

Proverbs

by The Bible

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: abhor, abominable, abound, congregation, despise, devise, diligent, forbearance, forsake, haughty, meddle, perish, ponder, prudent, reproach, reprove, scorn, strife, transgress, wrath



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	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. However much we **abhor** it, we must be prepared for war.
 - A. avoid
 - B. don't expect
 - C. hate
2. That was before she was trained, when her work was **abominable**.
 - A. showing early promise
 - B. incomplete
 - C. exceptionally bad
3. Rumors **abound** about the new student in class.
 - A. are plentiful
 - B. are rare
 - C. gradually disappear
4. The **congregation** voted to approve appointment of the new minister.
 - A. people who agree
 - B. people who worship together
 - C. people who meet periodically
5. She **despises** his lifestyle.
 - A. admires
 - B. wants
 - C. hates
6. This may be our last chance to **devise** a compromise that will save the peace.
 - A. consider
 - B. create
 - C. save
7. A **diligent** detective investigates all clues.
 - A. lazy and careless
 - B. rude and dishonest
 - C. careful and hardworking
8. I appreciate your **forbearance**.
 - A. patience or tolerance
 - B. financial loan
 - C. family concerns
9. In the third year of their brutal civil war, moderates feel **forsaken** by the west.
 - A. abandoned
 - B. respected
 - C. defeated
10. She has that **haughty**, rich and entitled attitude.
 - A. wealthy
 - B. arrogant
 - C. optimistic
11. Don't **meddle** in my affairs!
 - A. interfere
 - B. pretend to understand
 - C. offer sympathy
12. We can work together or **perish** separately.
 - A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail

13. We **pondered** our fate.
- A. thought about
 - B. feared for
 - C. actively changed
14. Courage is dangerous without **prudence**.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
15. Don't **reproach** yourself for things beyond your control.
- A. congratulate
 - B. criticize
 - C. accept honor for
16. I don't want to spoil her, but I don't have the heart to **reprove** her.
- A. criticize
 - B. compliment
 - C. instruct
17. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
18. Civil **strife** tore the country apart for nearly a decade before reform began.
- A. joyful celebration
 - B. violent conflict
 - C. quiet agreement
19. The use of innocents as human shields **transgresses** "the laws of war."
- A. is within
 - B. violates
 - C. expands
20. She fears the **wrath** of God.
- A. angry punishment
 - B. power
 - C. unpredictable moods

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 1:7 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools **despise** wisdom and instruction.*
 - A. to be overly unhappy and unsociable
 - B. technical: center or concentration
 - C. dislike strongly and look down upon
- 2 1:23 *Turn you at my **reproof**: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.*
 - A. criticism
 - B. main road
 - C. hard work
- 3 3:29 ***Devise** not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.*
 - A. stop (something from happening)
 - B. come up with (invent or create)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 4 3:32 *For the froward is **abomination** to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous.*
 - A. people who do not believe in the existence of god
 - B. an impressive country house (or castle) in France
 - C. something that is exceptionally bad or detestable
- 5 4:2 *For I give you good doctrine, **forsake** ye not my law.*
 - A. abandon or give up on
 - B. not easily identified
 - C. able to be translated
- 6 4:26 ***Ponder** the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.*
 - A. think deeply or carefully about
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. fulfill one's highest potential
- 7 6:33 *A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his **reproach** shall not be wiped away.*
 - A. move into position to work; or start
 - B. a criticism; or to express criticism
 - C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 8 7:15 *Therefore came I forth to meet thee, **diligently** to seek thy face, and I have found thee.*
 - A. relating to the outside
 - B. about (but not exactly)
 - C. with hard work and care
- 9 8:24 *When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains **abounding** with water.*
 - A. abundant or plentiful
 - B. taking on or adopting
 - C. suggesting indirectly
- 10 9:7 *He that reproveth a **scorner** getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.*
 - A. someone who rejects someone or something
 - B. someone who says one thing caused another
 - C. someone who lives or stays (in a place)
- 11 10:28 *The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall **perish**.*
 - A. move into position to work; or start
 - B. die, be destroyed, or cease to exist
 - C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 12 11:4 *Riches profit not in the day of **wrath**: but righteousness delivereth from death.*
 - A. extreme anger
 - B. determination
 - C. use of reason

- 13 12:13 *The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.*
A. the process of controlling (how something turns out)
B. an act that violates a rule, promise, or social norm
C. the taking on or adoption of power or responsibility
- 14 15:18 *A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.*
A. thing that affects a result or outcome
B. violent conflict or angry disagreement
C. job, reservation, booking, or activity
- 15 16:18 *Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*
A. absolute
B. arrogant
C. pleasing
- 16 20:3 *It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.*
A. interfering (in another's affairs or business); or handling (something that shouldn't be handled)
B. changing the direction of a light wave (or other wave) by passing an opaque edge or narrow opening
C. cutting grass with a tool that has a curved blade and a long handle that is held with both hands
- 17 22:3 *A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.*
A. sensible and careful
B. not demonstrative of
C. sincerity (realness)
- 18 22:14 *The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.*
A. helped make clear
B. guided or managed
C. hated or detested
- 19 25:15 *By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.*
A. refraining (holding back) from acting
B. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
C. able to be restored to good condition
- 20 26:26 *Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.*
A. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
B. people who worship together in the same building
C. a general feeling of not being as good as others

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	despise	Used 18 times in this book.
2	A	reprove	Used 21 times in this book.
3	B	devise (<i>as in: devise a plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
4	C	abominable	Used 21 times in this book.
5	A	forsake	Used 11 times in this book.
6	A	ponder	Used 5 times in this book.
7	B	reproach	Used 8 times in this book.
8	C	diligent (<i>as in: she is diligent</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
9	A	abound	Used 3 times in this book.
10	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 18 times in this book.
11	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
12	A	wrath	Used 17 times in this book.
13	B	transgress	Used 20 times in this book.
14	B	strife	Used 15 times in this book.
15	B	haughty	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
16	A	meddle	Used 5 times in this book.
17	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
18	C	abhor	Used 2 times in this book.
19	A	forbearance	Used 2 times in this book.
20	B	congregation (<i>as in: the congregation voted</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.