

Queen of Attolia

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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: alliance, anteroom, apprentice, blockade, chasm, competent, condescending, dais, deterrent, glower, grovel, peninsula, persistent, plausible, retinue, scorn, sentry, tact, treachery, ultimatum



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	A
2	B
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10	B
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19	B
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 understands the shifting **alliances** in the Middle East.
 - A. associations formed to support common interests
 - B. sets of competing interests amongst neighbors
 - C. borders between countries
2. She kept me waiting an hour in the **anteroom** for my long-scheduled ten-minute appointment.
 - A. the residence of a religious community
 - B. a room leading to a larger or more important room
 - C. a house or shelter in which someone lives
3. Although she was still an **apprentice**, Clara already had a natural talent for woodworking and carved beautiful details into her projects.
 - A. employee with seniority
 - B. learner on the job
 - C. licensed professional
4. The protesters formed a **blockade** across the main highway.
 - A. an open pathway
 - B. a blocking barrier
 - C. a welcome banner
5. We were stopped by an impassable **chasm**.
 - A. steep mountain
 - B. raging river
 - C. steep drop
6. She is **competent** on both violin and piano.
 - A. below average
 - B. sufficiently capable
 - C. outstanding
7. She tried to sound supportive, but her advice came across as **condescending**.
 - A. acting superior
 - B. harmful or unhelpful
 - C. sounding uninformed
8. A bomb was planted under the **dais**.
 - A. park bench
 - B. raised platform
 - C. large truck
9. The steep fine served as a **deterrent** to careless parking.
 - A. something that rewards
 - B. something that discourages
 - C. something that explains
10. She **glowered** at the ref, but she held her tongue.
 - A. winked happily
 - B. stared angrily
 - C. smiled briefly
11. Hoping for forgiveness, he **groveled** instead of calmly admitting his mistake.
 - A. acted overly submissive
 - B. spoke with confidence
 - C. refused to apologize

12. The Moors crossed the Mediterranean into the Iberian peninsula.
- A. large land mass surrounded by water
 - B. large land mass that is relatively flat
 - C. large land mass projecting into a body of water
13. The persistent rain finally stopped after flooding streets for a full week.
- A. quickly ending
 - B. continuing steadily
 - C. suddenly starting
14. Her theory was neat, plausible, and wrong.
- A. reasonable
 - B. praiseworthy
 - C. foolish
15. The queen traveled with a large retinue of servants and guards to ensure her safety and comfort.
- A. car
 - B. plane
 - C. group
16. That coach scorns students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
17. The sentry challenged anyone who tried to enter the camp after dark.
- A. kitchen helper
 - B. watchful guard
 - C. village healer
18. She means well, but she lacks tact.
- A. a plan
 - B. sensitivity
 - C. ability
19. The general's treachery put the whole army in danger.
- A. bravery
 - B. betrayal
 - C. confusion
20. Russia presented Ukraine with an ultimatum that could not be ignored.
- A. something added to increase attractiveness or interest
 - B. final demand that carried a threat if it is rejected
 - C. an act that violates a rule, promise, or social norm

