

Romeo and Juliet — adapted

by William Shakespeare

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: banish, chaste, condemn, coy, cunning, Cupid, dismal, dowry, exile, feud, fickle, mane, mock, monk, prosper, provoke, rein, scorn, torment, wretched



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	A
3	A
4	B
5	B
6	B
7	C
8	B
9	B
10	C
11	C
12	B
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17	B
18	A
19	A
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. I tried to **banish** the thought from my mind.
 - A. understand
 - B. collect
 - C. send away
2. Jacob remained **chaste** until he met his future spouse.
 - A. a virgin
 - B. disillusioned
 - C. unfaithful to anyone
3. The United Nations **condemned** North Korea's development of nuclear weapons.
 - A. criticized
 - B. delayed
 - C. ended
4. She gave a **coy** smile and refused to say whether she liked him.
 - A. openly angry
 - B. shy but playful
 - C. deeply confused
5. The worst mix -- greedy, **cunning**, and without morals.
 - A. stupid and impatient
 - B. clever and deceitful
 - C. strong and cruel
6. Many paintings depict Cupid as a winged child with a bow.
 - A. god of war
 - B. god of love
 - C. god of sleep
7. When she graduated from college the job market was **dismal**.
 - A. especially good
 - B. promising but unusual
 - C. terrible or depressing
8. **Dowries** are common in that culture.
 - A. extended-families living together
 - B. payment to a husband upon marriage
 - C. large families
9. Napoleon was forced into **exile** on the island of Elba.
 - A. apologizing
 - B. living elsewhere
 - C. hard labor
10. It's time to stop this **feud**.
 - A. oppression of others
 - B. continuous complaining
 - C. long-standing fight
11. We got the independent vote last time, but the independent vote is notoriously **fickle**.
 - A. hard to get
 - B. small
 - C. quick to change
12. 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

13. American's have a hard time understanding that to mock Islam is to invite violence.
- A. discriminate against
 - B. not believe in
 - C. make fun of
14. Each monk in the order leads a simple life without luxury.
- A. a female member of a religious order
 - B. a male member of a religious order
 - C. a member of a religious order
15. She is prospering in business.
- A. struggling
 - B. starting
 - C. doing well
16. We should not permit deeply offensive words that provoke violence.
- A. stop
 - B. distract from
 - C. cause
17. She is committed to reining in excessive government infringement of personal freedom.
- A. exposing
 - B. restraining
 - C. discovering
18. That coach scorns students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
19. Bullies made his school days a constant torment he could not escape.
- A. severe suffering
 - B. great enjoyment
 - C. simple confusion
20. The photograph showed poor people in a wretched village in East Africa.
- A. irresponsible
 - B. in terrible condition
 - C. foolish or thoughtless

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 *Two families in Verona, Italy, equally respected, Have been **feuding** for many years.*
 - A. cooperating
 - B. avoiding each other
 - C. fighting or quarreling
- 2 *He swung it about and cut the winds, which,
Not being hurt, hissed at him in **scorn**.*
 - A. disrespect
 - B. admiration
 - C. fear
- 3 *BENVOLIO: Then she has sworn that she will live **chaste**?*
 - A. without sexual intercourse
 - B. in the open (without secrets)
 - C. in a loyal manner
- 4 *[of the fairy queen, Queen Mab]
Her wagon-spokes are made of spiders' legs.
The cover is made of grasshoppers' wings.
The **reins** are of the smallest spider's web.*
 - A. water drops falling from the sky
 - B. a pair of straps attached to a bit in a horse's mouth and used to control it
 - C. rules to maintain control
- 5 *[of the fairy queen, Queen Mab]
This is the same Mab that braids the **manes**
Of horses in the night
And tangles your hair in bed.*
 - A. important parts
 - B. long coarse hair growing on the back of the neck
 - C. hair around the ears
- 6 *They are nothing but fantasy, Thin as the air, more **fickle** than the wind.*
 - A. constant or reliable
 - B. cold (heartless)
 - C. unreliable (changing quickly)
- 7 *Does he dare Come here, covered with a party mask, To **mock** us at our own party?*
 - A. bounce back
 - B. windy storm
 - C. make fun of
- 8 *You may think I am not modest,
But trust me, gentleman, I'll be more true
Than those who are more **cunning**.*
 - A. foolish
 - B. clever and deceptive
 - C. odd or unusual
- 9 *I should have been more **coy**, perhaps, But you overheard my true feelings, Before I was aware that you were here.*
 - A. bold
 - B. secretive
 - C. devious (tricky)
- 10 *I will visit Friar Lawrence in his **monk's** cell, His help to ask and my good fortune to tell.*
 - A. a title of respect for a male
 - B. a male member of a religious order
 - C. a male cook

- 11 *Stabbed in the eye with Rosaline's looks, Shot through the ear with a love song, Pierced in the heart with Cupid's arrow.*
A. Roman mythology: god of war and agriculture; father of Romulus and Remus
B. Roman mythology: god of love; a small, winged boy whose arrows make those struck fall in love
C. Roman mythology: the god of the underworld
- 12 *JULIET: Why are you tormenting me this way?*
A. causing great suffering
B. helping
C. ignoring
- 13 *The Prince has decided you will not die, But you will be banished.*
A. imprisoned for a long period
B. whipped and humiliated in public
C. forced to leave the community
- 14 *The law, which might have killed you,
Became your friend and exiled you instead.*
A. saved
B. forced someone to live outside of their home community
C. imprisoned for a long time
- 15 *I have worked to find her a good match.
Now we have found a noble gentleman,
Good-looking, young, and honorable.
And this wretched, whining fool says "No."*
A. irresponsible
B. miserable
C. foolish
- 16 *What kind of advice was that?
She condemns Romeo with the
Same tongue she used to praise him!
She shall hear no more of my secrets.*
A. expresses strong criticism of
B. sentences to death
C. makes fun of
- 17 *I must act my dismal scene alone.*
A. dangerous
B. lonely
C. depressing
- 18 *Live, prosper, and farewell, good fellow.*
A. have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal
B. work hard
C. grow stronger or do well
- 19 *ROMEO: Will you provoke me? Then fight, boy!*
A. prevent or stop
B. distract from
C. cause a reaction
- 20 *Let this be my daughter's wedding dowry.*
A. in some societies, a party given to celebrate a wedding
B. in some societies, money or property given by a woman's family to the husband at marriage
C. in some societies, a meeting to discuss terms involved in a marriage

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	feud	Used 2 times in this play.
2	A	scorn	High-utility academic word
3	A	chaste (<i>as in: remained chaste</i>)	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
4	B	rein (<i>as in: to rein in their activities</i>)	Used about 10 times per 10 books in our high school library.
5	B	mane	Used about 5 times per 10 books in our high school library.
6	C	fickle	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
7	C	mock (<i>as in: don't mock me</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
8	B	cunning (<i>as in: a cunning thief</i>)	Used about 7 times per 10 books in our high school library.
9	B	coy	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
10	B	monk	Used about 6 times per 10 books in our high school library.
11	B	Cupid	Used 4 times in this play.
12	A	torment	Used 3 times in this play.
13	C	banish	Used 12 times in this play.
14	B	exile	Used 4 times in this play.
15	B	wretched	Used about 10 times per 10 books in our high school library.
16	A	condemn (<i>as in: She condemned their plan</i>)	Used about 6 times per 10 books in our high school library.
17	C	dismal	Used about 4 times per 10 books in our high school library.
18	C	prosper	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
19	C	provoke	Used about 10 times per 10 books in our high school library.
20	B	dowry	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library