

Prince Caspian: The Return to Narnia

by C. S. Lewis

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: bestow, bolster, centaur, chasm, dais, earnest, fawn, fervent, hinder, however (2), kindred, mane, precipice, reign, scarcity, sulk, treachery, twilight, usurp



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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18	B
19	C
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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. Our organization **bestows** honors, awards, and sometimes cash prizes to promising writers.
 - A. shows
 - B. recommends
 - C. gives
2. The falling unemployment rate is **bolstering** consumer confidence.
 - A. weakening
 - B. confusing
 - C. strengthening
3. In Greek mythology, Chiron is probably the most famous of the centaurs. He is known for his wisdom and knowledge of medicine.
 - A. demigod fighters in wars between gods
 - B. winged horses that can fly
 - C. mythical beings that are half man and half horse
4. We were stopped by an impassable **chasm**.
 - A. steep mountain
 - B. raging river
 - C. steep drop
5. A bomb was planted under the **dais**.
 - A. park bench
 - B. raised platform
 - C. large truck
6. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - A. frivolous attitude
 - B. seriousness
 - C. falseness
7. She tried not to **fawn** over the famous actor when he visited the school.
 - A. flatter too much
 - B. argue angrily
 - C. speak honestly
8. She is a **fervent** admirer.
 - A. distant
 - B. thoughtful
 - C. passionate
9. The brace I have to wear is **hindering** my movements
 - A. helping or assisting
 - B. drawing attention to
 - C. making difficult
10. 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
11. **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

12. They became quick friends, finding in each other a kindred spirit.
- A. lively
 - B. thoughtful
 - C. similar
13. She brushed the horse's tangled mane until it flowed smoothly down its neck.
- A. long curved tail
 - B. thick neck hair
 - C. sharp pointed hoof
14. She skied off a precipice, dropped her skis in midair, and then opened a parachute.
- A. airplane
 - B. ramp
 - C. steep cliff
15. During his reign, Augustus shrank the size of the senate from 900 to 600 members.
- A. lifetime
 - B. period of rapid change
 - C. time during which he ruled
16. Work is scarce in the region.
- A. easily found
 - B. extremely hard
 - C. in short supply
17. She sulked for the rest of the week when she learned she would not make the starting team.
- A. worked tirelessly to improve
 - B. was unhappy and unsociable
 - C. was angry and lashed out
18. The general's treachery put the whole army in danger.
- A. bravery
 - B. betrayal
 - C. confusion
19. I awakened to a twilight sky but did not know if the sun was setting or rising.
- A. the light from the sky just before sunrise
 - B. the light from the sky just after sunset
 - C. the light from the sky between daylight and darkness
20. The lawsuit claims that the President is usurping constitutional powers of Congress.
- A. wrongfully seizing
 - B. legally exercising
 - C. publicly defending

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 That was the **dais** where the High Table was, where the King and the great lords sat.
 - A. dramatic change
 - B. raised platform that gives prominence to people on it
 - C. in disagreement
- 2 I am one of those, only a half-Dwarf, and if any of my **kindred**, the true Dwarfs, are still alive anywhere in the world, doubtless they would despise me and call me a traitor.
 - A. a powerful stimulant drug that increases activity in the brain and nervous system -- often addictive
 - B. aka natural right -- a right that is naturally due because of human nature and the natural condition
 - C. similar in quality or character

or:

closely related -- such as family or things with shared origin
- 3 Their **reign** was the Golden Age in Narnia...
 - A. draw
 - B. copy
 - C. the time of their rule
- 4 But of course he had not many hours to spare, for now his education was beginning **in earnest**.
 - A. seven wise men of ancient Greece
 - B. serious; or in a serious manner
 - C. real (genuine, true, or sincere)
- 5 Everyone except your Majesty knows that Miraz is a **usurper**.
 - A. someone who takes without authority
 - B. people who control, prevent, or make less intense
 - C. someone who shows excessive flattery or affection
- 6 **Bulbs and bolsters!**
 - A. mirrors back (an image)
 - B. creates dramatic change
 - C. supports or strengthens
- 7 ...there came in sight the noblest creatures that Caspian had yet seen, the great **centaur** Glenstorm...
 - A. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 - B. a general feeling of not being as good as others
 - C. a creature that is half man, half horse
- 8 I made myself **scarce**, having no wish to be questioned about it in Miraz's torture chamber.
 - 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)
- 9 they both set off with the **fervent** thanks and good wishes
 - A. not concerned with what others might think of oneself
 - B. able to make clear with example, diagram, photo, etc.
 - C. intense (heart-felt)
- 10 But **however** he turned his head and squinted and whisked his beard to and fro, he couldn't quite see his own shoulder.
 - A. in whatever way
 - B. starts fighting
 - C. starts (a fire)
- 11 The boys and the Dwarf, **however**, were used to woods and were not taken in for more than a few seconds.
 - 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)

- 12 *It was a cold and cheerless waking for them all next morning, with a grey twilight in the wood (for the sun had not yet risen) and everything damp and dirty.*
A. black sky
B. starry sky
C. time between daylight and darkness
- 13 *They had come, without seeing it, almost to the edge of a small precipice from which they looked down into a gorge...*
A. the process of controlling (how something turns out)
B. the taking on or adoption of power or responsibility
C. steep cliff
- 14 *What's to hinder this river being the Rush?*
A. make different; or show difference
B. to cause something to move forward
C. slowed down or caused problems for
- 15 *He fully intended to back Lucy up, but he was annoyed at losing his night's sleep and was making up for it by doing everything as sulkily as possible.*
A. in a manner that is not attractive or desirable
B. in an excessively unhappy and unsociable manner
C. in a manner that is not intense, or less active
- 16 *Aslan, who seemed larger than before, lifted his head, shook his mane, and roared.*
A. select (on a computer screen)
B. lion's hair
C. exchange, convert, or pay off
- 17 *That'll be very useful if the enemy try any treachery.*
A. reporter
B. betrayal
C. disorder
- 18 *But all the Talking Beasts surged round the Lion, with purrs and grunts and squeaks and whinnies of delight, fawning on him with their tails, rubbing against him, touching him reverently with their noses and going to and fro under his body and between his legs.*
A. showing excessive flattery or affection
B. making different; or showing difference
C. adjusting a lens to make an image clear
- 19 *Then, at Aslan's command, Peter bestowed the Knighthood of the Order of the Lion on Caspian,*
A. drew
B. quit
C. presented as an honor
- 20 *The chasm is open for your return; but this I must warn you, that once you have gone through, it will close behind you for ever.*
A. long eventful journey
B. a nerve or brain cell
C. a large gap or divide

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	dais	Used 6 times in this book.
2	C	kindred	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
3	C	reign (<i>as in: She reigned over England</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
4	B	earnest	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
5	A	usurp	Used 2 times in this book.
6	C	bolster (<i>as in: to bolster</i>)	High-utility academic word
7	C	centaur	Used 16 times in this book.
8	C	scarcity	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
9	C	fervent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
11	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
12	C	twilight (<i>as in: pink clouds in a twilight sky</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
13	C	precipice	Used 5 times in this book.
14	C	hinder (<i>as in: hindered by</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
15	B	sulk	Used 4 times in this book.
16	B	mane	Used 6 times in this book.
17	B	treachery	Used 5 times in this book.
18	A	fawn (<i>as in: fawned all over her</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
19	C	bestow	Used 3 times in this book.
20	C	chasm	Used 4 times in this book.