

Selected Tales

by Edgar Allan Poe

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: allude, analytical, convey, derive, endeavor, equivocal, hideous, impetuous, inquiry, minute (2), moreover, motive, perceptible, pervasive, proficiency, scrutiny, species, subsequent, testimony



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
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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. She didn't mention any names, but everyone knew she was **alluding** to the President.
 - A. being discouraging
 - B. indirectly referring
 - C. not talking
2. We have a numbers-tested, **analytical** approach to advertising.
 - A. logical and systematic
 - B. creative and artistic
 - C. loud and aggressive
3. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
 - A. express
 - B. accept
 - C. understand
4. I **derive** pleasure from my work.
 - A. refuse
 - B. obtain
 - C. ignore
5. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
 - A. not be able
 - B. promise
 - C. try
6. The politician's **equivocal** statement could be taken two completely different ways.
 - A. unclear in meaning
 - B. openly honest
 - C. firmly decided
7. He had a **hideous** scar running from his forehead to his jaw.
 - A. barely noticeable
 - B. extremely ugly
 - C. perfectly healed
8. She made an **impetuous** purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
 - A. impulsive
 - B. cautious
 - C. wealthy
9. The official **inquiry** has ended, but the press continues to ask questions.
 - A. story
 - B. statement
 - C. investigation
10. Even a **minute** amount of lead can be harmful to children.
 - A. large
 - B. 60 seconds
 - C. tiny
11. She thrives at sifting through that kind of **minute** detail.
 - A. quickly eliminated
 - B. available from prior research
 - C. including even small considerations
12. Many graduates have high college debt. **Moreover**, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
 - A. in contrast to that
 - B. in addition to that
 - C. as a result of that

13. A desire for religious freedom was their motive for leaving England.
- A. excuse
 - B. technique
 - C. reason
14. She's walking with a barely perceptible limp.
- A. painful
 - B. new
 - C. noticeable
15. It is a country where corruption pervades their government at every level.
- A. is stopped by
 - B. is spread in
 - C. is remembered by
16. After months of practice, she gained enough proficiency in Spanish to hold a simple conversation.
- A. interest
 - B. permission
 - C. skill
17. The new policy faced scrutiny from independent reviewers.
- A. strong support
 - B. quick approval
 - C. careful examination
18. It is thought that there are over 20,000 species of ants.
- A. different categories
 - B. different nest types
 - C. different diets
19. The results of the initial investigation were unclear, but a subsequent investigation concluded that she used good judgment.
- A. thorough
 - B. official
 - C. following
20. Before your testimony, they will have you solemnly swear to tell *the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth*.
- A. job interview
 - B. statements at a trial
 - C. confession

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 For God is but a great will **pervading** all things by nature of its intentness.
 - A. working or operating
 - B. spreading or filling
 - C. happening repeatedly
- 2 It might have been, too, that in these eyes of my beloved lay the secret to which Lord Verulam **alludes**.
 - A. draws pictures to accompany
 - B. makes an indirect reference
 - C. covers up (to hide a wrong)
- 3 And thus how frequently, in my intense **scrutiny** of Ligeia's eyes, have I felt approaching the full knowledge of their expression—felt it approaching—yet not quite be mine—and so at length entirely depart!
 - A. the best or most important
 - B. a secret agreement or plot
 - C. careful look or inspection
- 4 Length of years, and **subsequent** reflection, have enabled me to trace, indeed, some remote connection between this passage in the English moralist and a portion of the character of Ligeia.
 - A. able to take on or adopt
 - B. the state of being awake
 - C. following something else
- 5 In the classical tongues was she deeply **proficient**, and as far as my own acquaintance extended in regard to the modern dialects of Europe, I have never known her at fault.
 - A. absolute
 - B. pleasing
 - C. skillful
- 6 The wild eyes blazed with a too-too glorious effulgence; the pale fingers became of the transparent waxen hue of the grave, and the blue veins upon the lofty forehead swelled and sank **impetuously** with the tides of the gentle emotion.
 - A. impulsively (acting suddenly without much thought)
 - B. in the manner of a logical, systematic examination
 - C. in a manner that shows care or concern for someone
- 7 I strained my vision to detect any motion in the corpse—but there was not the slightest **perceptible**.
 - A. the state of being awake
 - B. able to take on or adopt
 - C. capable of being noticed
- 8 Through a **species** of unutterable horror and awe, for which the language of mortality has no sufficiently energetic expression, I felt my heart cease to beat, my limbs grow rigid where I sat.
 - A. a similar group of animals or plants
 - B. the quality of exactness or accuracy
 - C. the gain of advantage from something
- 9 I therefore struggled alone in my **endeavors** to call back the spirit ill hovering.
 - A. learns, discovers, or decides
 - B. tells someone about something
 - C. attempts; or things attempted
- 10 This peculiarity of character grew with my growth, and in my manhood, I **derived** from it one of my principal sources of pleasure.
 - A. hid
 - B. got
 - C. cut

- 11 This **hideous** murder accomplished, I set myself forthwith, and with entire deliberation, to the task of concealing the body.
- A. the characteristic of demonstrating something
 - B. extremely ugly, offensive, and/or frightening
 - C. the quality of not being sensible and careful
- 12 **Moreover**, in one of the walls was a projection, caused by a false chimney, or fireplace, that had been filled up, and made to resemble the red of the cellar.
- A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in addition to what has just been said
 - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 13 Some few **inquiries** had been made, but these had been readily answered.
- A. social events or ceremonies
 - B. reasons for doing something
 - C. questions or investigations
- 14 Minute fungi overspread the whole exterior, hanging in a fine tangled web-work from the eaves.
- A. awake
 - B. exact
 - C. small
- 15 Getting upon the sacking of the bedstead, I looked over the head-board **minutely** at the second casement.
- A. in a manner that does not change
 - B. in a manner that deserves praise
 - C. carefully
- 16 I learned, moreover, at intervals, and through broken and **equivocal** hints, another singular feature of his mental condition.
- A. unclear in meaning
 - B. impossible to find
 - C. able to get nearer
- 17 The mental features discoursed of as the **analytical**, are, in themselves, but little susceptible of analysis.
- A. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
 - B. the state or degree of being pessimistic or disagreeable
 - C. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
- 18 But of the character of his remarks at the periods in question an example will best **convey** the idea.
- A. communicate or express
 - B. create dramatic change
 - C. mirror back (an image)
- 19 We give below all the material **testimony** elicited.
- A. an atom that has acquired an electrical charge by the loss or gain of an electron
 - B. something that serves as evidence -- especially a statement at a trial or hearing
 - C. an organ attached to the wall of the uterus to nourish the fetus during pregnancy
- 20 The police are confounded by the seeming absence of **motive**—not for the murder itself—but for the atrocity of the murder.
- A. small quantity or indication
 - B. the sacred writings of Islam
 - C. reason (for doing something)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	pervasive	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
2	B	allude	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
3	C	scrutiny	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
4	C	subsequent	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
5	C	proficiency	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
6	A	impetuous (<i>as in: an impetuous decision</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
7	C	perceptible	Used 4 times in this book.
8	A	species	Used 9 times in this book.
9	C	endeavor	Used 8 times in this book.
10	B	derive	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
11	B	hideous	Used 12 times in this book.
12	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
13	C	inquiry	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
14	C	minute (<i>as in: minute size</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
15	C	minute (<i>as in: minute description</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
16	A	equivocal	Used 4 times in this book.
17	A	analytical	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
18	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
19	B	testimony	Used 10 times in this book.
20	C	motive (<i>as in: What is her motive?</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.