

Henry VIII

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: allay, beseech, bestow, censure, commend, conscience, disdain, eminent, entreat, heed, integrity, malice, monk, perish, rectify, revere, scruples, treason, unrequited, wretched



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	A
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7	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.

1. It does little to **allay** Israeli fears.
 - A. increase
 - B. distract from
 - C. reduce
2. She closed the prayer by **beseeking** God to grant them wisdom and patience.
 - A. asking
 - B. demanding
 - C. instructing
3. Our organization **bestows** honors, awards, and sometimes cash prizes to promising writers.
 - A. shows
 - B. recommends
 - C. gives
4. In spite of the **censure** of her colleagues, she believed she had done the right thing.
 - A. criticism
 - B. anger
 - C. disinterest
5. I **commend** her dedication.
 - A. praise
 - B. envy
 - C. miss
6. I will vote as my **conscience** demands.
 - A. sense of right and wrong
 - B. memory of past events
 - C. fear of public ridicule
7. She has nothing but **disdain** for the notion that common people can regulate their own lives better than she can.
 - A. lack of respect
 - B. humility
 - C. intense anger
8. Despite her **eminent** status in the art world, she remained humble and approachable.
 - A. respected and well-known
 - B. newly acquired
 - C. barely noticed
9. The students **entreated** the Chinese troops not to use force against peaceful demonstrations.
 - A. bribed (with gifts)
 - B. asked earnestly
 - C. threatened
10. She didn't **heed** the storm warnings and got caught in the heavy rain.
 - A. pass through
 - B. tell others of
 - C. pay attention to
11. Real **integrity** is doing the right thing when nobody's going to know whether you did it or not.
 - A. sacrifice
 - B. morality
 - C. foolishness

12. Words can be like baseball bats when used **maliciously** against someone who is sensitive.
- A. carelessly
 - B. mockingly
 - C. evilly
13. 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
14. We can work together or **perish** separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
15. We are working to **rectify** the accounts and send refunds to everyone who was overbilled.
- A. calculate
 - B. understand
 - C. correct
16. She **reveres** nature and all that is natural.
- A. dislikes and avoids
 - B. deeply respects
 - C. thoroughly enjoys
17. 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
18. Benedict Arnold was not captured after he committed **treason**.
- A. committing acts of sabotage
 - B. war crimes against civilians
 - C. betrayal of one's own country
19. She suffers the despair of **unrequited** love.
- A. loss (through death)
 - B. unreturned
 - C. beyond normal limits
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 *wag his tongue in* **censure**
A. criticism
B. find, search, or research
C. being a boundary or limit
- 2 *The Cardinal in his passage fixeth his eye on Buckingham, and Buckingham on him, both full of* **disdain**.
A. a lack of respect (for the other)
B. differ; or change
C. influence opinion
- 3 *I say again, there is no English soul More stronger to direct you than yourself, If with the sap of reason you would quench, Or but* **allay**, *the fire of passion.*
A. genetic change through evolution
B. interact again or interest again
C. reduce the intensity of; or calm
- 4 *Sir, My lord the Duke of Buckingham, and Earl Of Hereford, Stafford, and Northampton, I Arrest thee of high* **treason**, *in the name Of our most sovereign king.*
A. easily set on fire
B. untied or released
C. an act of betrayal
- 5 *I shall* **perish** *Under device and practice.*
A. move into position to work; or start
B. die, be destroyed, or cease to exist
C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 6 *A* **monk** *o' the Chartreux.*
A. gradual destruction (of something previously established) -- such as a government, rule, or belief
B. a male member of a religious order typically living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
C. a system of government with a ruler who has absolute power -- especially one who abuses that power
- 7 *At his return No doubt he will* **requite** *it.*
A. think carefully
B. repay or return
C. strongly desire
- 8 *I do* **beseech** *your Grace, for charity, If ever any malice in your heart Were hid against me, now to forgive me frankly.*
A. to ask strongly or beg for something
B. move into position to work; or start
C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 9 *I had my trial, And, must needs say, a noble one; which makes me A little happier than my* **wretched** *father.*
A. not easily identified
B. miserable or very bad
C. exactness or accuracy
- 10 *Either the Cardinal, Or some about him near, have, out of malice To the good Queen, possess'd him with a* **scruple** *That will undo her.*
A. an ethical or moral principle that discourages certain kinds of action
B. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
C. speak in a manner that does not clearly express an opinion or decision
- 11 *'Tis the Cardinal; And merely to revenge him on the Emperor For not* **bestowing** *on him, at his asking, The archbishopric of Toledo, this is purpos'd.*
A. ruling
B. paying
C. giving

- 12 *You, that have so fair parts of woman on you, Have too a woman's heart, which ever yet Affected eminence, wealth, sovereignty; Which, to say sooth, are blessings; and which gifts, Saving your mincing, the capacity Of your soft cheveril conscience would receive, If you might please to stretch it.*
A. famous, respected, or important within a particular field or profession
B. the act of finding fault and telling others; or a description of faults
C. the process of thinking carefully and making a judgment about something
- 13 *the King's Majesty commends his good opinion of you*
A. expresses (a favorable opinion -- possibly in a message)
B. influences or effects
C. takes on as one's own
- 14 *That longer you desire the court; as well
For your own quiet, as to rectify
What is unsettled in the King.*
A. pessimistic or disagreeable
B. develop or change gradually
C. fix or make right
- 15 *Thus it came; give heed to't:*
A. a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
B. adjusted excessively or made up for excessively
C. pay close attention to; or to do what is suggested
- 16 *I know myself now; and I feel within me A peace above all earthly dignities, A still and quiet conscience.*
A. feeling or appraisal of having personally behaved in a morally right or wrong manner
B. a complex carbohydrate that is the chief constituent of all plant tissues and fibers
C. not planning to kill a person, but then intentionally killing in the heat of passion
- 17 *Deserve we no more reverence?*
A. interfere (in another's affairs or business); or handle (something that shouldn't be handled)
B. respect and admiration
C. separate two things to prevent passage of something such as heat, cold, noise, or electricity
- 18 *I humbly do entreat your Highness' pardon; My haste made me unmannerly.*
A. stop fighting
B. ask
C. make possible
- 19 *More out of malice than integrity,*
A. not adjusting a lens to create a clear image
B. the quality of lacking exactness or accuracy
C. wanting to see others suffer
- 20 *There's some of ye, I see, more out of malice than integrity, would try him to the utmost,*
A. support
B. strong moral principles
C. evidence collection

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	censure	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
2	A	disdain	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
3	C	allay	Used 2 times in this play.
4	C	treason	Used 6 times in this play.
5	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
6	B	monk	Used 5 times in this play.
7	B	unrequited	Used 2 times in this play.
8	A	beseech	Used 8 times in this play.
9	B	wretched	Used 5 times in this play.
10	A	scruples	Used 5 times in this play.
11	C	bestow	Used 5 times in this play.
12	A	eminent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
13	A	commend (<i>as in: I commend her work</i>)	Used 4 times in this play.
14	C	rectify (<i>as in: rectify the error</i>)	Used 2 times in this play.
15	C	heed	Used 6 times in this play.
16	A	conscience	Used 24 times in this play.
17	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
18	B	entreat	Used 6 times in this play.
19	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 17 times in this play.
20	B	integrity (<i>as in: a person of high integrity</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this play.