

The Aeneid

by Virgil

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: abide, auspicious, bereft, bestow, convey, disdain, forsake, haughty, impetuous, mortal (2), nuptial, omen, pious, portent, reign, scarcity, spurn, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	A
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4	C
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7	A
8	B
9	A
10	C
11	A
12	A
13	C
14	C
15	B
16	C
17	C
18	B
19	A
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

- The song is called "Abide With Me."
 - tolerate
 - live
 - grow
- Clear skies and a warm breeze made for an **auspicious** start to the journey.
 - favorable and promising
 - dull and ordinary
 - ominous and dark
- The country is **bereft** of natural borders.
 - with a natural defense
 - proud
 - lacking
- Our organization **bestows** honors, awards, and sometimes cash prizes to promising writers.
 - shows
 - recommends
 - gives
- Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
 - express
 - accept
 - understand
- 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
- In the third year of their brutal civil war, moderates feel **forsaken** by the west.
 - abandoned
 - respected
 - defeated
- She has that **haughty**, rich and entitled attitude.
 - wealthy
 - arrogant
 - optimistic
- She made an **impetuous** purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
 - impulsive
 - cautious
 - wealthy
- In the story, she was neither a mortal nor a god. She was a demi-god.
 - type of bird
 - lucky survivor
 - human
- It was a slow death from the **mortal** injury.
 - causing death
 - seemingly minor
 - unjust

12. After months of planning, the day of their nuptials finally arrived.
- A. wedding
 - B. vacation
 - C. move
13. The appearance of Halley's comet in 1066, was seen by many as an omen that the Norman Conquest would be successful.
- A. a scientific explanation
 - B. the cause (of an important event)
 - C. a sign (of what would happen)
14. Benjamin Franklin's parents were pious Puritans.
- A. non-traditional
 - B. traditional
 - C. highly religious
15. The sudden appearance of dark clouds served as a portent of the impending storm.
- A. darkness
 - B. sign
 - C. beginning
16. During his reign, Augustus shrank the size of the senate from 900 to 600 members.
- A. lifetime
 - B. period of rapid change
 - C. time during which he ruled
17. Work is scarce in the region.
- A. easily found
 - B. extremely hard
 - C. in short supply
18. She spurned both major parties in the last election.
- A. joined
 - B. rejected
 - C. founded
19. The experiment yielded data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down
20. After the scandal, she yielded to public pressure and resigned her position.
- A. added
 - B. gave in
 - C. produced

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 *...you shall be taught obedience to my **reign**.*
 - A. draw
 - B. copy
 - C. rule (like that of a king or queen)
- 2 *Scarce sev'n, the thin remainders of my fleet, From storms preserv'd, within your harbor meet.*
 - A. the state of not being aware or concerned about something
 - B. a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything
 - C. in short supply OR barely or hardly (by a small margin)
- 3 *A greater omen, and of worse **portent**, Did our unwary minds with fear torment, Concurring to produce the dire event.*
 - A. a basic building block for proteins
 - B. a sign of something about to happen
 - C. someone who believe in a single God
- 4 *Fear broke my slumbers; I no longer stay, But mount the terrace, thence the town survey, And hearken what the frightful sounds **convey**.*
 - A. communicate or express
 - B. create dramatic change
 - C. mirror back (an image)
- 5 *'My friends,' said he, 'since Fortune shows the way, 'T is fit we should th' **auspicious** guide obey.*
 - A. favorable; or suggestive of good things to come
 - B. the degree to which something can be translated
 - C. not able to change to fit a different situation
- 6 *For what has she these Grecian arms **bestow'd**, But their destruction, and the Trojans' good?*
 - A. provided investment funds for something -- such as a business
 - B. wanting to do something; or made someone want to do something
 - C. to give -- typically to present as an honor or give as a gift
- 7 *Stung with my loss, and raving with despair, Abandoning my now forgotten care, Of counsel, comfort, and of hope **bereft**, My sire, my son, my country gods I left.*
 - A. in a manner that is not a careful, systematic, logical examination
 - B. not appropriate or not properly related in size, amount, or degree
 - C. not having something, or greatly saddened by the loss of something
- 8 *From this ill-**omen'd** hour in time arose Debate and death, and all succeeding woes.*
 - A. not learned, discovered, or decided
 - B. walked in an awkward, shuffling way
 - C. a sign of something about to happen
- 9 *This only let me speak in my defense: I never hop'd a secret flight from hence, Much less pretended to the lawful claim Of sacred **nuptials**, or a husband's name.*
 - A. wedding ceremony and festivities
 - B. measures of general intelligence
 - C. animals that feed only on plants
- 10 *Thou Sun, who view'st at once the world below; Thou Juno, guardian of the nuptial vow; Thou Hecate hearken from thy dark **abodes**!*
 - A. dark, suspenseful stories that often include mystery or the supernatural
 - B. to live in a place
 - or more rarely: to live with someone or something
 - C. non-doctors who practice the profession of assisting women in childbirth
- 11 *that **haughty** wish is vain!*
 - A. absolute
 - B. arrogant
 - C. pleasing

