

The Cherry Orchard

by Anton Chekhov

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: attain, candid, conclusive, cultivate, deceive, deception, emancipated, expel, infinite, inquiry, mortgage, paraphernalia, peasant, petty, reproach, senile, serf, strenuous, tact, vulgar



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. They hope to **attain** effective law and order in the region before withdrawing troops.
 - A. openly oppose
 - B. carefully describe
 - C. successfully gain
2. My **candid** opinion is that their team is much better than ours, but an upset isn't impossible.
 - A. honest
 - B. expert
 - C. tactful
3. The test results were **conclusive**, proving the medicine was effective.
 - A. early (and uncertain)
 - B. possible (but unproven)
 - C. definite (leaving no doubt)
4. Creativity can be **cultivated**.
 - A. useful
 - B. developed or grown
 - C. risky or dangerous
5. The fake article was written to attract attention and **deceive** readers.
 - A. entertain
 - B. attract
 - C. lie to or mislead
6. The con artist used clever **deception** to trick wealthy investors.
 - A. kindness
 - B. trickery
 - C. praise
7. The new law **emancipated** thousands of laborers from forced servitude.
 - A. punished harshly
 - B. trained as servants
 - C. freed from bondage
8. If her behavior does not improve, she could face **expulsion** from school.
 - A. having to repeat a grade
 - B. serious punishment
 - C. being forcing to leave
9. The night sky seemed **infinite** as we gazed at countless stars.
 - A. blurry
 - B. silent
 - C. endless
10. The official **inquiry** has ended, but the press continues to ask questions.
 - A. story
 - B. statement
 - C. investigation
11. The site has a **mortgage** payment calculator that calculates the loan payment based on the interest rate and length of the loan.
 - A. unsecured loan
 - B. real estate loan
 - C. credit card loan

12. The artist's studio was filled with brushes, paints, canvases, and other creative **paraphernalia**.
- A. items that are hard to obtain
 - B. items that accompany a given activity
 - C. items that need to be kept indoors
13. In 1932 a **peasant** revolt in Su County, China stopped collection of the poppy tax.
- A. city dweller
 - B. young person
 - C. poor farmer
14. She has a record of **petty** theft.
- A. small (less important)
 - B. extreme (intense)
 - C. important or severe
15. Don't **reproach** yourself for things beyond your control.
- A. congratulate
 - B. criticize
 - C. accept honor for
16. About 10% of Americans between the ages of 65 and 75 suffer from **senility**.
- A. loneliness most days of the week
 - B. a poor sense of smell
 - C. mental weakness caused by old age
17. The **serf** worked the lord's fields from dawn until dusk for little reward.
- A. wandering hermit
 - B. bound peasant
 - C. trained knight
18. Landscaping is **strenuous** work in the Texas summer.
- A. dangerous
 - B. difficult
 - C. hot
19. She means well, but she lacks **tact**.
- A. a plan
 - B. sensitivity
 - C. ability
20. His **vulgar** jokes embarrassed everyone at the formal dinner party.
- A. stale
 - B. crude
 - 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 My father was the **serf** of your grandfather and your own father, but you—you more than anybody else—did so much for me once upon a time that I've forgotten everything and love you as if you belonged to my family ...and even more.
A. a person who uses seemingly believable, but invalid arguments that display ingenuity in reasoning
B. Middle Ages Europe: a person who is bound to the land and owned with the land by the feudal lord
C. a person who tries to flatter or please someone in authority in order to gain personal advantage
- 2 he'll begin to **cultivate** his patch of land, and then your cherry orchard will be happy, rich, splendid.
A. cancel or annul a formal ruling or contract
B. make land suitable for growing plants
C. return to an undesirable previous condition
- 3 VARYA. He's been mumbling away for three years. We're used to that.
YASHA. **Senile** decay.
A. relating to a government, country, or ruling family of a country ruled by a king or queen
B. in the dark (figuratively) due to a lack of knowledge, advantages, or moral understanding
C. mental weakness caused by old age; or describing a medical condition as caused by old age
- 4 Two hundred and forty roubles ... to pay the interest on the **mortgage**.
A. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
B. a real estate loan; or pledging something for a loan
C. enter another's property without right or permission
- 5 [**Reproachfully**] Leonid Andreyevitch, don't you fear God
A. in a strongly biased manner
B. in a manner that criticizes
C. in a manner that challenges
- 6 They were already getting ready to marry me before your father was born....[Laughs] And when the **Emancipation** came I was already first valet.
A. "spiritually renew" in a Christian ceremony OR initiate or purify by a challenging experience
B. a sexually transmitted disease that, if treated early, can be completely cured with antibiotics
C. the act of being released from slavery or servitude; or (metaphorically) from social restraints
- 7 Everything that is **unattainable** now will some day be near at hand and comprehensible, but we must work, we must help with all our strength those who seek to know what fate will bring.
A. the state or degree of agreeing or approving
B. exceedingly important, serious, or dangerous
C. not able to be gained or reached with effort
- 8 they treat the **peasants** like animals
A. organisms in the early stages of growth prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting; in humans organisms during the first eight weeks of development (prior to the fetal stage)
B. members of an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
C. used historically or possibly in relation to a very poor country: people of low income, education, and social standing
- 9 Sometimes, when I can't sleep, I think: "Oh Lord, you've given us huge forests, **infinite** fields, and endless horizons, and we, living here, ought really to be giants."
A. power or responsibility that can be taken on or adopted
B. the characteristic of bouncing back light/heat/sound...
C. unlimited; without boundaries; or too numerous to count
- 10 To escape all the petty and **deceptive** things which prevent our being happy and free, that is the aim and meaning of our lives.
A. very large
B. misleading
C. changeable

