

Moll Flanders

by Daniel Defoe

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: accord (2), concur, debauchery, endeavor, however (2), impudent, inquiry, melancholy, penitent, repent, resolve (2), scarcity, scruples, subsist, utmost, yield (2)



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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 dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
 - A. opposition
 - B. keeping
 - C. ignorance
2. After the fight, he turned himself in of his own **accord**.
 - A. own fear
 - B. own safety
 - C. own mind
3. She could not bring herself to **concur** publicly, but she honored her promise by not discussing her concerns.
 - A. criticize
 - B. agree
 - C. help
4. The novel describes a night of **debauchery** that leaves the guests ashamed.
 - A. wild immoral behavior
 - B. quiet reflection
 - C. careful planning
5. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
 - A. not be able
 - B. promise
 - C. try
6. I hope to take the ACT just once. **However**, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
 - A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and
7. **However** we get there, the main thing is to be absolutely sure we're not late.
 - A. whatever way
 - B. even if in a non-standard manner
 - C. to whatever degree
8. Her **impudent** reply to the manager shocked everyone in the meeting.
 - A. thoughtfully kind
 - B. disrespectfully bold
 - C. extremely quiet
9. The official **inquiry** has ended, but the press continues to ask questions.
 - A. story
 - B. statement
 - C. investigation
10. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring.
 - A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing
11. 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

12. She said the U.S. should **repent** for the sins of fossil fuels.
- A. reimburse
 - B. apologize
 - C. suffer
13. I **resolved** to never drink again.
- A. was forced
 - B. was encouraged
 - C. firmly decided
14. This feud will never be **resolved** with violence.
- A. properly considered
 - B. settled or solved
 - C. reduced or understood
15. Work is **scarce** in the region.
- A. easily found
 - B. extremely hard
 - C. in short supply
16. Her **scruples** were not so strong as to withstand her friend's arguments.
- A. principles that discourage certain kinds of action
 - B. known facts
 - C. firmness of purpose
17. Many people in the world have to **subsist** on \$1 a day.
- A. thrive
 - B. survive
 - C. grow
18. She handled the fragile artifact with the **utmost** care.
- A. least
 - B. usual
 - C. greatest
19. The experiment **yielded** data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down
20. After the scandal, she **yielded** to public pressure and resigned her position.
- A. added
 - B. gave in
 - C. produced

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 When a woman debauched from her youth, nay, even being the offspring of **debauchery** and vice, comes to give an account of all her vicious practices, and even to descend to the particular occasions and circumstances by which she ran through in threescore years, an author must be hard put to it wrap it up so clean as not to give room, especially for vicious readers, to turn it to his disadvantage.
A. excessive indulgence in things like alcohol, drugs, or sex
B. involvement in or the suggestion that someone was involved
C. of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and sometimes Finland & Iceland
- 2 The circumstances are too long to repeat, and I have heard them related so many ways, that I can **scarce** be certain which is the right account.
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)
- 3 **However** it was, this they all agree in, that my mother pleaded her belly, and being found quick with child, she was respited for about seven months; in which time having brought me into the world, and being about again, she was called down, as they term it, to her former judgment, but obtained the favour of being transported to the plantations, and left me about half a year old; and in bad hands, you may be sure.
A. in whatever way
B. starts fighting
C. starts (a fire)
- 4 That puzzled me much; but, **however**, I explained myself negatively, that it was one that did not go to service, to do housework.
A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though, in spite of that, in contrast, nevertheless*, etc.
B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
C. therefore (for that reason)
- 5 I told her I would, with all my heart, and with the **utmost** plainness and sincerity.
A. not real
B. allowing
C. greatest
- 6 I won't say that I will have her; how can I **resolve** that point, when you see I cannot have her without your consent?
A. work or operate
B. settle
C. strongly desire
- 7 At last I **resolved** to go to my old governess, and acquaint myself with her again.
A. changed
B. adapted
C. decided
- 8 'Your own time for that, my dear,' says he; 'I am satisfied that I have got the wife I love; I have not troubled you much,' says he, 'with my **inquiry** after it.'
A. small quantity or indication
B. reason (for doing something)
C. questioning or investigating
- 9 But things were not come to their height with him, and I observed he became pensive and **melancholy**; and in a word, as I thought, a little distempered in his head.
A. relating to the outside
B. a sad feeling or manner
C. about (but not exactly)

