

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

by Arthur Conan Doyle

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: abstracted (2), adapt, adapted, analytical, deduce, despair (2), endeavor, feasible, hypothesis (2), infer, inquest, inquiry, minute, narrative, positive (2), sinister



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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18	C
19	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. She had an **abstracted** look.
 - A. beautiful
 - B. questioning
 - C. distracted
2. A water **abstraction** license is required.
 - A. removal
 - B. knowledge
 - C. of the sea
3. This passage is **adapted** from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
 - A. copied
 - B. read
 - C. changed
4. The human spine is not as well **adapted** to walking upright as we would like.
 - A. well suited
 - B. known widely
 - C. insured
5. We have a numbers-tested, **analytical** approach to advertising.
 - A. logical and systematic
 - B. creative and artistic
 - C. loud and aggressive
6. She trusts only what she can measure or can **deduce** from measurement.
 - A. describe in detail
 - B. conclude by reasoning
 - C. find in a book
7. She rescued me from **despair**.
 - A. fear
 - B. poverty
 - C. hopelessness
8. Don't **despair**--help is on the way!
 - A. lose hope
 - B. be impatient
 - C. cry
9. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
 - A. not be able
 - B. promise
 - C. try
10. The goal is good, but the plan doesn't seem very **feasible**.
 - A. profitable
 - B. practical
 - C. impressive
11. He **hypothesized** the existence of Pluto before its discovery.
 - A. fantasized
 - B. theorized
 - C. disbelieved
12. Her **hypothesis** was that the plants grew faster with classical music playing.
 - A. confirmed scientific fact
 - B. well-known principle
 - C. unproven proposed idea

13. The meaning of the word can be inferred based on context clues.
- A. different
 - B. figured out
 - C. converted
14. A coroner's **inquest** determined that the death was from natural causes.
- A. formal investigation
 - B. vote
 - C. assistant
15. The official **inquiry** has ended, but the press continues to ask questions.
- A. story
 - B. statement
 - C. investigation
16. She thrives at sifting through that kind of **minute** detail.
- A. quickly eliminated
 - B. available from prior research
 - C. including even small considerations
17. It's an interesting **narrative** about her first year in college.
- A. story
 - B. joke
 - C. theatrical play
18. I'm **positive** our team will win on Friday.
- A. happy
 - B. pretty sure
 - C. certain
19. Volunteering had a **positive** impact on the whole neighborhood.
- A. good or beneficial
 - B. harmful or damaging
 - C. minor and unnoticed
20. In the movie, there was a **sinister** plot to kill people and harvest their organs.
- A. complicated
 - B. evil
 - C. clever

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 took a good look at the man and **endeavoured**, after the fashion of my companion, to read the indications which might be presented by his dress or appearance.
 - A. decided in advance
 - B. not disagreed with
 - C. tried or attempted
- 2 I tried to puzzle it out, but gave it up in **despair** and set the matter aside until night should bring an explanation.
 - A. adjusts a lens to make an image clear
 - B. not creating disagreement or struggle
 - C. hopelessness
- 3 It is said that Mr. Turner, of the Hall, is so ill that his life is **despaired of**.
 - A. thought hopeless
 - B. disagreed
 - C. stuck out
- 4 He has one **positive** virtue.
 - A. good
 - B. not representative
 - C. impossible to find
- 5 She became restive, insisted upon her rights, and finally announced her **positive** intention of going to a certain ball.
 - A. outside
 - B. various
 - C. absolute (used for emphasis)
- 6 There are one or two minor points which were brought out in the **inquest**, and which are worth considering.
 - A. formal investigation
 - B. basic rule or belief
 - C. the act of forgiving
- 7 No, sir, I shall approach this case from the point of view that what this young man says is true, and we shall see whither that **hypothesis** will lead us.
 - A. an agent that works against a bacterial infection that is typically contracted through a puncture wound with a dirty object
 - B. main character of Mark Twain's classic novel about Huck and Jim's journey down the Mississippi River to find freedom (1884)
 - C. something that may or may not be true, but is temporarily treated as true to advance a discussion or to further investigation
- 8 "Well, certainly that is also a conceivable **hypothesis**," said Holmes, smiling.
 - A. the quality of appropriateness in size, amount, or degree
 - B. a seemingly reasonable, but unproven, explanation
 - C. feels or expresses regret for having done something wrong
- 9 In this **sinister** way I came into my inheritance.
 - A. not able to be disagreed with
 - B. evil, harmful, or frightening
 - C. not thoughtful about the past
- 10 Now let us consider the situation and see what may be **deduced** from it.
 - A. not roughly calculated
 - B. conclude by reasoning
 - C. influenced or effected

- 11 *I am staying there while I conduct the inquiry.*
A. small quantity or indication
B. reason (for doing something)
C. investigation
- 12 *It certainly sounds feasible.*
A. not easily identified
B. possible or practical
C. able to be translated
- 13 *I have seen too much not to know that the impression of a woman may be more valuable than the conclusion of an analytical reasoner.*
A. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
B. the state or degree of being pessimistic or disagreeable
C. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
- 14 *Then, pray tell me what it is that you can infer from this hat?*
A. take up or receive into heaven
B. conclude by reasoning
C. hire, reserve, book, or occupy
- 15 *John Horner, 26, plumber, was brought up upon the charge of having upon the 22nd inst., abstracted from the jewel-case of the Countess of Morcar the valuable gem known as the blue carbuncle.*
A. removed
B. allowed
C. dangers
- 16 *As to Holmes, I observed that he sat frequently for half an hour on end, with knitted brows and an abstracted air, but he swept the matter away with a wave of his hand when I mentioned it.*
A. in whatever way
B. firm in purpose
C. lost in thought
- 17 *It is a cold night, and I observe that your circulation is more adapted for summer than for winter.*
A. suitable
B. creates, starts, or sets in a place
C. not arousing interest or excitement
- 18 *The last squire dragged out his existence there, living the horrible life of an aristocratic pauper; but his only son, my stepfather, seeing that he must adapt himself to the new conditions, obtained an advance from a relative, which enabled him to take a medical degree and went out to Calcutta, where, by his professional skill and his force of character, he established a large practice.*
A. to spread one-sided information to influence opinions
B. alter the regular state of an otherwise stable system
C. change to fit
- 19 *He threw himself down upon his face with his lens in his hand and crawled swiftly backward and forward, examining minutely the cracks between the boards.*
A. in a manner that does not change
B. in a manner that deserves praise
C. with careful attention to detail
- 20 *Your narrative promises to be a most interesting one.*
A. story
B. snake
C. skill

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	endeavor	Used 16 times in this book.
2	C	despair (<i>as in: she felt despair</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	despair (<i>as in: do not despair</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	A	positive (<i>as in: had a positive effect</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	C	positive (<i>as in: I'm absolutely positive!</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
6	A	inquest	Used 4 times in this book.
7	C	hypothesis (<i>as in: assume as a working hypothesis</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
8	B	hypothesis (<i>as in: a study to test her hypothesis</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	sinister	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
10	B	deduce	Used 18 times in this book.
11	C	inquiry	High-utility academic word; used 19 times in this book.
12	B	feasible	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	A	analytical	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
14	B	infer	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
15	A	abstracted (<i>as in: abstracted his wallet</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	C	abstracted (<i>as in: abstracted, so didn't notice</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
17	A	adapted (<i>as in: the species is well adapted for</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	C	minute (<i>as in: minute description</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
20	A	narrative (<i>as in: Narrative of the Life of...</i>)	Used 14 times in this book.