

Northanger Abbey

by Jane Austen

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: abbey, approbation, censure, consequence (2), contradict, conviction, countenance, digress, endeavor, indulge, inquiry, judicious, minute, odious, perceive (2), recollect, resolve, trifle



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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. After years of dedicated service to the church, she retired to a quiet **abbey** in the countryside.
 - A. a small, rural parish church
 - B. a large cathedral open to the public
 - C. a building where monks or nuns live
2. Her innovative approach to solving problems earned her the **approbation** of her peers.
 - A. approval
 - B. sympathy
 - C. distrust
3. In spite of the **censure** of her colleagues, she believed she had done the right thing.
 - A. criticism
 - B. anger
 - C. disinterest
4. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
5. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
6. Does the sentence **contradict** what is said in the previous paragraph?
 - A. disagree with
 - B. reinforce
 - C. expand upon
7. She stood up in class with total **conviction** and said, "I believe animals deserve to be treated kindly, no matter what."
 - A. raised voice
 - B. firm belief
 - C. shaky voice
8. Her **countenance** grew stern.
 - A. facial expression
 - B. a method of counting
 - C. voice
9. She likes it when they stick to the numbers and don't **digress** into storytelling.
 - A. wander
 - B. elaborate
 - C. compete
10. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
 - A. not be able
 - B. promise
 - C. try
11. I **indulge** my taste for sweets more than is good for me.
 - A. give in to
 - B. hold back from
 - C. complain about

12. The official inquiry has ended, but the press continues to ask questions.
- A. story
 - B. statement
 - C. investigation
13. She chooses her battles judiciously.
- A. in a reckless manner
 - B. with good judgment
 - C. with excessive anger
14. She thrives at sifting through that kind of minute detail.
- A. quickly eliminated
 - B. available from prior research
 - C. including even small considerations
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. Researchers perceive a clear pattern in how the disease spreads through families.
- A. carefully measure
 - B. view or understand
 - C. actively prevent
17. It's one thing to perceive something with the senses and another to understand its importance.
- A. become aware of
 - B. physically touch
 - C. clearly see
18. I don't recollect her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember
19. I resolved to never drink again.
- A. was forced
 - B. was encouraged
 - C. firmly decided
20. Don't waste my time with trifling matters.
- A. other's
 - B. future
 - C. unimportant

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 From Pope, she learnt to **censure** those who "bear about the mockery of woe."
 - A. harsh or formal criticism
 - B. find, search, or research
 - C. being a boundary or limit
- 2 Catherine feared, as she listened to their discourse, that he **indulged** himself a little too much with the foibles of others.
 - A. enjoyed to excess
 - B. guided or managed
 - C. thought carefully
- 3 ...he was on **inquiry** satisfied; for he had early in the evening taken pains to know who her partner was, and had been assured of Mr. Tilney's being a clergyman, and of a very respectable family in Gloucestershire.
 - A. small quantity or indication
 - B. reason (for doing something)
 - C. investigation
- 4 Do you know, there are two **odious** young men who have been staring at me this half hour.
 - 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
- 5 ...she was suddenly roused by a touch on the shoulder, and turning round, **perceived** Mrs. Hughes directly behind her,
 - A. saw
 - B. said indirectly
 - C. greatly annoyed
- 6 Henry and Eleanor, **perceiving** nothing in her situation likely to engage their father's particular respect, had seen with astonishment the suddenness, continuance, and extent of his attention;
 - A. showing, demonstrating, determining, or causing acceptance
 - B. viewing in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
 - C. placing trust (in someone) by talking about private things
- 7 Catherine, delighted at so happy an escape, spoke her pleasure aloud with grateful surprise; and her companion immediately made the matter perfectly simple by assuring her that it was entirely owing to the peculiarly **judicious** manner in which he had then held the reins, and the singular discernment and dexterity with which he had directed his whip.
 - A. exactness or accuracy
 - B. showing good judgment
 - C. able to be translated
- 8 I dare say we could do very well without you; but you men think yourselves of such **consequence**.
 - A. translates
 - B. importance
 - C. sticks out
- 9 But you are not aware of the **consequences**; it will involve you in a very cruel embarrassment, and certainly bring on a disagreement between us.
 - A. results (things that will follow from it)
 - B. battles
 - C. desires
- 10 Catherine cheerfully complied, and being properly equipped, was more impatient than ever to be at the pump-room, that she might inform herself of General Tilney's lodgings, for though she believed they were in Milsom Street, she was not certain of the house, and Mrs. Allen's wavering **convictions** only made it more doubtful.
 - A. not working or not operating
 - B. a strong, firmly held belief
 - C. calculates or judges too low

- 11 *The affair thus determined, and Thorpe's **approbation** secured, Catherine only remained to be apprised of it.*
A. approval
B. not real
C. allowing
- 12 *The little which she could understand, however, appeared to **contradict** the very few notions she had entertained on the matter before.*
A. disagree
B. subtract
C. continue
- 13 *for the life of me, I cannot **recollect** it.*
A. disagree
B. subtract
C. remember
- 14 *With the walls of the kitchen ended all the antiquity of the **abbey**; the fourth side of the quadrangle having, on account of its decaying state, been removed by the general's father, and the present erected in its place.*
A. a small, rural parish church
B. a large cathedral open to the public
C. a building where monks or nuns live
- 15 *Eleanor's **countenance** was dejected,*
A. facial expression
B. the best or most important
C. a secret agreement or plot
- 16 *She **resolved** on not answering Isabella's letter, and tried to think no more of it.*
A. changed
B. adapted
C. decided
- 17 *She said nothing; and Eleanor, **endeavouring** to collect herself and speak with firmness, but with eyes still cast down, soon went on.*
A. working or operating
B. believing or judging
C. trying or attempting
- 18 *But my affair is widely different; I bring back my heroine to her home in solitude and disgrace; and no sweet elation of spirits can lead me into **minuteness**.*
A. not straightforward
B. not done on purpose
C. detail
- 19 *And, "I really have not patience with the general," was uttered twice after Mr. Allen left the room, without any relaxation of anger, or any material **digression** of thought.*
A. change of topic
B. related to or causing dramatic change; of a supporter of the change
C. a series of regularly spaced columns -- typically covered by a roof
- 20 *You should never fret about **trifles**.*
A. struggles or disagreements
B. is attractive or desirable
C. unimportant things

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	censure	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
2	A	indulge	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
3	C	inquiry	High-utility academic word; used 14 times in this book.
4	C	odious	Used 4 times in this book.
5	A	perceive (<i>as in: though blind, can perceive light</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	B	perceive (<i>as in: perceive the system as unfair</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	B	judicious	Used 4 times in this book.
8	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	Used 10 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	B	conviction (<i>as in: spoke with conviction</i>)	Used 11 times in this book.
11	A	approbation	Used 6 times in this book.
12	A	contradict	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
13	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 18 times in this book.
14	C	abbey	Used 40 times in this book.
15	A	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	Used 18 times in this book.
16	C	resolve (<i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 15 times in this book.
17	C	endeavor	Used 19 times in this book.
18	C	minute (<i>as in: minute description</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	digress	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	C	trifle (<i>as in: a trifling matter</i>)	Used 13 times in this book.