

Siddhartha

by Hermann Hesse

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: accustom, annihilate, deception, demonstrate, despise, destitute, disdain, divine, infinite, mock, monk, nevertheless, penitent, pilgrimage, ponder, refuge, scorn, venerable, venerate, yearn



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
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6	B
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9	C
10	C
11	B
12	B
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15	A
16	A
17	A
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20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

- Actors and politicians are **accustomed** to less privacy than the rest of us.
 - used to
 - happy with
 - paid for
- Black holes **annihilate** all traces of what falls into them.
 - carefully preserve
 - slowly examine
 - completely destroy
- The con artist used clever **deception** to trick wealthy investors.
 - kindness
 - trickery
 - praise
- The medal is given only to a few who have **demonstrated** extraordinary courage while defending their country.
 - protested
 - shown
 - encouraged
- She **despises** his lifestyle.
 - admires
 - wants
 - hates
- She died **destitute** in Paris at the age of 38.
 - too young
 - extremely poor
 - among family
- She has nothing but **disdain** for the notion that common people can regulate their own lives better than she can.
 - lack of respect
 - humility
 - intense anger
- The King claimed a **divine** right.
 - perfect or wonderful
 - from birth
 - coming from God
- The night sky seemed **infinite** as we gazed at countless stars.
 - blurry
 - silent
 - endless
- American's have a hard time understanding that to **mock** Islam is to invite violence.
 - discriminate against
 - not believe in
 - make fun of
- Each monk in the order leads a simple life without luxury.
 - a female member of a religious order
 - a male member of a religious order
 - a member of a religious order

12. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
13. After breaking the window, the **penitent** boy apologized to his neighbor.
- A. proud of one's actions
 - B. confused about the rules
 - C. feeling regret for wrongdoing
14. Many devout Hindus undertake a **pilgrimage** to the holy city of Varanasi in India, where they perform rituals and prayers along the banks of the sacred Ganges River.
- A. cultural festival
 - B. religious journey
 - C. historical reenactment
15. We **pondered** our fate.
- A. thought about
 - B. feared for
 - C. actively changed
16. She took **refuge** from the sun under a beautiful oak tree.
- A. protection
 - B. shade
 - C. warmth
17. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
18. Many were surprised that a **venerable** institution like Bear Stearns could so rapidly go out of business.
- A. large and successful
 - B. long respected
 - C. popular
19. Many people **venerate** leaders who devoted their lives to justice.
- A. quietly question
 - B. openly avoid
 - C. deeply respect
20. I **yearn** for more independence.
- A. fear
 - B. desire
 - C. work

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 *But though the ways led away from the self, their end **nevertheless** always led back to the self.*
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 2 *How old, would you think, is our oldest Samana, our **venerable** teacher?*
 - A. relating to understanding or explaining something in a particular way
 - B. respected
 - C. [of food] able to be prepared in a manner that keeps it from spoiling
- 3 *But his enemies and disbelievers said, this Gotama was a vain seducer, he would spent his days in luxury, **scorned** the offerings, was without learning, and knew neither exercises nor self-castigation.*
 - A. disrespected or rejected
 - B. mirrored back (an image)
 - C. quoted (to make a point)
- 4 *Mock me if you like, Siddhartha!*
 - A. bounce back
 - B. windy storm
 - C. make fun of (ridicule)
- 5 *Never before, Siddhartha had **venerated** a person so much, never before he had loved a person as much as this one.*
 - A. a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
 - B. not found guilty or forced into a bad situation
 - C. regarded with feelings of respect and reverence
- 6 *He **pondered** about this sensation, which filled him completely, as he was slowly walking along.*
 - A. thought deeply or carefully about
 - B. was overly unhappy and unsociable
 - C. not limited or without boundaries
- 7 *When someone reads a text, wants to discover its meaning, he will not scorn the symbols and letters and call them **deceptions**, coincidence, and worthless hull, but he will read them, he will study and love them, letter by letter.*
 - A. ceilings designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
 - B. instances of intentionally misleading; or things done to mislead
 - C. instances of having found a condition or substance to be present
- 8 *There was ... no worker that did not belong to the workers, and found **refuge** with them, shared their life, spoke their language.*
 - A. protection (a safe place)
 - B. a ceiling designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
 - C. a person (often a writer or artist) living an unconventional life
- 9 *He instantly felt drawn into the grove, but he thought about it, and only now he became aware of how the servants and maids had looked at him at the entrance, how **despicable**, how distrustful, how rejecting.*
 - A. not easily influenced or harmed OR not capable of being treated in a particular way
 - B. someone who consumes more than they should -- especially eating and drinking too much
 - C. terrible (vile; disgusting) -- worthy of being strongly disliked and looked down upon
- 10 *Being **accustomed** to the forest, he managed to get out of the grove and over the hedge without making a sound.*
 - A. used to (adapted to something, so it seems normal)
 - B. the ability to be taken up or received into heaven
 - C. the state or character of being good or beneficial
- 11 *"No," said Siddhartha, "I have not become **destitute**"*
 - A. requiring great strength or effort (like that of the mythological Hercules)
 - B. extremely poor
 - C. working against the principles of democracy or representation of the people

