

# The Fellowship of the Ring

by J. R. R. Tolkien

## Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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#### PRE-READING ACTIVITY

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#### OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

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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:** accord (2), assail, cleave (2), despair (2), dwell, dwelling, endure (2), glimmer, heed, hinder, kindred, omit, peril, pinnacle, wither (2)



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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| #  | KEY |
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| 1  | C   |
| 2  | A   |
| 3  | B   |
| 4  | A   |
| 5  | B   |
| 6  | C   |
| 7  | A   |
| 8  | C   |
| 9  | A   |
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| 14 | C   |
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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. After the fight, he turned himself in of his own accord.  
A. own fear  
B. own safety  
C. own mind
2. His lawyers demand he be accorded the status of a captured soldier rather than a spy.  
A. given  
B. denied  
C. told about
3. She took every opportunity to assail the policy.  
A. study  
B. attack  
C. understand
4. It has the ability to cleave carbon-carbon bonds.  
A. split  
B. identify  
C. find
5. She was taught that she must cleave to God.  
A. pray sincerely  
B. hold firmly  
C. give service
6. She rescued me from **despair**.  
A. fear  
B. poverty  
C. hopelessness
7. Don't **despair**--help is on the way!  
A. lose hope  
B. be impatient  
C. cry
8. Their family has dwelled in that valley for ten generations.  
A. visited  
B. looked  
C. lived
9. We searched the entire valley and did not find her **dwelling**.  
A. home  
B. deep well  
C. horse
10. As a soldier, she was prepared to endure hardship and even to sacrifice her life for others.  
A. risk  
B. suffer through  
C. cause
11. Over the years, the stories my grandmother told me have **endured** as a source of wisdom in my life.  
A. stopped acting  
B. brought suffering  
C. continued to exist
12. In the pitch-black cave, the faint **glimmer** from our torch was the only source of light.  
A. reddish-yellow  
B. undependable  
C. dim, wavering light

13. She didn't heed the storm warnings and got caught in the heavy rain.
- A. pass through
  - B. tell others of
  - C. pay attention to
14. The brace I have to wear is hindering my movements
- A. helping or assisting
  - B. drawing attention to
  - C. making difficult
15. They became quick friends, finding in each other a kindred spirit.
- A. lively
  - B. thoughtful
  - C. similar
16. She omitted a few details to place herself in a more favorable light.
- A. made up
  - B. exaggerated
  - C. left out
17. The journalist's investigation put her in great peril.
- A. fame
  - B. danger
  - C. weariness
18. At the pinnacle of her success, she was earning over a million dollars a year.
- A. beginning
  - B. highest point
  - C. end
19. Without water, the plants in the garden began to wither and die.
- A. become dormant
  - B. dry out
  - C. grow stronger
20. As the disease progressed, her once strong muscles began to wither and she struggled to even lift a glass of water.
- A. hurt
  - B. weaken
  - C. lose feeling

**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 Most of their earlier settlements had long disappeared and been forgotten in Bilbo's time; but one of the first to become important still **endured**, though reduced in size;  
A. took on or adopted  
B. previously created  
C. continued to exist
  - 2 They had marched as far as the hobbits could **endure** without a rest,  
A. call -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod  
B. suffer through (or continue with something difficult)  
C. communication through gestures and body movements (without words)
  - 3 The Took family was still, indeed, **accorded** a special respect, for it remained both numerous and exceedingly wealthy, and was liable to produce in every generation strong characters of peculiar habits and even adventurous temperament.  
A. giving special treatment  
B. found, sought, or researched  
C. not judged in a negative way
  - 4 the gate seemed to open of its own **accord**  
A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport  
B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito  
C. own mind -- voluntarily (without anyone asking)
  - 5 The Thain's Book was thus the first copy made of the Red Book and contained much that was later **omitted** or lost.  
A. learned, discovered, or decided  
B. took up or received into heaven  
C. to exclude or neglect something
  - 6 But this **hindered** them; for the grass was thick and tussocky, and the ground uneven, and the trees began to draw together into thickets.  
A. not interacting; or not interested  
B. not provided with investment funds  
C. slowed down or caused problems for
  - 7 We are Exiles, and most of our **kindred** have long ago departed and we too are now only tarrying here a while, ere we return over the Great Sea.  
A. a powerful stimulant drug that increases activity in the brain and nervous system -- often addictive  
B. aka natural right -- a right that is naturally due because of human nature and the natural condition  
C. similar in quality or character
- or:
- closely related -- such as family or things with shared origin
- 8 I do not know the reason for your flight, and therefore I do not know by what means your pursuers will **assail** you.  
A. hire again or occupy again  
B. to attack or cause trouble  
C. learn, discover, or decide
  - 9 It seemed to Frodo that he was lifted up, and passing over he saw that the rock-wall was a circle of hills, and that within it was a plain, and in the midst of the plain stood a **pinnacle** of stone, like a vast tower but not made by hands.  
A. to corrupt or seduce from virtue, duty, or allegiance OR excessive drinking, casual sex, and/or drug abuse while partying  
B. high tower  
C. remove or suppress anything considered obscene, immoral, or politically unacceptable OR a person who does such suppression

