

Robinson Crusoe

by Daniel Defoe

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: abundant, archangel, attain, habitat, hinder, illustrate (2), inquisition, interpose, oblige (2), omnipotent, parley, perish, procure, providence, repent, resolve (2), scarcity



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
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10	A
11	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.

- The region has **abundant** natural resources, from oil to fresh water.
 - extremely scarce
 - highly disputed
 - widely available
- The story describes an **archangel** descending from the heavens.
 - a small demon
 - a lost spirit
 - a chief angel
- They hope to **attain** effective law and order in the region before withdrawing troops.
 - openly oppose
 - carefully describe
 - successfully gain
- They are found in the marine **habitat** of the kelp forest of southern California.
 - feeding routine
 - natural environment
 - breeding season
- The brace I have to wear is **hindering** my movements
 - helping or assisting
 - drawing attention to
 - making difficult
- The example **illustrates** the belief.
 - disproves
 - proves
 - makes clear
- The assembly directions include **illustrations** to identify each part.
 - drawings
 - coded stickers
 - descriptions
- The reporter's questions felt more like an **inquisition** than an interview.
 - friendly chat
 - formal apology
 - harsh questioning
- They have **interposed** themselves on the side of our enemy.
 - been seen
 - hidden
 - inserted
- I didn't want to help, but I felt **obliged** because of our family connections.
 - required to
 - interested
 - sad
- I'll be happy to **oblige**.
 - grant a favor
 - say nice things
 - delay until a later time
- His book was called *Omnipotent Government*.
 - knowing everything
 - all powerful
 - present everywhere

13. After days of fighting, the generals decided to parley at dawn to seek a peaceful resolution.
- A. duel
 - B. retreat
 - C. negotiate
14. We can work together or perish separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
15. She was able to procure tickets to the sold-out concert.
- A. obtain or get
 - B. lose or misplace
 - C. destroy or ruin
16. By some stroke of providence, the rain stopped just as the wedding began.
- A. careful human planning
 - B. fortunate divine timing
 - C. stubborn bad luck
17. She said the U.S. should repent for the sins of fossil fuels.
- A. reimburse
 - B. apologize
 - C. suffer
18. I resolved to never drink again.
- A. was forced
 - B. was encouraged
 - C. firmly decided
19. This feud will never be resolved with violence.
- A. properly considered
 - B. settled or solved
 - C. reduced or understood
20. Work is scarce in the region.
- A. easily found
 - B. extremely hard
 - C. in short supply

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 However, we **attained** there at length, and made the greater haste, because our stomachs were exceedingly sharp and hungry.
 - A. examined in detail to better understand
 - B. tension from opposing ideas or feelings
 - C. gained or reached something with effort
- 2 I then persuaded Muley (for so was the Moor called) to **procure** some powder and shot, pretending to kill sea curlues, which he innocently and readily agreed to.
 - A. get by special effort
 - B. force into submission
 - C. express strong regret
- 3 But now I found how much I wanted assistance, and **repented** the loss of my dear boy Xury.
 - A. gave an opinion of what was wrong with something
 - B. expressed regret for having done something wrong
 - C. moved out of an interacting position; or stopped
- 4 One day in particular a shower of rain falling, thunder and lighting ensued, which put me in terror lest my powder should take fire, and not only **hinder** my necessary subsistence, by killing me food, but even blow up me and my habitation.
 - A. make different; or show difference
 - B. to cause something to move forward
 - C. slowed down or caused problems for
- 5 GOOD But yet I am preserved, while my companions are **perished** in the raging ocean.
 - A. examined in detail to better understand
 - B. died, was destroyed, or ceased to exist
 - C. moved into position to work; or started
- 6 No sooner did I think my **habitation** finished, but suddenly a great deal of the top broke in, so that it was a mercy I was not buried in the ruins.
 - A. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
 - B. the type of environment in which an organism or group normally lives
 - C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 7 I can **scarce** express the agitations of my mind at this sight.
 - 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)
- 8 I asked myself, what regard have I had to God for his **abundant** mercies?
 - A. able to be disagreed with
 - B. not tending to find fault
 - C. present in great quantity
- 9 How mercifully can the **omnipotent** Power comfort his creatures, even in the midst of their greatest calamities?
 - A. not pleasing
 - B. all powerful
 - C. sticking out
- 10 [Illustration: Robinson Crusoe struck with confusion and horror, at seeing the print of a man's foot upon the sand.]
 - A. drawing
 - B. interaction or interest
 - C. a subtle characteristic