- 12 *willingness to listen to the **divine** voice in his own heart,*
- A. the quality of being sensible and careful
 - B. unable or difficult to meet and talk with
 - C. wonderful or god-like or coming from gods
- 13 *But still he had felt different from and superior to the others; always he had watched them with some mockery, some mocking **disdain**,*
- A. lack of respect
 - B. differ; or change
 - C. influence opinion
- 14 *He played the game due to a pain of his heart, losing and wasting his wretched money in the game brought him an angry joy, in no other way he could **demonstrate** his disdain for wealth, the merchants' false god, more clearly and more mockingly.*
- A. draw
 - B. show
 - C. quit
- 15 *There was nothing left for him, except to **annihilate** himself, except to smash the failure into which he had shaped his life, to throw it away, before the feet of mockingly laughing gods.*
- A. stop (something from happening)
 - B. fulfill one's highest potential
 - C. to completely destroy or defeat
- 16 *But it took him a long while for this, and the past seemed to him as if it had been covered by a veil, **infinitely** distant, infinitely far away, infinitely meaningless.*
- A. in a manner that is open to arguments, ideas, or change
 - B. inadequately (in a manner that does not provide enough)
 - C. unlimited; without boundaries; or too numerous to count
- 17 *No, something else from within him had died, something which already for a long time had **yearned** to die.*
- A. not concentrated
 - B. strongly desired
 - C. stopped fighting
- 18 *Was it not this what he used to intend to kill in his ardent years as a **penitent**?*
- A. having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - B. suffering from too few red blood cells
- or (less commonly): lacking vitality
- C. someone feeling and expressing remorse for misdeeds (sorrow for having done wrong)
- 19 *Then, at one time, monks came by on a **pilgrimage**, followers of Gotama, the Buddha, who were asking to be ferried across the river, and by them the ferrymen were told that they were most hurriedly walking back to their great teacher, for the news had spread the exalted one was deadly sick and would soon die his last human death, in order to become one with the salvation.*
- A. portray or create in a particular way OR interpret, translate, or extract from
 - B. a journey to a special place -- especially a sacred place for religious purposes
 - C. removing the favoring any side in a contest, war, disagreement, or other dispute
- 20 *Astonished, as if he had been the object of a magic spell, the **monk** looked into the ferryman's eyes.*
- A. gradual destruction (of something previously established) -- such as a government, rule, or belief
 - B. a male member of a religious order
 - C. a system of government with a ruler who has absolute power -- especially one who abuses that power

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 15 times in this book.
2	B	venerable	High-utility academic word; used 22 times in this book.
3	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
4	C	mock (<i>as in: don't mock me</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	C	venerate	Used 7 times in this book.
6	A	ponder	Used 8 times in this book.
7	B	deception	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
8	A	refuge	Used 16 times in this book.
9	C	despise	Used 7 times in this book.
10	A	accustom	Used 6 times in this book.
11	B	destitute	Used 5 times in this book.
12	C	divine (<i>as in: to forgive is divine</i>)	Used 12 times in this book.
13	A	disdain	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
14	B	demonstrate (<i>as in: It demonstrates my point.</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
15	C	annihilate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
16	C	infinite	Used 8 times in this book.
17	B	yearn	Used 8 times in this book.
18	C	penitent	Used 7 times in this book.
19	B	pilgrimage	Used 17 times in this book.
20	B	monk	Used 27 times in this book.