

Sense and Sensibility

by Jane Austen

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: approbation, censure, consequence (2), cordial, establish (2), fortitude, however, inquiry, perceive (2), prudent, recollect, reprove, resolution (2), resolve (2), scruples



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. Her innovative approach to solving problems earned her the **approbation** of her peers.
 - A. approval
 - B. sympathy
 - C. distrust
2. In spite of the **censure** of her colleagues, she believed she had done the right thing.
 - A. criticism
 - B. anger
 - C. disinterest
3. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
4. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
5. The professor greeted each student **cordially** as they entered.
 - A. in a hurried manner
 - B. in a friendly manner
 - C. in a clumsy manner
6. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
 - A. avoid
 - B. create
 - C. increase
7. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
 - A. minimizing
 - B. exaggerating
 - C. showing
8. She showed **fortitude** by staying calm and determined during the long recovery.
 - A. physical speed
 - B. mental courage
 - C. sudden anger
9. I hope to take the ACT just once. **However**, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
 - A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and
10. The official **inquiry** has ended, but the press continues to ask questions.
 - A. story
 - B. statement
 - C. investigation
11. Researchers **perceive** a clear pattern in how the disease spreads through families.
 - A. carefully measure
 - B. view or understand
 - C. actively prevent

12. It's one thing to **perceive** something with the senses and another to understand its importance.
- A. become aware of
 - B. physically touch
 - C. clearly see
13. Courage is dangerous without **prudence**.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
14. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember
15. I don't want to spoil her, but I don't have the heart to **reprove** her.
- A. criticize
 - B. compliment
 - C. instruct
16. Are you making any New Year's **resolutions** this year?
- A. decorations
 - B. event plans
 - C. decisions
17. Through many years and hardships, her **resolution** to serve the poor never wavered.
- A. ability
 - B. determination
 - C. way (solution)
18. I **resolved** to never drink again.
- A. was forced
 - B. was encouraged
 - C. firmly decided
19. She is testing my **resolve** to keep a good attitude.
- A. determination
 - B. ability
 - C. optimism
20. Her **scruples** were not so strong as to withstand her friend's arguments.
- A. principles that discourage certain kinds of action
 - B. known facts
 - C. firmness of purpose

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 I feel no sentiment of **approbation** inferior to love.
 - A. approval
 - B. not real
 - C. allowing
- 2 She needed no time for deliberation or **inquiry**.
 - A. small quantity or indication
 - B. reason (for doing something)
 - C. questioning or investigating
- 3 They were cheered by the joy of the servants on their arrival, and each for the sake of the others **resolved** to appear happy.
 - A. changed
 - B. adapted
 - C. decided
- 4 Perhaps she pitied and esteemed him the more because he was slighted by Willoughby and Marianne, who, prejudiced against him for being neither lively nor young, seemed **resolved** to undervalue his merits.
 - A. determined
 - B. the state of not being aware or concerned about something
 - C. a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything
- 5 "Perhaps it is to tell you that your cousin Fanny is married?" said Mrs. Jennings, without attending to her daughter's **reproof**.
 - A. criticism
 - B. main road
 - C. hard work
- 6 I value not her **censure** any more than I should do her commendation.
 - A. criticism
 - B. find, search, or research
 - C. being a boundary or limit
- 7 I was startled, I confess, by the alteration in his manners this morning;—he did not speak like himself, and did not return your kindness with any **cordiality**.
 - A. psychiatrist
 - B. friendliness
 - C. satisfaction
- 8 She avoided the looks of them all, could neither eat nor speak, and after some time, on her mother's silently pressing her hand with tender compassion, her small degree of **fortitude** was quite overcome, she burst into tears and left the room.
 - A. unconstrained in some way -- such as untied or no longer obligated
 - B. strength of mind that enables one to endure adversity with courage
 - C. the highest degree awarded in universities in many fields of study
- 9 The old well-**established** grievance of duty against will, parent against child, was the cause of all.
 - A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
 - B. firmly existing
 - C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another

- 10 ...and Edward's visit near Plymouth, his melancholy state of mind, his dissatisfaction at his own prospects, his uncertain behaviour towards herself, the intimate knowledge of the Miss Steeles as to Norland and their family connections, which had often surprised her, the picture, the letter, the ring, formed altogether such a body of evidence, as overcame every fear of condemning him unfairly, and **established** as a fact, which no partiality could set aside, his ill-treatment of herself.
- A. accepted someone's membership though a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
 - B. examined an issue, got opinions by asking specific questions; and/or asked people for political support individually
 - C. showed or proved
- 11 I was very unwilling to enter into it, as you may imagine, without the knowledge and approbation of his mother; but I was too young, and loved him too well, to be so **prudent** as I ought to have been.
- A. sensible and careful
 - B. not demonstrative of
 - C. sincerity (realness)
- 12 I have no such **scruples**, and I am sure I could put up with every unpleasantness of that kind with very little effort.
- A. principles that discourage certain kinds of action
 - B. moves again into position to work; or starts again
 - C. prepares food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
- 13 They had not remained in this manner long, before Elinor **perceived** Willoughby, standing within a few yards of them,
- A. became aware of
 - B. said indirectly
 - C. greatly annoyed
- 14 ...you **perceive**, as well as myself, not only in this, but in many other circumstances, reason enough to be convinced that...
- A. not feeling or showing sympathy for another's suffering
 - B. view in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
 - C. suntanned; or reddish-brown or yellowish-brown in color
- 15 **Recollecting**, soon afterwards, that he was probably dividing Elinor from her sister, he put an end to his visit
- A. disagreeing
 - B. translating
 - C. remembering
- 16 We consulted together, **however**, as to what should be done, and at last she determined to send for Edward.
- A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though*, *in spite of that*, *in contrast*, *nevertheless*, etc.
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 17 I have something of **consequence** to inform you of, which I was on the point of communicating by paper.
- A. translates
 - B. importance
 - C. sticks out
- 18 --he knew nothing of what had passed; and the first hours of his visit were **consequently** spent in hearing and in wondering.
- A. as a result
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 19 ...to act with **resolution**,
- A. use of reason
 - B. determination
 - C. right to vote
- 20 But the **resolution** was made only to be broken.
- A. measure of general intelligence
 - B. solid shapes made of flat faces
 - C. firm decision to do something

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	approbation	Used 14 times in this book.
2	C	inquiry	High-utility academic word; used 36 times in this book.
3	C	resolve (<i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	A	resolve (<i>as in: Her resolve weakened.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	A	reprove	Used 7 times in this book.
6	A	censure	High-utility academic word; used 14 times in this book.
7	B	cordial (<i>as in: a cordial reception</i>)	Used 10 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
8	B	fortitude	Used 10 times in this book.
9	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	establish (<i>as in: establish that there is a need</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 32 times in this book.
12	A	scruples	Used 8 times in this book.
13	A	perceive (<i>as in: though blind, can perceive light</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	B	perceive (<i>as in: perceive the system as unfair</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 35 times in this book.
16	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
17	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	B	resolution (<i>as in: Her resolution weakened.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	C	resolution (<i>as in: a New Year's resolution</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.