

The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin

by Benjamin Franklin

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: acquaint, approbation, assess (2), consequence (2), diligent, dispute (2), enable, endeavor, frugal, ingenious, inhabitant, precept, procure, proprietary, prudent, purport (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. One of the objectives in my literature class is to **acquaint** my students with different cultures.
 - A. make surprised
 - B. make a list for
 - C. make familiar
2. Her innovative approach to solving problems earned her the **approbation** of her peers.
 - A. approval
 - B. sympathy
 - C. distrust
3. We're challenging the property tax **assessment**, but there's no challenging the property tax rate.
 - A. tax rate that is charged
 - B. timing of when it was done
 - C. value the property is said to have
4. The player was **assessed** a \$10,000 fine.
 - A. paid
 - B. charged
 - C. tried for
5. Her job prospects are hindered as a consequence of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
6. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
7. A **diligent** detective investigates all clues.
 - A. lazy and careless
 - B. rude and dishonest
 - C. careful and hardworking
8. We have a procedure for handling these kinds of **disputes**.
 - A. surprises
 - B. disagreements
 - C. opportunities
9. She **disputes** his claim.
 - A. supports
 - B. accepts
 - C. challenges
10. Modern smartphones **enable** people to work from almost anywhere.
 - A. require
 - B. allow
 - C. remind
11. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
 - A. not be able
 - B. promise
 - C. try
12. She was raised with **frugal** habits and always orders tap water to drink at a restaurant.
 - A. health-promoting
 - B. money-saving
 - C. environmentally-conscious

13. Her **ingenious** plan let the class finish the project with only a few supplies.
- A. clever and original
 - B. quick but careless
 - C. plain and ordinary
14. The **inhabitants** of the village were very friendly.
- A. tourists
 - B. residents
 - C. visitors
15. It became a **precept** of U.S. foreign policy.
- A. sign
 - B. rule
 - C. problem
16. She was able to **procure** tickets to the sold-out concert.
- A. obtain or get
 - B. lose or misplace
 - C. destroy or ruin
17. My employment contract prohibits by sharing **proprietary** information with people outside of the firm.
- A. owned by the company
 - B. customer-related and personal
 - C. financial
18. Courage is **dangerous** without **prudence**.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
19. They **purport** that the poll is unbiased and shows that Americans who are acquainted with the facts support the legislation.
- A. deny
 - B. advertise
 - C. claim
20. The second letter was from another witness and of the same **purport** as the first.
- A. general meaning
 - B. seriousness
 - C. region

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 He was an **ingenious** man.
 - A. showing cleverness and originality
 - B. a tendency to think back on things
 - C. aware or concerned about something
- 2 The six concluding lines I remember, though I have forgotten the two first of the stanza; but the **purport** of them was, that his censures proceeded from good-will, and, therefore, he would be known to be the author.
 - A. meaning
 - B. a place where conditions are kept as they were to protect wildlife
 - C. someone who believes that all knowledge is derived from experience
- 3 Most of these are lost; but I find one **purporting** to be the substance of an intended creed, containing, as I thought, the essentials of every known religion, and being free of every thing that might shock the professors of any religion.
 - A. fighting
 - B. changing
 - C. claiming
- 4 An acquaintance with the apprentices of booksellers **enabled** me sometimes to borrow a small one, which I was careful to return soon and clean.
 - A. got closer to
 - B. made possible
 - C. not satisfied
- 5 There was another bookish lad in the town, John Collins by name, with whom I was intimately **acquainted**.
 - A. not having taken power or responsibility
 - B. compensated for a loss; or paid a reward
 - C. familiar
- 6 I saw the justice of his remark, ... and determined to **endeavor** at improvement.
 - A. a slight amount; or to contain a slight amount
 - B. to write or exchange written letters or emails
 - C. try or attempt
- 7 This was all I could obtain, except some small gifts as tokens of his and my mother's love, when I embark'd again for New York, now with their **approbation** and their blessing.
 - A. approval
 - B. not real
 - C. allowing
- 8 We hardly exchange'd a civil word afterwards, and a West India captain, who had a commission to **procure** a tutor for the sons of a gentleman at Barbadoes, happening to meet with him, agreed to carry him thither.
 - A. get by special effort
 - B. force into submission
 - C. express strong regret
- 9 He was otherwise an ingenious, sensible man, a pretty good writer, and a good governor for the people, tho' not for his constituents, the **proprietaries**, whose instructions he sometimes disregarded.
 - A. relating to ownership, or something that is owned and controlled by a specific person or company
 - B. Christianity: the original 12 disciples (followers) chosen by Jesus Christ to preach his gospel
 - C. people who believe that God created the universe, but that he doesn't interfere with how it runs
- 10 This, however, was not then of much **consequence**, as he was totally unable; and in the loss of his friendship I found myself relieved from a burthen.
 - A. translates
 - B. importance
 - C. sticks out

