<i>as in: her interpretation of the data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	satire (<i>as in: wrote a satire</i>)	Used 12 times in this book.
14	C	supposition	Used 11 times in this book.
15	A	incline (<i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	divine (<i>as in: divined through intuition</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
18	C	divine (<i>as in: to forgive is divine</i>)	Used 35 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	hinder (<i>as in: hindered by</i>)	Used 75 times in this book.
20	B	remonstrate	Used 23 times in this book.