

The Count of Monte Cristo

by Alexandre Dumas

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: adieu, apprehension (2), chateau, convey (2), countenance, endeavor, establish, interpose, magistrate, perceive (2), prudent, recompense, render (2), repugnant, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	A
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10	C
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18	C
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20	B

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. We waved **adieu** to our friends at the train station.
A. goodbye
B. hello
C. greetings
2. She looked forward to meeting his parents, but not without **apprehension**.
A. preparation
B. excitement
C. nervousness
3. So far, she has evaded **apprehension**, but it's just a matter of time.
A. capture
B. sleeping
C. eating
4. The wealthy family owned a **chateau** in the wine region.
A. a city studio
B. a French manor
C. a small shack
5. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
A. express
B. accept
C. understand
6. We hired a carriage to **convey** us to the city.
A. give service of
B. explain
C. transport
7. Her **countenance** grew stern.
A. facial expression
B. a method of counting
C. voice
8. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
A. not be able
B. promise
C. try
9. Which word choice would help to establish a serious tone.
A. avoid
B. create
C. increase
10. They have **interposed** themselves on the side of our enemy.
A. been seen
B. hidden
C. inserted
11. The **magistrate** set bail at \$10,000.
A. attorney
B. queen or king
C. judge
12. Researchers **perceive** a clear pattern in how the disease spreads through families.
A. carefully measure
B. view or understand
C. actively prevent

13. It's one thing to **perceive** something with the senses and another to understand its importance.
- A. become aware of
 - B. physically touch
 - C. clearly see
14. Courage is dangerous without **prudence**.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
15. The criminal was ordered to pay **recompense** to his victims as part of his sentence.
- A. compensation for loss
 - B. a penalty fine
 - C. an apology
16. I received an invoice for \$100 for services **rendered**.
- A. to be performed
 - B. described in writing
 - C. provided or supplied
17. The disorder will eventually **render** her paralyzed.
- A. make
 - B. unmake
 - C. compare
18. His **repugnant** behavior at the party made everyone want to go home early.
- A. warmly welcomed
 - B. highly amusing
 - C. deeply offensive
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 As usual, a pilot put off immediately, and rounding the **Chateau d'If**, got on board the vessel between Cape Morgion and Rion island.
A. people who do not believe in the existence of god
B. an impressive country house (or castle) in France
C. discomfort caused by difficulty in digesting food
- 2 As no attempt was made to prevent it, the door was opened, and a **magistrate**, wearing his official scarf, presented himself, followed by four soldiers and a corporal.
A. someone who shows
B. people who attack
C. judicial official
- 3 "Adieu, adieu, dearest Edmond!" cried Mercedes, stretching out her arms to him from the balcony.
A. goodbye
B. hello
C. greetings
- 4 I should have feared to injure both Edmond and yourself, had I divulged my own **apprehensions** to a soul.
A. reasons for doing something
B. social events or ceremonies
C. worries
- 5 In the interim it pleased providence to cause the **apprehension** of Caderousse, who was discovered in some distant country, and brought back to France, where he made a full confession, refusing to make the fact of his wife's having suggested and arranged the murder any excuse for his own guilt.
A. capture
B. something that stands out
C. something made from parts
- 6 "Dear mother," **interposed** Renee, "you know very well it was agreed that all these disagreeable reminiscences should forever be laid aside."
A. (verb) drew pictures to accompany OR (adjective) accompanied by pictures
B. not justified or explained as an understandable reaction to another action
C. to insert between other elements; or to interrupt or stop action by others
- 7 But the first was **repugnant** to him.
A. related to
B. very large
C. disgusting
- 8 Dantes **endeavored** to renew the subject; the abbe shook his head in token of disapproval, and refused to make any further response.
A. decided in advance
B. not disagreed with
C. tried or attempted
- 9 Prison had made Edmond **prudent**, and he was desirous of running no risk whatever.
A. sensible and careful
B. not demonstrative of
C. sincerity (realness)
- 10 "And it is thus heaven **recompenses** virtue, sir," added Caderousse.
A. compensates for a loss; or pays a reward
B. learns, discovers, or decides in advance
C. keeps away (chooses not to do something)
- 11 Vampa took Cucumetto's body in his arms and **conveyed** it to the grotto, while in her turn Teresa remained outside.
A. briefly saw
B. hired again
C. transported

- 12 *Pray put no construction on my words I do not mean they should convey, and give them no undue weight.*
A. communicate or express
B. create dramatic change
C. mirror back (an image)
- 13 *However, the morning of the appointment, the young man had established himself in the small salon down-stairs.*
A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
B. settled
C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 14 *I was made baron, and ... in return for services rendered,*
A. restart (a fire)
B. started (a fire)
C. given
- 15 *Your position as secretary to the minister renders your authority great on the subject of political news;*
A. makes
B. changes through evolution
C. gradually adds or removes
- 16 *He even thought he could perceive something on the ground at a distance;*
A. become aware of
B. think carefully
C. strongly desire
- 17 *You perceive, then, that he is not happy?*
A. not feeling or showing sympathy for another's suffering
B. view in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
C. suntanned; or reddish-brown or yellowish-brown in color
- 18 *"I fire first?"*
"Oh, I obtained, or rather claimed that; we had conceded enough for them to yield us that."
A. give
B. stop (something from happening)
C. think deeply or carefully about
- 19 *You are doubtless provided with pistols, gentlemen? M. de Monte Cristo yields his right of using his.*
A. causes something to move forward
B. surrenders (gives up)
C. is overly unhappy and unsociable
- 20 *Morrel turned away to conceal the confusion of his countenance.*
A. facial expression
B. the best or most important
C. a secret agreement or plot

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	chateau	Used 194 times in this book.
2	C	magistrate	Used 75 times in this book.
3	A	adieu	Used 56 times in this book.
4	C	apprehension (<i>as in: apprehension about finals</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	A	apprehension (<i>as in: apprehension of the criminal</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	interpose	Used 20 times in this book.
7	C	repugnant	Used 14 times in this book.
8	C	endeavor	Used 88 times in this book.
9	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 45 times in this book.
10	A	recompense	Used 18 times in this book.
11	C	convey (<i>as in: convey her safely to</i>)	Used 28 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
12	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	B	establish (<i>as in: establish a positive tone</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	C	render (<i>as in: rendered service or a verdict</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
15	A	render (<i>as in: rendered her unconscious</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
16	A	perceive (<i>as in: though blind, can perceive light</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	B	perceive (<i>as in: perceive the system as unfair</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings 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	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	Used 110 times in this book.