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 Her ministers collected around her, following as she led down the three shallow steps through the doorway and across the painted floor to the **dais**.
 - A. dramatic change
 - B. raised platform
 - C. in disagreement
- 2 His grandfather would heap **scorn** on him like coals.
 - A. disrespect or reject as not good enough
 - B. not answer questions; or block progress
 - C. move from more general to more specific
- 3 With **plausible** seriousness, the queen asked, "What could you steal for me, Thief?"
 - A. apparently reasonable, but unproven
 - B. in a manner that takes on or adopts
 - C. full of strong desire for something
- 4 She left the cell and made her way up the many stairs of the palace to her private **anteroom**.
 - A. island (that is made of a coral reef)
 - B. a room leading to a larger or more important room
 - C. dense, rainy forest with many species
- 5 All traffic between Attolia and Sounis climbed the mountain pass, crossing several bridges in the process, the most important being the Main Bridge, which spanned the **chasm** of the Seperchia near the top of the pass.
 - A. long eventful journey
 - B. a nerve or brain cell
 - C. a large gap or divide
- 6 "If it's prison **glower**," the physician explained, "he'll lose the sight in that eye, and if the infection spreads, he'll be blind in both."
 - A. stop fighting
 - B. stare angrily
 - C. make possible
- 7 I beg Your Majesty will **condescend** to forgive me.
 - A. do something considered beneath one's position or dignity
 - B. utter obscenities or profanities; or to speak disrespectfully of something considered sacred
 - C. have a sense that something bad will happen; or act as a sign that something bad will happen
- 8 "I thought I might go to one of the universities on the **Peninsula**," he said at last.
 - A. a line of elevated terrain from which a continent's rivers flow in two different directions
 - B. geological area where a river divides before entering a larger body of water
 - C. a large mass of land projecting into a body of water -- especially if connected to the larger land mass by an isthmus
- 9 She sent an **ultimatum** that Eddis return the caravans or consider herself at war.
 - A. an electronic component that acts like a one-way valve
 - B. a final demand that carries a threat if it is rejected
 - C. any substance that tends to increase the flow of urine
- 10 She ordered the Attolian ambassador and his **retinue** confined to their rooms and opened the main gates of the Hamiathes Reservoir.
 - A. a group formed to discuss or offer insight on a particular topic
 - B. to constrain in some way -- such as tie up, require, or obligate
 - C. a group of people following and attending to an important person
- 11 Their reports were **unreliable**, but they were all her secretary had to answer his queen's **persistent** questions.
 - A. tendency to be direct in a disagreeable, insensitive manner
 - B. continuing -- especially despite difficulties or opposition
 - C. the degree or quality of being exactly vertical or straight

- 12 Dressed as an **apprentice**, he walked behind the magus, keeping his wooden hand close to his side, and none of the guards looked twice at either of them.
- A. to expression feelings or thoughts enthusiastically OR to squirt or give off (typically under pressure such as blood or leaking gas)
 - B. person who learns a trade or skill through hands-on experience under a skilled worker; or (as a verb) performance of that kind of work
 - C. the act of hiding something by making it blend in with its surroundings; or hiding the truth; or something that hides or deceives
- 13 A strong **alliance** between Sounis and Attolia is not to their advantage.
- A. association formed to support common interests
 - B. set of competing interests amongst neighbors
 - C. sense of isolation due to competing interests
- 14 By the time she discovered his **treachery**, she had very little real power and not many options.
- A. reporter
 - B. betrayal
 - C. disorder
- 15 She has used them as **deterrents** to defend her throne.
- A. acts of taking something on as one's own
 - B. things that discourage things not wanted
 - C. animals between one and two years of age
- 16 Our army would have to break the **blockade** at the bottom of the pass and cross the river and those hills to reach her.
- A. aka analyze -- analyze based upon a theory of psychiatry
 - B. action to keep people and goods from reaching a location
 - C. search for and discover through persistent investigation
- 17 He had pointed out to his sovereign, with glibness taking the place of **tact**, that the Thief had never so far as he knew been in the command of anyone.
- A. having good judgment or good taste and/or perceiving things not easily perceived by most people
 - B. the ability or act of saying or handling things in such a way that others feel good about them
 - C. measles -- a highly contagious viral disease marked by distinct red spots followed by a rash
- 18 The **sentry** offered to send a message to the Thief.
- A. social event or ceremony
 - B. someone who stands guard
 - C. a positively charged ion
- 19 He didn't take part in the fighting itself, but who could doubt that he would be as **competent** at killing men as he was at everything else he undertook?
- A. sincerity (realness)
 - B. sufficiently capable
 - C. sensible and careful
- 20 There wasn't much opportunity for **groveling** last...time.
- A. showing submission or fear
 - B. stopping a battle or fight
 - C. changing through evolution

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	dais	Used 7 times in this book.
2	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
3	A	plausible	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
4	B	anteroom	Used 6 times in this book.
5	C	chasm	Used 7 times in this book.
6	B	glower	Used 5 times in this book.
7	A	condescending	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
8	C	peninsula	Used 7 times in this book.
9	B	ultimatum	Used 2 times in this book.
10	C	retinue	Used 4 times in this book.
11	B	persistent	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
12	B	apprentice	Used 11 times in this book.
13	A	alliance	Used 6 times in this book.
14	B	treachery	Used 5 times in this book.
15	B	deterrent	Used 2 times in this book.
16	B	blockade	Used 6 times in this book.
17	B	tact	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
18	B	sentry	Used 8 times in this book.
19	B	competent	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
20	A	grovel	Used 3 times in this book.