- 12 *Down drops the beast, nor needs a second wound, But sprawls in pangs of death, and spurns the ground.*
A. struggles or disagreements
B. rejects as not good enough
C. is attractive or desirable
- 13 *Pierc'd the proud Grecian's only mortal part:*
A. someone who provides start-up money to new companies
B. someone who combines components into a complex whole
C. human (not god-like)
- 14 *Roll'd from his chariot with a mortal wound,*
A. causing death
B. not important
C. flavorfulness
- 15 *The ghost replied: "Your piety has paid
All needful rites, to rest my wand'ring shade;"*
A. a substance that stimulates the production of antibodies to protect against a disease
B. a shop that offers loans to individuals who use their personal property as collateral
C. highly religious or moral behavior
- 16 *love, refus'd, converted to disdain*
A. a lack of respect
B. differ; or change
C. influence opinion
- 17 *All seek the mountains, and forsake the town*
A. abandon or give up on
B. not easily identified
C. able to be translated
- 18 *Then, gazing up, repeated peals they hear; And, in a heav'n serene, refulgent arms appear: Redd'ning the
skies, and glitt'ring all around, The temper'd metals clash, and yield a silver sound.*
A. produce or give
B. stop (something from happening)
C. think deeply or carefully about
- 19 *Now Turnus doubts, and yet disdains to yield, But with slow paces measures back the field, And inches to
the walls, where Tiber's tide, Washing the camp, defends the weaker side.*
A. select (on a computer screen)
B. give in, give way, or give up
C. an involuntary vomiting spasm
- 20 *Th' impetuous youth press forward to the field;
They clash the sword, and clatter on the shield:*
A. impulsive (acting suddenly without much thought)
B. most important; or person that is most important
C. tending to have exceedingly unfavorable opinions

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	reign (<i>as in: She reigned over England</i>)	Used 59 times in this book.
2	C	scarcity	High-utility academic word; used 48 times in this book.
3	B	portent	Used 10 times in this book.
4	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 17 times in this book.
5	A	auspicious	Used 14 times in this book.
6	C	bestow	Used 29 times in this book.
7	C	bereft	Used 10 times in this book.
8	C	omen	Used 30 times in this book.
9	A	nuptial	Used 15 times in this book.
10	B	abide (<i>as in: abide in the forest</i>)	Used 42 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
11	B	haughty	High-utility academic word; used 31 times in this book.
12	B	spurn	Used 10 times in this book.
13	C	mortal (<i>as in: mortal body</i>)	Used 58 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	mortal (<i>as in: a mortal wound</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
15	C	pious (<i>as in: a good, pious woman</i>)	Used 62 times in this book.
16	A	disdain	High-utility academic word; used 34 times in this book.
17	A	forsake	Used 41 times in this book.
18	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	A	impetuous (<i>as in: an impetuous decision</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 9 times in this book.