

Oliver Twist

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: advocate (2), bestow, convey (2), countenance, dispose (2), impetuous, inquiry, interpose, monk, parish, pauper, recollect, remonstrate, retort, rouse, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	A
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5	C
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9	A
10	C
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12	B
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16	B
17	A
18	C
19	A
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. She **advocates** giving all students the opportunity to attend school in the summer too.
 - A. is against
 - B. researches
 - C. supports
2. The company needs a good **advocate** to represent them in trial in Scotland.
 - A. lawyer
 - B. sympathetic witness
 - C. expert witness
3. Our organization **bestows** honors, awards, and sometimes cash prizes to promising writers.
 - A. shows
 - B. recommends
 - C. gives
4. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
 - A. express
 - B. accept
 - C. understand
5. We hired a carriage to **convey** us to the city.
 - A. give service of
 - B. explain
 - C. transport
6. Her **countenance** grew stern.
 - A. facial expression
 - B. a method of counting
 - C. voice
7. The issue will be **disposed of** by the judge.
 - A. discussed
 - B. settled
 - C. studied
8. 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
9. She made an **impetuous** purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
 - A. impulsive
 - B. cautious
 - C. wealthy
10. The official **inquiry** has ended, but the press continues to ask questions.
 - A. story
 - B. statement
 - C. investigation
11. They have **interposed** themselves on the side of our enemy.
 - A. been seen
 - B. hidden
 - C. inserted
12. Each monk in the order leads a simple life without luxury.
 - A. a female member of a religious order
 - B. a male member of a religious order
 - C. a member of a religious order

13. Our **parish** raised funds to repair the old chapel's leaking roof and bell tower.
- A. large city government
 - B. private school district
 - C. local church community
14. It is a story about a prince who changes places with a **pauper**.
- A. palace visitor
 - B. poor person
 - C. wealthy person
15. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember
16. The lawyers will **remonstrate** that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
- A. promise
 - B. protest
 - C. explain
17. She **retorted**, "Takes one to know one."
- A. quickly replied
 - B. insulted back
 - C. joyfully laughed
18. The smell of freshly brewed coffee roused her from her sleep.
- A. interrupted
 - B. deepened
 - C. awakened
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 *The hungry and destitute situation of the infant orphan was duly reported by the workhouse authorities to the **parish** authorities.*
 - A. someone who abandoned their religion or separated from others with whom they used to share firmly held beliefs
 - B. an artist's performance of another artist's work that expresses the performer's feelings or ideas about the work
 - C. a local church community

or in some places including Louisiana: a jurisdiction of government like a county
- 2 *'Bless him!' **interposed** Mrs. Mann, inflaming her left eye with the corner of her apron.*
 - 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
- 3 *...and was shaking her fist at him with a furious **countenance**.*
 - A. facial expression
 - B. the best or most important
 - C. a secret agreement or plot
- 4 *He took the hint at once, for the fist had been too often impressed upon his body not to be deeply impressed upon his **recollection**.*
 - A. battle
 - B. result
 - C. memory
- 5 *They let the **paupers** go to sleep!*
 - A. things that don't change
 - B. people who are very poor
 - C. rejections or criticisms
- 6 *Mr. Bumble, was at once instructed that Oliver Twist and his indentures were to be **conveyed** before the magistrate, for signature and approval, that very afternoon.*
 - A. briefly saw
 - B. hired again
 - C. transported
- 7 *Any sound of men in that lonely place, even though it **conveyed** a real cause of alarm, was something to him.*
 - A. communicated or expressed
 - B. was abundant or plentiful
 - C. thought -- possibly aloud
- 8 *But, now that fortune had cast in his way a nameless orphan, at whom even the meanest could point the finger of scorn, he **retorted** on him with interest.*
 - A. quickly replied
 - B. said indirectly
 - C. greatly annoyed
- 9 *The boy who addressed this **inquiry** to the young wayfarer, was about his own age: but one of the queerest looking boys that Oliver had even seen.*
 - A. small quantity or indication
 - B. reason (for doing something)
 - C. questioning or investigating
- 10 *Although Oliver had enough to occupy his attention in keeping sight of his leader, he could not help **bestowing** a few hasty glances on either side of the way, as he passed along.*
 - A. ruling
 - B. paying
 - C. giving

- 11 ...she was **disposed** to be too communicative,
- expelled or gotten rid of
 - was abundant or plentiful
 - inclined (had a tendency)
- 12 Having **disposed** of these evil-minded persons for the night,
- moved again into position to work; or started again
 - finished with them for the evening (settled things so they no longer required attention)
 - not examined in an attempt to improve understanding
- 13 'Monks, do you mean?' inquired the landlord, hesitating.
- inhabitants of Assyria -- an ancient kingdom centered in northern Mesopotamia which is in present-day Iraq
 - male members of a religious order living together typically under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
 - amounts of the value of homes that some states and local jurisdictions deduct from the value that is taxed
- 14 The old man turned to close the door, as he made this reflection; the noise thus occasioned, **roused** the girl.
- beyond the permitted boundary or limit
 - explains something in a particular way
 - to awaken, make more active, or excite
- 15 At any other time, this **remonstrance**, and the tone in which it was delivered, would have had the desired effect; but the girl being really weak and exhausted, dropped her head over the back of the chair, and fainted, before...
- someone who expresses disapproval
 - argument in protest or opposition
 - the act of recognizing difference
- 16 This allusion to Nancy's doubtful character, raised a vast quantity of chaste wrath in the bosoms of four housemaids, who remarked, with great fervour, that the creature was a disgrace to her sex; and strongly **advocated** her being thrown, ruthlessly, into the kennel.
- was overly unhappy and unsociable
 - not limited or without boundaries
 - recommended
- 17 'I have not the inclination to parley,' said Mr. Brownlow, 'and, as I **advocate** the dearest interests of others, I have not the right.'
- act as an English lawyer for
 - aka natural right -- a right that is naturally due because of human nature and the natural condition
 - a powerful stimulant drug that increases activity in the brain and nervous system -- often addictive
- 18 But Oliver's patience was not proof against this new trial; and **yielding** to his first impulse, he sprang into her arms.
- showing, demonstrating, determining, or causing acceptance
 - giving in
 - placing trust (in someone) by talking about private things
- 19 Mortification at the overthrow of his notable scheme; hatred of the girl who had dared to palter with strangers; and utter distrust of the sincerity of her refusal to **yield** him up;
- give
 - stop (something from happening)
 - think deeply or carefully about
- 20 all undertaken with his characteristic **impetuosity**.
- impulsiveness (the trait of acting suddenly without much thought)
 - a ceiling designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
 - a person (often a writer or artist) living an unconventional life

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	parish	Used 33 times in this book.
2	C	interpose	Used 33 times in this book.
3	A	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	Used 45 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
4	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 26 times in this book.
5	B	pauper	Used 32 times in this book.
6	C	convey (<i>as in: convey her safely to</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	retort (<i>as in: quick retort</i>)	Used 22 times in this book.
9	C	inquiry	High-utility academic word; used 24 times in this book.
10	C	bestow	Used 26 times in this book.
11	C	dispose (<i>as in: Is she disposed to help?</i>)	Used 27 times in this book; 5 meanings in this book.
12	B	dispose (<i>as in: dispose of the matter</i>)	5 meanings in this book.
13	B	monk	Used 136 times in this book.
14	C	rouse	Used 40 times in this book.
15	B	remonstrate	Used 12 times in this book.
16	C	advocate (<i>as in: to advocate</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	advocate (<i>as in: an advocate in court</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	A	impetuous (<i>as in: an impetuous decision</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.