

Nicholas Nickleby

by Charles Dickens

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: consequence (2), countenance (2), dispose (2), establish (2), evince, impel, interpose, phenomenon, recollect, remonstrate, retort, sundry, trifle, trifle with, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	A
2	B
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11	C
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17	C
18	A
19	A
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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. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
2. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
3. Her **countenance** grew stern.
 - A. facial expression
 - B. a method of counting
 - C. voice
4. They **countenance** terrorism.
 - A. provide funds for
 - B. show favor for
 - C. discourage
5. Her will split everything between the children, but left no instructions regarding **disposal** of her home and art.
 - A. the transfer of ownership
 - B. preservation
 - C. refurbishing
6. In that country, you are unlikely to find an official who is **disposed** to help you unless you offer a bribe.
 - A. ordered
 - B. able
 - C. inclined
7. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
8. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
 - A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
9. She loves singing and **evinces** a natural gift.
 - A. shows
 - B. craves
 - C. lacks
10. Concern for her children's safety **impelled** her to take action and confront the intruder.
 - A. prevented
 - B. slowed
 - C. drove
11. They have **interposed** themselves on the side of our enemy.
 - A. been seen
 - B. hidden
 - C. inserted

12. The **phenomenon** was first noticed by Marie Curie.
A. thing of interest
B. thing that is growing
C. thing that is hidden
13. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
A. pronounce properly
B. spell properly
C. remember
14. The lawyers will **remonstrate** that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
A. promise
B. protest
C. explain
15. She **retorted**, "Takes one to know one."
A. quickly replied
B. insulted back
C. joyfully laughed
16. Power in the city is divided amongst the mayor, city council, and **sundry** city commissions.
A. skillful
B. various
C. elected
17. Don't waste my time with **trifling** matters.
A. other's
B. future
C. unimportant
18. The European Parliament refuses to be trifled with.
A. treated without respect
B. argued with
C. negotiated with
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 I was always curious about Yorkshire schools—fell, long afterwards and at **sundry** times, into the way of hearing more about them—at last, having an audience, resolved to write about them.
A. certain
B. various
C. outside
- 2 "I don't know how it is," muttered Ralph, walking up and down the room, "but whenever a man dies without any property of his own, he always seems to think he has a right to **dispose** of other people's."
A. transfer or give away
B. pessimistic or disagreeable
C. develop or change gradually
- 3 'Oh, never mind,' said Kenwigs, glancing at Mr Lumbey, who, having rashly taken charge of little Lillyvick, found nobody **disposed** to relieve him of his precious burden.
A. expelled or gotten rid of
B. was abundant or plentiful
C. with a desire
- 4 'Hush, Kate my dear,' **interposed** Mrs Nickleby; 'your uncle must know best.'
A. (verb) drew pictures to accompany OR (adjective) accompanied by pictures
B. not justified or explained as an understandable reaction to another action
C. to insert between other elements; or to interrupt or stop action by others
- 5 Perhaps you **recollect** me?
A. disagree
B. subtract
C. to remember
- 6 So, he gave her three or four with a kind of jocose gallantry, and Miss La Creevy **evinced** no greater symptoms of displeasure than declaring, as she adjusted her yellow turban, that she had never heard of such a thing, and couldn't have believed it possible.
A. showed
B. traded
C. copied
- 7 'Never mind it, my dear,' observed Squeers in a soothing manner; 'it's of no **consequence**.'
A. translates
B. importance
C. sticks out
- 8 'Yes, I have,' replied Nicholas, 'by that man Squeers, and I have beaten him soundly, and am leaving this place in **consequence**.'
A. result
B. battle
C. memory
- 9 "Don't tell me a lie," **retorted** the schoolmaster.
A. quickly replied
B. said indirectly
C. greatly annoyed
- 10 I must know it sooner or later; and what purpose can be gained by **trifling with** the matter for a few minutes, when half the time would put me in possession of all that has occurred?
A. treating thoughtlessly or without respect
B. stop interacting; or stop having interest
C. to spoil something so it is not desirable

- 11 *The very staircase nearly down to the hall-door, was crammed with beautiful and luxurious things, as though the house were brimful of riches, which, with a very trifling addition, would fairly run over into the street.*
- moving out of an interacting position; or stopping
 - canceling or annulling a formal ruling or contract
 - something of small importance; or a small quantity
- 12 *The gentleman held their peace, and smiled at each other, as who should say, 'Well! there's no accounting for tastes;' but the ladies resolved unanimously that Nicholas had an aristocratic air; and nobody caring to dispute the position, it was established triumphantly.*
- persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - created
 - not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 13 *—it being a remarkable fact in theatrical history, but one long since established beyond dispute, that it is a hopeless endeavour to attract people to a theatre unless they can be first brought to believe that they will never get into it.*
- accepted someone's membership through a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
 - examined an issue, got opinions by asking specific questions; and/or asked people for political support individually
 - demonstrated
- 14 *The conversation was here interrupted by the entrance of the phenomenon, who had discreetly remained in the bedroom up to this moment, and now presented herself, with much grace and lightness, bearing in her hand a very little green parasol with a broad fringe border, and no handle.*
- someone considered extraordinary
 - something that was once small, but is getting very large
 - something important that is hard to see or sense
- 15 *with the faintest trace of a grin lingering in his countenance.*
- facial expression
 - the best or most important
 - a secret agreement or plot
- 16 *...would render him no countenance or assistance.*
- return to an undesirable previous condition
 - approval (or show of favor)
 - cancel or annul a formal ruling or contract
- 17 *'We can have positively your last appearance, on Thursday—re-engagement for one night more, on Friday—and, yielding to the wishes of numerous influential patrons, who were disappointed in obtaining seats, on Saturday.*
- showing, demonstrating, determining, or causing acceptance
 - giving in, giving up, or giving way (easily moved or soft)
 - placing trust (in someone) by talking about private things
- 18 *Go on, I beg; make my house yours, and perhaps by the time I return from my walk, you will have finished what you have to say, and will yield me up possession again.*
- give
 - stop (something from happening)
 - think deeply or carefully about
- 19 *As he turned his face, Ralph recoiled a step or two, and making as though he were irresistibly impelled to express astonishment, but was determined not to do so, sat down with well-acted confusion.*
- concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
 - made appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - to make someone feel they must do something
- 20 *She might object, remonstrate, shed tears, talk of his being too old, and plead that her life would be rendered miserable.*
- select (on a computer screen)
 - argue, complain, or criticize
 - make small restless movements

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	sundry	Used 16 times in this book.
2	A	dispose (<i>as in: dispose of the assets</i>)	4 meanings in this book.
3	C	dispose (<i>as in: Is she disposed to help?</i>)	Used 32 times in this book; 4 meanings in this book.
4	C	interpose	Used 55 times in this book.
5	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 97 times in this book.
6	A	evince	Used 15 times in this book.
7	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	Used 10 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	retort (<i>as in: quick retort</i>)	Used 83 times in this book.
10	A	trifle with (<i>as in: trifle with her affections</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	trifle (<i>as in: a trifling matter</i>)	Used 20 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	phenomenon	High-utility academic word; used 51 times in this book.
15	A	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	Used 79 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	countenance (<i>as in: giving countenance</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
17	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	impel	Used 12 times in this book.
20	B	remonstrate	Used 28 times in this book.