- 11 *that can only be done by suffering, by strenuous, uninterrupted labour.*
A. able to be stopped from happening
B. difficult
C. improper, awkward, or unfavorable
- 12 *He's already been expelled twice from the university.*
A. translated
B. subtracted
C. forced out of an organization
- 13 *As if I'd ever given her grounds to believe I'd stoop to such vulgarity!*
A. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
B. bad taste (crude, offensive, or unsophisticated behavior)
C. a general feeling of not being as good as others
- 14 *Be calm, dear, you shouldn't deceive yourself, for once in your life at any rate you must look the truth straight in the face.*
A. tell (a story)
B. bad or harmful
C. lie or mislead
- 15 *forgive my speaking candidly, but that man has robbed you!*
A. with honesty and directness
B. in a strongly biased manner
C. in a manner that challenges
- 16 *He's a petty thief, a nobody.*
A. of less importance
B. not representative
C. able to get nearer
- 17 *By the door that leads out of the house and at the back of the stage, portmanteaux and travelling paraphernalia are piled up.*
A. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
B. items that accompany a given activity
C. not creating disagreement or struggle
- 18 *Yes, really, you ought to have enough tact not to do that.*
A. having good judgment or good taste and/or perceiving things not easily perceived by most people
B. the ability or act of saying or handling things in such a way that others feel good about them
C. measles -- a highly contagious viral disease marked by distinct red spots followed by a rash
- 19 *please make inquiries if Fiers has been sent to the hospital.*
A. social events or ceremonies
B. reasons for doing something
C. investigate by asking questions
- 20 *The aged Fiers, in my conclusive opinion, isn't worth mending; his forefathers had better have him.*
A. in a manner that takes on or adopts
B. full of strong desire for something
C. putting an end to doubt or question

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	serf	Used 2 times in this play.
2	B	cultivate	High-utility academic word
3	C	senile	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
4	B	mortgage	Used 4 times in this play.
5	B	reproach	Used 2 times in this play.
6	C	emancipated	Used 3 times in this play.
7	C	attain	High-utility academic word
8	C	peasant	Used 11 times in this play.
9	C	infinite	Used about 11 times per 10 books in our high school library.
10	B	deception	High-utility academic word
11	B	strenuous	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
12	C	expel	Used about 8 times per 10 books in our high school library.
13	B	vulgar	Used 3 times in this play.
14	C	deceive	Used 2 times in this play.
15	A	candid (<i>as in: your candid opinion</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
16	A	petty (<i>as in: a petty crime</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
17	B	paraphernalia	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
18	B	tact	High-utility academic word
19	C	inquiry	High-utility academic word
20	C	conclusive	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library