

The Four Freedoms

by Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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, acquiesce, acquire, appease, appropriate, assail, attain, democracy, immune, incidental, innumerable, nevertheless, pacify, peril, perpetual, primarily, resolute, the Netherlands, tyranny, unprecedented



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	B
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11	A
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17	B
18	B
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.

- The region has **abundant** natural resources, from oil to fresh water.
 - extremely scarce
 - highly disputed
 - widely available
- You can make them **acquiesce**, but don't expect them to be happy about it.
 - pay
 - accept
 - argue
- They are working to **acquire** nuclear weapons.
 - obtain (get)
 - eliminate (get rid of)
 - disguise or hide
- If I fail English because I didn't do my homework, there will be no **appeasing** my mother.
 - calming
 - talking with
 - hiding from
- Congress **appropriated** additional funds for airport improvement.
 - raised through taxes
 - set aside
 - discussed spending
- She took every opportunity to **assail** the policy.
 - study
 - attack
 - understand
- They hope to **attain** effective law and order in the region before withdrawing troops.
 - openly oppose
 - carefully describe
 - successfully gain
- Canada has a **parliamentary democracy**.
 - government by the people
 - government by one ruler
 - government by the wealthy
- She is **immune** to chickenpox because she has been vaccinated.
 - at risk
 - resistant
 - open
- Travel costs were the main expense; meals were just **incidental**.
 - minor and secondary
 - central and primary
 - carefully planned
- Innumerable** stars seemed to fill the clear night sky.
 - too many to count
 - easy to count
 - barely noticeable
- People in the **Netherlands** are called Dutch, and their language is called Dutch.
 - Holland
 - Sweden
 - Finland

13. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
14. My apology did not **pacify** her.
- A. calm
 - B. make sense to
 - C. interest
15. The journalist's investigation put her in great **peril**.
- A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness
16. He has a **perpetual** fear of forgetting important deadlines.
- A. joyful
 - B. constant
 - C. secret
17. The second paragraph is **primarily** concerned with showing how the colleges are different.
- A. barely
 - B. mainly
 - C. secretly
18. Despite the criticism, she remained **resolute** in her decision to speak out.
- A. hopeful
 - B. determined and unwavering
 - C. out of touch with reality
19. Pure democracy (without protection of minority rights) can become **tyranny** of the majority.
- A. a situation in which a difficult choice must be made between imperfect alternatives
 - B. a form of government where some people control others in a harsh, unfair manner
 - C. a form of government that is fair because decisions are made by majority vote
20. The targeting of civilians is **unprecedented** in the conflict.
- A. a recurring problem
 - B. not having happened before
 - C. highly regrettable

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 use the word "**unprecedented**" because at no previous time has American security been as seriously threatened from without as it is today.
 - A. relating to understanding or explaining something in a particular way
 - B. not having happened before; or nothing similar having happened before
 - C. [of food] able to be prepared in a manner that keeps it from spoiling
- 2 While the Napoleonic struggles did threaten interests of the United States because of the French foothold in the West Indies and in Louisiana, and while we engaged in the War of 1812 to vindicate our right to peaceful trade, it is **nevertheless** clear that neither France nor Great Britain nor any other nation was aiming at domination of the whole world.
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 3 But as time went on, as we remember, the American people began to visualize what the downfall of democratic nations might mean to our own **democracy**.
 - A. a system of government in which citizens have power with equal votes
 - B. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
 - C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 4 We should remember that the peace of 1919 was far less unjust than the kind of **pacification** which began even before Munich, and which is being carried on under the new order of tyranny that seeks to spread over every continent today.
 - A. calm someone who is angry; or establish peace
 - B. male, female, or any of many trans categories
 - C. an official charge (of having broken the law)
- 5 The American people have unalterably set their faces against that **tyranny**.
 - A. long eventful journey
 - B. harsh and unjust rule
 - C. a nerve or brain cell
- 6 I suppose that every realist knows that the democratic way of life is at this moment being directly **assailed** in every part of the world – assailed either by arms or by secret spreading of poisonous propaganda by those who seek to destroy unity and promote discord in nations that are still at peace.
 - A. gradually added or removed
 - B. to attack or cause trouble
 - C. limited or with boundaries
- 7 In times like these it is immature – and, **incidentally**, untrue – for anybody to brag that an unprepared America, single-handed and with one hand tied behind its back, can hold off the whole world.
 - A. of something that comes with something else, but is less important than it
 - B. a trance-like state of focused concentration and heightened suggestibility
 - C. in a way that suppresses (prevents something or decreases its development)
- 8 There is much loose talk of our **immunity** from immediate and direct invasion from across the seas.
 - A. tile designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
 - B. the state of not being in danger of suffering from something
 - C. an important Christian ceremony such as baptism or communion
- 9 Even if there were no British Navy, it is not probable that any enemy would be stupid enough to attack us by landing troops in the United States from across thousands of miles of ocean, until it had **acquired** strategic bases from which to operate.
 - A. obtained (came into possession of)
 - B. not provided with investment funds
 - C. not interacting; or not interested