- 10 *In short, by an unwearied importunity, my husband, who was apparently decaying, as I observed, was at last prevailed with; and so my own fate pushing me on, the way was made clear for me, and my mother concurring, I obtained a very good cargo for my coming to England.*
- A. fighting
 - B. agreeing
 - C. changing
- 11 *...of her own accord encouraged the correspondence on all occasions,*
- A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
 - B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
 - C. own mind (without anyone asking)
- 12 *...inviting him to come and see him; and he came accordingly some months after,*
- A. in spite of that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in keeping with (the invitation)
 - C. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas.)
- 13 *We lived thus near two years, only with this exception, that he went three times to London in that time, and once he continued there four months; but, to do him justice, he always supplied me with money to subsist me very handsomely.*
- A. restore
 - B. survive
 - C. examine
- 14 *I must try the world again; a man ought to think like a man; to be discouraged is to yield to the misfortune.*
- A. select (on a computer screen)
 - B. give in, give way, or give up
 - C. an involuntary vomiting spasm
- 15 *Them I repented heartily of all my life past, but that repentance yielded me no satisfaction, no peace, no, not in the least, because, as I said to myself, it was repenting after the power of further sinning was taken away.*
- A. produced or gave
 - B. was attractive or desirable
 - C. not wanting to do something
- 16 *I scrupled it at first, but after some time consented to it, but told her I had no particular acquaintance with any midwife, and so left it to her.*
- A. principles that discourage certain kinds of action
 - B. prepared food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
 - C. supported by providing money or other economic aid
- 17 *I endeavoured to reason myself out of it, but it was in vain; the impression lay so strong on my mind, that it was not to be resisted.*
- A. decided in advance
 - B. not disagreed with
 - C. tried or attempted
- 18 *for while I lived thus, I was really a penitent for all my life past.*
- A. having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - B. suffering from too few red blood cells
- or (less commonly): lacking vitality
- C. sorry for having done wrong
- 19 *But she conquered all my modesty, and all my fears; and in a little time, by the help of this confederate, I grew as impudent a thief, and as dexterous as ever Moll Cutpurse was, though, if fame does not belie her, not half so handsome.*
- A. alternative medicine using extremely diluted doses of a substance to treat the same symptoms larger doses cause
 - B. improperly bold or disrespectful -- especially toward someone who is older or considered to be of higher status
 - C. working against psychosis (any severe mental disorder in which contact with reality is lost or highly distorted)
- 20 *It was now that, for the first time, I felt any real signs of repentance.*
- A. opinion of what is good and bad about something
 - B. regret for having done something wrong with a firm decision to be a better person in the future
 - C. the majority denomination of Islam (almost 90%)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	debauchery	Used 8 times in this book.
2	C	scarcity	High-utility academic word; used 27 times in this book.
3	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
4	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
5	C	utmost	Used 28 times in this book.
6	B	resolve (<i>as in: How was the problem resolved?</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
7	C	resolve (<i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
8	C	inquiry	High-utility academic word; used 19 times in this book.
9	B	melancholy	Used 24 times in this book.
10	B	concur (<i>as in: I concur</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
11	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
12	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 33 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
13	B	subsist	Used 8 times in this book.
14	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	scruples	Used 21 times in this book.
17	C	endeavor	Used 26 times in this book.
18	C	penitent	Used 23 times in this book.
19	B	impudent	Used 8 times in this book.
20	B	repent	Used 42 times in this book.