

Persuasion

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: acquaint, alacrity, consequence (2), convey, conviction, cordial, countenance, dispose (3), fastidious, fortitude, inferior, mortified, prudent, rational, recollect, scruples, solicitous



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	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. One of the objectives in my literature class is to **acquaint** my students with different cultures.
 - A. make surprised
 - B. make a list for
 - C. make familiar
2. She accepted the invitation with **alacrity**.
 - A. quickness
 - B. embarrassment
 - C. concern
3. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
4. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
5. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
 - A. express
 - B. accept
 - C. understand
6. 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
7. The professor greeted each student **cordially** as they entered.
 - A. in a hurried manner
 - B. in a friendly manner
 - C. in a clumsy manner
8. Her **countenance** grew stern.
 - A. facial expression
 - B. a method of counting
 - C. voice
9. 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
10. You have a tight deadline, but the entire company is at your **disposal**.
 - A. command
 - B. mercy
 - C. office
11. 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

12. She was **fastidious** about keeping her desk perfectly organized.
- A. careless and disorganized
 - B. loud and outgoing
 - C. extremely attentive to detail
13. She showed **fortitude** by staying calm and determined during the long recovery.
- A. physical speed
 - B. mental courage
 - C. sudden anger
14. The cheaper headphones sounded **inferior** to the ones she usually used.
- A. lower in quality
 - B. higher in quality
 - C. equal in value
15. She felt **mortified** after tripping onstage during the awards ceremony.
- A. great relief
 - B. exceedingly embarrassed
 - C. severe pain
16. Courage is dangerous without **prudence**.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
17. Let's try to ignore how upset we are for a moment and think about this **rationally**.
- A. in a hurried manner
 - B. in a creative manner
 - C. in a reasonable manner
18. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember
19. 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
20. She described him as humble, polite, and **solicitous**.
- A. perceptive
 - B. smart
 - C. caring

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 There was only a small part of his estate that Sir Walter could **dispose of**;
A. sell
B. pessimistic or disagreeable
C. develop or change gradually
- 2 The party was divided and **disposed of** on two contiguous benches:
A. positioned (or arranged; or placed)
B. not roughly calculated
C. influenced or effected
- 3 ...seemed thoughtful and not **disposed to** talk,
A. expelled or gotten rid of
B. was abundant or plentiful
C. inclined (in the mood)
- 4 He was not only to quit his home, but to see it in the hands of others; a trial of **fortitude**, which stronger heads than Sir Walter's have found too much.
A. unconstrained in some way -- such as untied or no longer obligated
B. strength of mind that enables one to endure adversity with courage
C. the highest degree awarded in universities in many fields of study
- 5 He had left the country in **consequence**.
A. result
B. battle
C. memory
- 6 As to Captain Wentworth's views, she deemed it of more **consequence** that he should know his own mind early enough not to be endangering the happiness of either sister, or impeaching his own honour, than that he should prefer Henrietta to Louisa, or Louisa to Henrietta.
A. translates
B. importance
C. sticks out
- 7 the **fastidiousness** of her taste, in the small limits of the society around them.
A. a person who works from within to destroy an established order; or relating to such destructive efforts
B. not relevant (not related to the subject being considered, or not important enough to want to consider)
C. highly concerned with matters of taste
- 8 She had been forced into **prudence** in her youth, she learned romance as she grew older:
A. good sense and caution
B. not easily set on fire
C. surrounding conditions
- 9 In person, she was **inferior** to both sisters, and had, even in her bloom, only reached the dignity of being "a fine girl."
A. (adjective) of low quality, or of lower quality or rank than something else OR (more rarely as a noun) a person of lower rank or status
B. relating to existentialism -- a philosophical movement that assumes each person is free to determine what is essential in their existence
C. of an organism in the early stages of development prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting OR of anything in an early stage of development
- 10 They were received with great **cordiality**.
A. psychiatrist
B. friendliness
C. satisfaction
- 11 Your sister being with you, my love, I have no **scruple** at all.
A. an ethical or moral principle that discourages certain kinds of action
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

- 12 But I hate to hear you talking so like a fine gentleman, and as if women were all fine ladies, instead of **rational** creatures.
- A. very large
 - B. related to
 - C. reasonable
- 13 Charles Hayter had met with much to disquiet and **mortify** him in his cousin's behaviour.
- A. surgically interrupt nerve tracts to and from the frontal lobe of the brain
 - B. extremely embarrassed and ashamed—so humiliated that pride feels wounded.
 - C. get the opinions (of people) by asking specific questions; or solicit votes
- 14 Captain Harville was a tall, dark man, with a sensible, benevolent **countenance**;
- A. facial expression
 - B. the best or most important
 - C. a secret agreement or plot
- 15 These **convictions** must unquestionably have their own pain, and severe was its kind; but they precluded that pain which Lady Russell would suffer in entering the house again, and returning through the well-known apartments.
- A. not working or not operating
 - B. a strong, firmly held belief
 - C. calculates or judges too low
- 16 and with the most perfect **alacrity** he welcomed the relationship, alluded to the past, and entreated to be received as an acquaintance already.
- A. quickness; and/or cheerful eagerness
 - B. the quality of exactness or accuracy
 - C. the gain of advantage from something
- 17 nothing could exceed his **solicitude** and care
- A. opinion of what is good and bad about something
 - B. the majority denomination of Islam (almost 90%)
 - C. great concern
- 18 Anne's **recollections** of the concert were quite happy enough to animate her features and make her rejoice to talk of it.
- A. restores
 - B. thoughts
 - C. memories
- 19 I got more **acquainted** with him last Monday than ever I did before.
- A. not having taken power or responsibility
 - B. compensated for a loss; or paid a reward
 - C. familiar (to know better)
- 20 And then, if I could **convey** to you the glow of his soul when he does see them again; when, coming back after a twelvemonth's absence, perhaps, and obliged to put into another port, he calculates how soon it be possible to get them there, pretending to deceive himself, and saying, 'They cannot be here till such a day,' but all the while hoping for them twelve hours sooner, and seeing them arrive at last, as if Heaven had given them wings, by many hours sooner still!
- A. communicate or express
 - B. create dramatic change
 - C. mirror back (an image)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	dispose (<i>as in: dispose of the assets</i>)	4 meanings in this book.
2	A	dispose (<i>as in: disposed the troops along...</i>)	4 meanings in this book.
3	C	dispose (<i>as in: Is she disposed to help?</i>)	Used 17 times in this book; 4 meanings in this book.
4	B	fortitude	Used 6 times in this book.
5	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	Used 13 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	fastidious	Used 3 times in this book.
8	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
9	A	inferior	Used 11 times in this book.
10	B	cordial (<i>as in: a cordial reception</i>)	Used 9 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
11	A	scruples	Used 8 times in this book.
12	C	rational (<i>as in: rational behavior</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
13	B	mortified (<i>as in: felt mortified</i>)	Used 11 times in this book.
14	A	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	Used 16 times in this book.
15	B	conviction (<i>as in: spoke with conviction</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
16	A	alacrity	Used 4 times in this book.
17	C	solicitous	Used 15 times in this book.
18	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 34 times in this book.
19	C	acquaint	Used 27 times in this book.
20	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 14 times in this book.