

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

by Mark Twain

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: addle, brash, cavort, consequence (2), disposition, feud, fidget, fraud, gaudy, impudent, inscribe, meddle, providence, scorn, sinister, sober, sobering, soliloquy, sublime



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
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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. Age has left her with an **addled** mind.
 - A. wise
 - B. confused
 - C. thoughtful
2. His **brash** comments impressed some people but offended others.
 - A. quiet and careful
 - B. sad and lonely
 - C. bold and rude
3. Mom is always nervous when the boys are **cavorting** in the pool.
 - A. resting quietly
 - B. playing wildly
 - C. swimming carefully
4. Her job prospects are hindered as a consequence of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
5. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
6. We'll see if her cheerful disposition continues when she's tired and under stress.
 - A. team
 - B. generosity
 - C. personality
7. It's time to stop this **feud**.
 - A. oppression of others
 - B. continuous complaining
 - C. long-standing fight
8. She **fidged** like a child caught in a lie.
 - A. moved restlessly
 - B. was embarrassed
 - C. cried
9. The company was shut down after investigators uncovered a massive tax **fraud** scheme.
 - A. deception to get something illegally
 - B. foolish
 - C. unsuccessful
10. The actor wore a **gaudy** jacket covered with bright sequins and gold trim.
 - A. tastelessly showy
 - B. plain and modest
 - C. old and worn
11. Her **impudent** reply to the manager shocked everyone in the meeting.
 - A. thoughtfully kind
 - B. disrespectfully bold
 - C. extremely quiet
12. She has her name and office phone number **inscribed** on her iPad.
 - A. contained (within)
 - B. written upon
 - C. on a label

13. Don't **meddle** in my affairs!
- A. interfere
 - B. pretend to understand
 - C. offer sympathy
14. By some stroke of **providence**, the rain stopped just as the wedding began.
- A. careful human planning
 - B. fortunate divine timing
 - C. stubborn bad luck
15. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
16. In the movie, there was a **sinister** plot to kill people and harvest their organs.
- A. complicated
 - B. evil
 - C. clever
17. I'm worried about her. I seldom see her **sober** and without a hangover.
- A. in a serious mood
 - B. not under the influence of alcohol
 - C. not sad or crying
18. These are **sobering** statistics that should leave all of us concerned.
- A. serious
 - B. false
 - C. true
19. By the end of his **soliloquy** Hamlet concludes that he should not murder Duncan.
- A. scene
 - B. speech
 - C. dialogue
20. We found a **sublime** seaside bed and breakfast.
- A. wonderful
 - B. shabby
 - C. old

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 Then for an hour it was deadly dull, and I was **fidgety**.
 - A. restless (finding it hard to sit still)
 - B. feeling passionate grief or sorrow
 - C. sleepy from boredom
- 2 Well, there was a big outlandish parrot on each side of the clock, made out of something like chalk, and painted up **gaudy**.
 - A. tastelessly showy
 - B. too expensive
 - C. too informal
- 3 Everybody was sorry she died... But I reckoned that with her **disposition** she was having a better time in the graveyard.
 - A. exhaustion (being very tired)
 - B. cheerful attitude
 - C. normal mood and personality
- 4 By and by the men stopped **cavorting** around and yelling.
 - A. looking (in a rude manner)
 - B. playing in a lively, unrestrained manner
 - C. following; or persistently annoying
- 5 I was powerful glad to get away from the **feuds**,
 - A. disgusting smells
 - B. critical stares (people looking in a disapproving manner)
 - C. bitter, long-standing fights
- 6 Hamlet's **soliloquy**, you know; the most celebrated thing in Shakespeare.
 - A. scene (in a play)
 - B. a speech made to oneself
 - C. period of silent contemplation or thought
- 7 ...in their **sublime** Shakespearean Spectacle...
 - A. impressively wonderful
 - B. shabby
 - C. ancient
- 8 He's the best naturedest old fool in Arkansaw—never hurt nobody, drunk nor **sober**.
 - A. serious
 - B. not drunk
 - C. excited
- 9 The crowd looked mighty **sober**; nobody stirred, and there warn't no more laughing.
 - A. serious
 - B. carefree
 - C. happy
- 10 Then he says, slow and **scornful**:
 - A. in a disrespectful manner
 - B. able to accept as true (without proof)
 - C. able to be protected or kept unchanged
- 11 The duke told him to make himself free and easy, and if anybody ever come **meddling** around, he must hop out of the wigwam, and carry on a little, and fetch a howl or two like a wild beast, and he reckoned they would light out and leave him alone.
 - A. interfering
 - B. helping
 - C. developing an understanding

- 12 *These uncles of yourn ain't no uncles at all; they're a couple of **frauds**—regular dead-beats.*
A. people who are dishonest about who they are
B. actors
C. lazy people
- 13 *That's just the way: a person does a low-down thing, and then he don't want to take no **consequences** of it.*
A. undesired effects
B. unpleasant memories
C. consideration
- 14 *...and as to the candlestick, it warn't no **consequence**, it would blow over by and by.*
A. large fire
B. importance
C. valuable item
- 15 *I went right along, not fixing up any particular plan, but just trusting to **Providence** to put the right words in my mouth when the time come;*
A. experience
B. luck; or God's intervention
C. education
- 16 *you **impudent** young rascal*
A. alternative medicine using extremely diluted doses of a substance to treat the same symptoms larger doses cause
B. disrespectful
C. working against psychosis (any severe mental disorder in which contact with reality is lost or highly distorted)
- 17 *So we poked along back home, and I warn't feeling so **brash** as I was before, but kind of ornery, and humble, and to blame, somehow—though I hadn't done nothing.*
A. impatient
B. bashful
C. bold
- 18 *But she counted and counted till she got that **addled** she'd start to count in the basket for a spoon sometimes; and so, three times they come out right, and three times they come out wrong.*
A. differed
B. mixed up or confused
C. restored
- 19 *But he had to have it; Tom said he'd GOT to; there warn't no case of a state prisoner not scrabbling his **inscription** to leave behind,*
A. a mathematical result
B. words
C. a figure of speech
- 20 *What's a bar **sinister**?*
A. not able to be disagreed with
B. evil, harmful, or frightening
C. not thoughtful about the past

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	fidget	Used 6 times in this book.
2	A	gaudy	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	C	disposition (<i>as in: a kind disposition</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
4	B	cavort	Used 4 times in this book.
5	C	feud	Used 7 times in this book.
6	B	soliloquy	Used 3 times in this book.
7	A	sublime (<i>as in: she is sublime</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
8	B	sober (<i>as in: Talk to me when your sober.</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	sobering (<i>as in: a sobering thought</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	A	meddle	Used 6 times in this book.
12	A	fraud	Used 21 times in this book.
13	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
15	B	providence (<i>as in: divine providence</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
16	B	impudent	Used 3 times in this book.
17	C	brash (<i>as in: brash behavior</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
18	B	addle	Used 2 times in this book.
19	B	inscribe	Used 9 times in this book.
20	B	sinister	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.