

Sons and Lovers

by D. H. Lawrence

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: aloof, anguish, cordial, ignominious, impudent, mistrust, moreover, nevertheless, paltry, persist, remonstrate, reproach, retort, reverse, rouse, scorn, subtle, sulk, vigor, wistful



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	B
3	B
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7	B
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18	B
19	B
20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She missed their warm relationship and was saddened by his **aloofness**.
 - A. lack of respect
 - B. lack of concentration
 - C. lack of interest
2. Her guilt led to **anguish** until she committed her life to good.
 - A. extreme solitude
 - B. extreme distress
 - C. extreme depression
3. The professor greeted each student **cordially** as they entered.
 - A. in a hurried manner
 - B. in a friendly manner
 - C. in a clumsy manner
4. The incident led to her **ignominious** departure from political office.
 - A. quick
 - B. disgraceful
 - C. eventual
5. Her **impudent** reply to the manager shocked everyone in the meeting.
 - A. thoughtfully kind
 - B. disrespectfully bold
 - C. extremely quiet
6. Years of broken promises taught the team to mistrust anything he said.
 - A. not remember
 - B. not trust
 - C. not question
7. 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
8. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
 - A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
9. They offered her a **paltry** amount for the rare book, hoping she didn't know its real value.
 - A. insignificant
 - B. unfair
 - C. confusing
10. We expect the conditions to **persist** into next year.
 - A. grow worse
 - B. continue
 - C. go away
11. The lawyers will **remonstrate** that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
 - A. promise
 - B. protest
 - C. explain
12. Don't **reproach** yourself for things beyond your control.
 - A. congratulate
 - B. criticize
 - C. accept honor for

13. She **retorted**, "Takes one to know one."
A. quickly replied
B. insulted back
C. joyfully laughed
14. She **reveres** nature and all that is natural.
A. dislikes and avoids
B. deeply respects
C. thoroughly enjoys
15. The smell of freshly brewed coffee **roused** her from her sleep.
A. interrupted
B. deepened
C. awakened
16. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
A. disrespects
B. encourages
C. trains
17. She has a good eye for **subtle** differences in color.
A. contrasting
B. complementary
C. minor
18. She **sulked** for the rest of the week when she learned she would not make the starting team.
A. worked tirelessly to improve
B. was unhappy and unsociable
C. was angry and lashed out
19. The scientist pursued her research with **vigor**, determined to make a breakthrough discovery.
A. outside help
B. energy and strength
C. persistent patience
20. She had a **wistful**, dreamy look as she thought about how life would change if she could get a good job.
A. showing longing
B. showing determination
C. showing optimism

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 **Moreover**, she had an end house in one of the top blocks, and thus had only one neighbour; on the other side an extra strip of garden.
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
- 2 **Nevertheless**, she still continued to strive with him.
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)
- 3 "You may thank your stars I've come back to-night," he said, looking up from under his dropped head, **sulkily**, trying to be impressive.
A. in a manner that is not attractive or desirable
B. in an excessively unhappy and unsociable manner
C. in a manner that is not intense, or less active
- 4 She always felt a mixture of **anguish** in her love for him.
A. extreme introversion
B. distress
C. extreme depression
- 5 "I'll jowl your head for **impudence**," said Mrs. Morel, and she tied the strings of the black bonnet valiantly under her chin.
A. an artists performance of another artist's work that expresses the performer's feelings or ideas about the work
B. improperly bold or disrespectful -- especially toward someone who is older or considered to be of higher status
C. soccer player who typically play in the middle third of the field and who assists with both defense and offense
- 6 Gradually his feeling of **ignominy** and of rage sank.
A. circular movement
B. shame or disgrace
C. size or dimension
- 7 There came over him a look of meanness and of **paltriness**.
A. insignificant in amount or quality
B. degree to which things are related
C. able to be understood or explained
- 8 She **mistrusted** him as teacher.
A. fruit cooked with sugar (like jam)
B. didn't trust or have confidence in
C. past-tense of the verb *lead*
- 9 These dreams came again later on, developed to a more **subtle** psychological stage.
A. of an organism in the early stages of development prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting OR of anything in an early stage of development
B. (adjective) of low quality, or of lower quality or rank than something else OR (more rarely as a noun) a person of lower rank or status
C. slightly noticeable or difficult to understand
- 10 "Good-evening," she replied **cordially**.
A. in a pleasing way
B. in a friendly way
C. in a skillful way

- 11 *And the wistfulness of his voice was like a reaching to something, and it was as if she were what he reached with.*
A. full of longing or unfulfilled desire
B. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
C. able to be restored to good condition
- 12 *Paul admired that so large an animal should walk on such springy toes, with an endless excess of vigour.*
A. lacking things most people enjoy
B. strength, energy, or good health
C. opposed to people who are Jewish
- 13 *"I didn't arrange it," she remonstrated.*
A. selected (on a computer screen)
B. argued in protest
C. took up or received into heaven
- 14 *"Because you don't understand it," he retorted.*
A. a quick reply to a question or remark
B. said indirectly
C. greatly annoyed
- 15 *She would shrug her shoulders in scorn of his work.*
A. disrespect or rejection
B. not answer questions; or block progress
C. move from more general to more specific
- 16 *But Clara was aloof also from her fellow-workers.*
A. not clear or easily identifiable
B. indicating approval or agreement
C. socially distant -- often thinking oneself superior to others
- 17 *Miriam was an eternal reproach.*
A. move into position to work; or start
B. criticism
C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 18 *It undermined him quickly; yet he persisted.*
A. disagreed
B. continued
C. stuck out
- 19 *He kissed her hand reverently.*
A. in a manner that is not appropriate or different than would be expected in size, amount, or degree
B. with feelings of deep respect and admiration
C. with nervousness or discomfort felt by someone due to concern about what others will think of them
- 20 *She kissed his face, and roused his blood, while his soul was apart writhing with the agony of death.*
A. beyond the permitted boundary or limit
B. explains something in a particular way
C. to awaken, make more active, or excite

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.
2	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
3	B	sulk	Used 14 times in this book.
4	B	anguish	Used 11 times in this book.
5	B	impudent	Used 5 times in this book.
6	B	ignominious	Used 4 times in this book.
7	A	paltry	Used 6 times in this book.
8	B	mistrust	Used 6 times in this book.
9	C	subtle (<i>as in: a subtle difference or thinker</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
10	B	cordial (<i>as in: a cordial reception</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
11	A	wistful	Used 11 times in this book.
12	B	vigor	Used 12 times in this book.
13	B	remonstrate	Used 6 times in this book.
14	A	retort (<i>as in: quick retort</i>)	Used 12 times in this book.
15	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 22 times in this book.
16	C	aloof	Used 13 times in this book.
17	B	reproach	Used 16 times in this book.
18	B	persist	Used 11 times in this book.
19	B	revere	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
20	C	rouse	Used 31 times in this book.