- 11 But there is no occasion to enter upon an argument to prove the being of the Almighty, or to **illustrate** his power by words, who has so many undeniable testimonies in the breasts of every rational being to prove his existence: and we have sufficient proofs enough to convince us of the great superintendency of Divine Providence in the minutest affairs of this world; the manifest existence of the invisible world; the reality of spirits, and intelligence between us and them.
- work or operate
 - think carefully
 - help make clear
- 12 In a word, taking a short cut down the hill, I **interposed** between the pursuers and pursued, hallooing aloud to the latter, who, venturing to look back, was, no doubt, as much terrified at me as I at them.
- (verb) drew pictures to accompany OR (adjective) accompanied by pictures
 - not justified or explained as an understandable reaction to another action
 - to insert between other elements; or to interrupt or stop action by others
- 13 Without passion, sullenness, or design, perfectly **obliging** and engaging, his affections were as much tied to me, as those of a child to its parents; & I might venture to say, he would have sacrificed his life for the saving mine, upon any occasion whatsoever.
- helpful or willing to be helpful
 - selecting (on a computer screen)
 - taking (power or responsibility)
- 14 ...but after three volleys, we were **obliged** to retreat also:
- required
 - gradually added or removed
 - limited or with boundaries
- 15 You may be certain, I was strangely surprised at this question of my man's: and, though an old man, I was but a young doctor, and consequently very ill qualified for a causuist, or a **resolver** of intricate doubts in religion, and...
- someone who makes or manufactures things
 - solver (someone who provides a solution or who settles something)
 - someone who blocks (prevents) an action
- 16 But since it is so, we must **resolve** to fight for our lives.
- influence or effect
 - gain advantage from
 - decide
- 17 Hereupon I advanced with, my whole army: and, it being dark, I ordered the man we had surprised in the boat, to call them by their names, and to **parley** with them.
- think carefully and make a judgment about something again
 - to promise, guarantee, or indicate certainty of something
 - a negotiation or discussion -- especially between enemies
- 18 We came from **Archangel** the 20th of August in the same year, and arrived at Hamburg the 30th of September.
- untied or released
 - easily set on fire
 - angel of high rank
- 19 When I was at Portugal, there was held at that time the court of justice of the **Inquisition**.
- secret political organization of spies
 - military court in a country ruled by the military
 - harsh and unfair historical religious investigations
- 20 So that by the favour of **Providence**, and vigour of his youth, being now but thirty years old, he came, at last, to conquer all the inconveniencies of his solitude, and to be very easy.
- a particular way of seeing or thinking about things
 - God's intervention or plan
 - collection of star systems held together by gravity

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	attain	High-utility academic word; used 16 times in this book.
2	A	procure	Used 20 times in this book.
3	B	repent	Used 27 times in this book.
4	C	hinder (<i>as in: hindered by</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
5	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 15 times in this book.
6	B	habitat	Used 39 times in this book.
7	C	scarcity	High-utility academic word; used 25 times in this book.
8	C	abundant	High-utility academic word; used 21 times in this book.
9	B	omnipotent	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
10	A	illustrate (<i>as in: an illustrated children's book</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	illustrate (<i>as in: as illustrated by this example</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	interpose	Used 10 times in this book.
13	A	oblige (<i>as in: I obliged her every request.</i>)	Used 9 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	oblige (<i>as in: I am obliged by law.</i>)	Used 60 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	resolve (<i>as in: How was the problem resolved?</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	C	resolve (<i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	parley	Used 4 times in this book.
18	C	archangel	Used 4 times in this book.
19	C	inquisition	Used 4 times in this book.
20	B	providence (<i>as in: divine providence</i>)	Used 53 times in this book.