- 11 *Our sensations being very much fixed to the moment, we are apt to forget that more moments are to follow the first, and **consequently** that man should arrange his conduct so as to suit the whole of a life.*
- resultantly (as a result)
 - despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 12 *I attended the business **diligently**, studied accounts, and grew, in a little time, expert at selling.*
- relating to the outside
 - about (but not exactly)
 - with hard work and care
- 13 *Our debates were to be under the direction of a president, and to be conducted in the sincere spirit of inquiry after truth, without fondness for **dispute**, or desire of victory;*
- a basic building block for proteins
 - argument
 - someone who believe in a single God
- 14 *While we were **disputing** this, a waiter came to tell me two gentlemen below desir'd to speak with me.*
- emphasizing (drawing attention to something)
 - a non-doctor assisting a women in childbirth
 - debating or arguing about
- 15 *In order to secure my credit and character as a tradesman, I took care not only to be in reality industrious and **frugal**, but to avoid all appearances to the contrary.*
- sensible and careful
 - careful not to waste
 - not demonstrative of
- 16 *we want, above all things, rules of **prudence** in ordinary affairs;*
- good sense and caution
 - not easily set on fire
 - surrounding conditions
- 17 *These names of virtues, with their **precepts**, were: 1.*
- unties or releases
 - rules for behavior
 - sharp hooked claws
- 18 *The Indians had burned Gnadenhut, a village settled by the Moravians, and massacred the **inhabitants***
- things accepted as true (without proof)
 - people (who live in a particular place)
 - things designed to stops something else
- 19 *That the assessors were honest and discreet men under an oath to **assess** fairly and equitably, and that any advantage each of them might expect in lessening his own tax by augmenting that of the proprietaries was too trifling to induce them to perjure themselves.*
- ability to accept as true (without proof)
 - characterized by having multiple purposes
 - determine the monetary value of something (for the purpose of taxation)
- 20 *After a full enquiry, they unanimously sign'd a report that they found the tax had been **assess'd** with perfect equity.*
- not learned, discovered, or decided
 - set
 - walked in an awkward, shuffling way

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	ingenious	Used 18 times in this book.
2	A	purport (<i>as in: The purport of the letter was...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
3	C	purport (<i>as in: Her ex-husband purports that...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
4	B	enable	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
5	C	acquaint	Used 29 times in this book.
6	C	endeavor	Used 30 times in this book.
7	A	approbation	Used 8 times in this book.
8	A	procure	Used 21 times in this book.
9	A	proprietary	Used 33 times in this book.
10	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	diligent (<i>as in: she is diligent</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
13	B	dispute (<i>as in: their border dispute</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	C	dispute (<i>as in: She disputes his claim.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	frugal	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
16	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
17	B	precept	Used 4 times in this book.
18	B	inhabitant	Used 23 times in this book.
19	C	assess (<i>as in: assess the monetary value</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	B	assess (<i>as in: assess a fee or penalty</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.