

The Color Purple

by Alice Walker

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: abundant, accompany, blasphemy, conflict, conjure, cultivate, cumbersome, doting, harass, heathen, illustrate, inclined, indifferent, initiate, repent, seminary, serpent, sufficient, validate, yield



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
3	A
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5	A
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7	C
8	C
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10	C
11	C
12	C
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18	A
19	B
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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. The region has **abundant** natural resources, from oil to fresh water.
 - A. extremely scarce
 - B. highly disputed
 - C. widely available
2. Will you **accompany** her to the party?
 - A. follow
 - B. precede
 - C. go with
3. Even in the 21st century, high school teachers in the country are still occasionally imprisoned and/or lashed for **blasphemy**.
 - A. disrespect of something considered sacred
 - B. a dispute where there is strong disagreement
 - C. a serious logical error
4. The Israeli-Palestinian **conflict** flared up again in Jerusalem.
 - A. agreement
 - B. border
 - C. struggle
5. The song **conjures** memories of good times.
 - A. brings to mind
 - B. is about
 - C. drives away
6. Creativity can be **cultivated**.
 - A. useful
 - B. developed or grown
 - C. risky or dangerous
7. She **struggled** to lift the cumbersome box up the stairs.
 - A. easily broken
 - B. well-wrapped
 - C. difficult to handle
8. She **dotes** upon her children.
 - A. criticizes
 - B. worries
 - C. adores
9. She was **harassed** by the police.
 - A. imprisoned rapidly
 - B. interviewed formally
 - C. bothered repeatedly
10. The Spanish colony prohibited **heathen** worship.
 - A. religious
 - B. organized
 - C. non-Christian
11. The example **illustrates** the belief.
 - A. disproves
 - B. proves
 - C. makes clear

12. I was inclined to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
- A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending
13. She was indifferent to his anger.
- A. without interest
 - B. with fear
 - C. with anger
14. My mother couldn't attend my Honor Society initiation ceremony.
- A. graduation
 - B. joining
 - C. convention
15. She said the U.S. should **repent** for the sins of fossil fuels.
- A. reimburse
 - B. apologize
 - C. suffer
16. She plans to attend Fuller Theological **Seminary**.
- A. a school for training musicians, painters, and other artists
 - B. a school for training ministers, priests, or rabbis
 - C. a school for training teachers and school administrators
17. What does the **serpent** represent in the Garden of Eden?
- A. fig leaf
 - B. snake
 - C. apple
18. Is there **sufficient** cause for a search warrant?
- A. adequate (enough)
 - B. clear or obvious
 - C. dangerous
19. The test results **validated** her theory about the chemical reaction.
- A. completely contradicted
 - B. confirmed the truth of
 - C. barely addressed
20. The experiment **yielded** data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down

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 was too big a fool to **repent**.
 - A. stop
 - B. feel regret
 - C. take an opportunity
- 2 The pictures that **illustrate** the words.
 - A. work or operate
 - B. think carefully
 - C. help make clear
- 3 And this spot has been good to them, they plant cassava fields that **yield** huge crops.
 - A. produce
 - B. give way
 - C. slow down
- 4 They used to wear very little, but the ladies of England introduced the Mother Hubbard, a long, **cumbersome**, ill-fitting dress, completely shapeless, that inevitably gets dragged in the fire, causing burns aplenty.
 - A. a sensible view of a situation
 - B. made by taking on as one's own
 - C. difficult to handle or awkward
- 5 She talk and she talk, trying to budge me way from **blasphemy**.
 - A. disrespect of something considered sacred
 - B. passionate disagreement that can lead to violence
 - C. overconfidence
- 6 **Conjure up** flowers, wind, water, a big rock.
 - A. summon into action or bring into existence
 - B. read, listen, or watch with eager interest
 - C. provide better understanding or make clear
- 7 She **dote** on Henrietta.
 - A. make (someone) less angry
 - B. annoy
 - C. show love
- 8 Of course it was impossible to ignore the presence of an aging white woman **accompanied** by a small black child.
 - A. made possible
 - B. got closer to
 - C. traveling with
- 9 And so she **cultivated** a pious interest in heathens.
 - A. eliminated
 - B. developed
 - C. made dangerous
- 10 And so she cultivated a pious interest in **heathens**.
 - A. numbers by which other number are divided (if 8 divided by 4 = 2, then 8 can be described as the dividend, 4 as the divisor, and 2 as the quotient)
 - B. number by which other numbers are divided (if 8 divided by 4 = 2, then 8 can be described as the dividend, 4 as the divisor, and 2 as the quotient)
 - C. people who do not believe in Christianity
- 11 And when Corrine was old enough, she sent her to Spelman Seminary where Aunt Theodosia had gone.
 - A. a school of music
 - B. a school for training ministers
 - C. a school for training educators

- 12 As Aunt Theodosia got closer to the part about her surprise and joy over receiving this medal--which **validated** her service as an exemplary missionary in the King's colony--DuBoyce's foot began to pat the floor rapidly and uncontrollably.
- A. stuck out, attracted more attention than desired, or imposed on others
 - B. gave evidence for the value of
 - C. suffered through (or to put up with something difficult or unpleasant)
- 13 I hope when you receive this news of your sister's forward behavior you will not be shocked or **inclined** to judge me harshly.
- A. afraid
 - B. forced
 - C. have a tendency
- 14 She's going to have the female **initiation** ceremony too, she said.
- A. a concluding event
 - B. a procedure or ceremony where someone is admitted into a group
 - C. a process with special importance
- 15 The real reason, of course, is he can no longer bear his **conflicting** feelings about Tashi, who is beginning, I think, to appreciate the magnitude of her mistake.
- A. making unable to move or make a decision
 - B. stirring up (emotionally or physically)
 - C. opposing (struggling against each other)
- 16 All we know is that they are said to live deep in the forest, that they welcome runaways, and that they **harass** the white, man's plantations and plan his destruction?
- A. repeatedly plan against
 - B. repeatedly laugh at
 - C. repeatedly attack to weaken
- 17 Left without a **sufficient** supply of yams, the people?
- A. adequate (enough -- often without being more than is needed)
 - B. in a manner of taking on or adopting power or responsibility
 - C. producing a stream of atomic particles through nuclear decay
- 18 The worst we have had to endure here is **indifference** and a certain understandable shallowness in our personal relationships excluding...
- A. lack of interest
 - B. risky investment
 - C. chaotic disorder
- 19 Then they will become the new **serpent**.
- A. skill
 - B. snake
 - C. story
- 20 Samuel married them, of course, and all the people left in the compound came to wish them happiness and an **abundance** of roofleaf forever.
- A. sharpness or intenseness
 - B. conflict or disagreement
 - C. large amount or quantity

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	repent	Used 2 times in this book.
2	C	illustrate (<i>as in: as illustrated by this example</i>)	High-utility academic word
3	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word
4	C	cumbersome	High-utility academic word
5	A	blasphemy	Used 2 times in this book.
6	A	conjure	Used 2 times in this book.
7	C	doting	Used 4 times in this book.
8	C	accompany (<i>as in: accompany on the journey</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
9	B	cultivate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
10	C	heathen	Used 3 times in this book.
11	B	seminary	Used 4 times in this book.
12	B	validate	High-utility academic word
13	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word
14	B	initiate (<i>as in: initiate into the fraternity</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
15	C	conflict	High-utility academic word
16	C	harass	Used 3 times in this book.
17	A	sufficient	High-utility academic word
18	A	indifferent	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
19	B	serpent	Used 3 times in this book.
20	C	abundant	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.