- 10 *The need of the moment is that our actions and our policy should be devoted **primarily** – almost exclusively – to meeting this foreign peril.*
- really
 - mainly
 - wisely
- 11 *The need of the moment is that our actions and our policy should be devoted **primarily** – almost exclusively – to meeting this foreign **peril**.*
- useful
 - danger
 - allows
- 12 *Secondly, by an impressive expression of the public will and without regard to partisanship, we are committed to full support of all those **resolute** people everywhere who are resisting aggression and are thereby keeping war away from our hemisphere.*
- able to be understood or explained
 - firm in purpose, belief, or action
 - aware or concerned about something
- 13 *Third, by an impressive expression of the public will and without regard to partisanship, we are committed to the proposition that principles of morality and considerations for our own security will never permit us to **acquiesce** in a peace dictated by aggressors and sponsored by appeasers.*
- notable difference
 - reluctantly comply
 - gradually increase
- 14 *Third, by an impressive expression of the public will and without regard to partisanship, we are committed to the proposition that principles of morality and considerations for our own security will never permit us to **acquiesce** in a peace dictated by aggressors and sponsored by **appeasers**.*
- people who tend to satisfy or pacify (make less angry or upset) others
 - someone who tries to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort
 - a specialist in the branch of engineering that deals with small things
- 15 *And today it is **abundantly** evident that American citizens everywhere are demanding and supporting speedy and complete action in recognition of obvious danger.*
- not done on purpose
 - with polite respect
 - with great quantity
- 16 *We are working day and night to solve the **innumerable** problems and to catch up.*
- too numerous to be counted
 - able to meet and talk with
 - the quality of disagreeing
- 17 *I shall ask this Congress for greatly increased new **appropriations** and authorizations to carry on what we have begun.*
- studies
 - funding
 - laws
- 18 *They did not wait for Norway or Belgium or **the Netherlands** to commit an act of war.*
- a European country (sometimes called Holland) and that literally means “*lower countries*”
 - “spiritually renew” in a Christian ceremony OR initiate or purify by a challenging experience
 - a sexually transmitted disease that, if treated early, can be completely cured with antibiotics
- 19 *It is a definite basis for a kind of world **attainable** in our own time and generation.*
- without a tendency to be full of thought
 - lacking a tendency to be full of thought
 - able to be gained or reached with effort
- 20 *Since the beginning of our American history we have been engaged in change, in a **perpetual**, peaceful revolution, a revolution which goes on steadily, quietly, adjusting itself to changing conditions without the concentration camp or the quicklime in the ditch.*
- having the characteristics of a *monk* (often inclined toward self-denial)
 - continuing forever without change; or occurring so frequently it seems constant
 - about things beyond the physical world, such as existence, reality, or the soul

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	unprecedented	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this speech.
2	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word
3	A	democracy	Used 6 times in this speech.
4	A	pacify	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
5	B	tyranny	Used 3 times in this speech.
6	B	assail	Used 2 times in this speech.
7	A	incidental (<i>as in: an incidental expense</i>)	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
8	B	immune	Used about 8 times per 10 books in our high school library.
9	A	acquire	High-utility academic word
10	B	primarily	High-utility academic word
11	B	peril	Used about 9 times per 10 books in our high school library.
12	B	resolute	Used about 5 times per 10 books in our high school library.
13	B	acquiesce	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
14	A	appease	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
15	C	abundant	High-utility academic word
16	A	innumerable	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
17	B	appropriate (<i>as in: Congress will appropriate funds</i>)	High-utility academic word
18	A	the Netherlands	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
19	C	attain	High-utility academic word
20	B	perpetual	High-utility academic word