- 10 *All that is gold does not glitter,  
Not all those who wander are lost;  
The old that is strong does not **wither**,  
Deep roots are not reached by the frost.*  
A. started (a fire)  
B. weaken  
C. restart (a fire)
- 11 *He opened his pouch and drew out some **withered** leaves.*  
A. not accepted as true  
B. shriveled (wilted, dried up)  
C. began fighting again
- 12 *Slowly they crawled up to the edge of the ring again, and peered through a **cleft** between two jagged stones.*  
A. opening  
B. not recognizable as different  
C. not mirroring back (an image)
- 13 *He felt his tongue **cleave** to his mouth, and his heart labouring.*  
A. bounce back  
B. hold firmly  
C. begin again
- 14 *'Don't **despair**!' said Strider.*  
A. give up hope  
B. notable difference  
C. come to terms with
- 15 *...for **despair** is only for those who see the end beyond all doubt.*  
A. adjusts a lens to make an image clear  
B. not creating disagreement or struggle  
C. hopelessness
- 16 *...and I came at long last to the **dwelling** of Saruman.*  
A. home (or place in which someone lives)  
B. island (that is made of a coral reef)  
C. dense, rainy forest with many species
- 17 *...**dwelling** still in the lands that we gave them long ago...*  
A. heating beyond the temperature where state normally changes  
B. adjusting something to provide for a need; or being helpful  
C. living (or making their home in)
- 18 *In his left hand he held up his **glimmering** staff, the light of which just showed the ground before his feet;*  
A. making strips of hair lighter in color  
B. requiring (obligating) to do something  
C. shining (with a dim or wavering light)
- 19 *Here let us hope that the virtue of the Elves will keep us tonight from the **peril** that comes behind.*  
A. useful  
B. danger  
C. allows
- 20 *"heed the words!" said the other Elves.*  
A. a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth  
B. adjusted excessively or made up for excessively  
C. pay close attention

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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| #  | KEY | WORD                                                     | NOTE                                                   |
|----|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | C   | endure ( <i>as in: endure through the ages</i> )         | 2 meanings in this book.                               |
| 2  | B   | endure ( <i>as in: endured the pain</i> )                | Used 15 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.   |
| 3  | A   | accord ( <i>as in: accord her the respect deserved</i> ) | 3 meanings in this book.                               |
| 4  | C   | accord ( <i>as in: done of her own accord</i> )          | 3 meanings in this book.                               |
| 5  | C   | omit                                                     | High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book. |
| 6  | C   | hinder ( <i>as in: hindered by</i> )                     | Used 12 times in this book.                            |
| 7  | C   | kindred                                                  | Used 14 times in this book.                            |
| 8  | B   | assail                                                   | Used 7 times in this book.                             |
| 9  | B   | pinnacle                                                 | Used 5 times in this book.                             |
| 10 | B   | wither ( <i>as in: her confidence withered</i> )         | 2 meanings in this book.                               |
| 11 | B   | wither ( <i>as in: wither on the vine</i> )              | Used 12 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.   |
| 12 | A   | cleave ( <i>as in: cleave through</i> )                  | Used 14 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.   |
| 13 | B   | cleave ( <i>as in: cleave to</i> )                       | 3 meanings in this book.                               |
| 14 | A   | despair ( <i>as in: do not despair</i> )                 | High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.   |
| 15 | C   | despair ( <i>as in: she felt despair</i> )               | High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.   |
| 16 | A   | dwelling ( <i>as in: a modest dwelling</i> )             | High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.   |
| 17 | C   | dwell ( <i>as in: It dwells in the forest.</i> )         | High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.   |
| 18 | C   | glimmer ( <i>as in: glimmering lights</i> )              | Used 24 times in this book.                            |
| 19 | B   | peril                                                    | Used 64 times in this book.                            |
| 20 | C   | heed                                                     | Used 20 times in this book.                            |