

# The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

by Stieg Larsson

## 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:** accord (2), approach (2), chronological, competent, contrast (2), establish (2), fluctuate, information technology, interpret (2), parody, resignation (2), scoundrel, scrutiny, swindle



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
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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. She dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
  - A. opposition
  - B. keeping
  - C. ignorance
2. After the fight, he turned himself in of his **own accord**.
  - A. own fear
  - B. own safety
  - C. own mind
3. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
  - A. gets nearer
  - B. is remembered
  - C. continues
4. We need to **approach** this problem in a new way.
  - A. avoid
  - B. think about
  - C. assign
5. The art works are displayed to show technique in a way that ordinary regional or chronological display wouldn't permit.
  - A. by region
  - B. by artist
  - C. by date
6. She is **competent** on both violin and piano.
  - A. below average
  - B. sufficiently capable
  - C. outstanding
7. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
  - A. notable similarity
  - B. covering of all styles
  - C. notable difference
8. Some technical definitions of **contrast** consider intensity of color. Other definitions consider only black and white.
  - A. the difference between shapes of an image
  - B. the difference between tones of an image
  - C. the difference between copies of an image
9. Which word choice would help to **establish** a serious tone.
  - A. avoid
  - B. create
  - C. increase
10. The sixth paragraph (lines 67–68) is primarily concerned with **establishing** the contrast between men and masculine traits.
  - A. minimizing
  - B. exaggerating
  - C. showing
11. The stock market **fluctuates**.
  - A. frustrates people
  - B. alternately increases and decreases
  - C. rises in the long run

12. The school hired an information technology specialist to protect its computer network.
- A. computer systems
  - B. office furniture
  - C. sports equipment
13. She will stand to his left and interpret his speech into sign language.
- A. refute (prove false)
  - B. elaborate upon
  - C. translate
14. How will a court interpret the word *careless* if there is a lawsuit?
- A. understand
  - B. insist on
  - C. ignore
15. It's the funniest parody on YouTube.
- A. skit using understatement
  - B. exaggeration of somebody's style
  - C. jokes by a comedian
16. She said that if I don't resign, I will be fired.
- A. do better
  - B. quit
  - C. renew an agreement
17. She was resigned to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
  - B. resistant
  - C. with acceptance
18. He is the most intolerable scoundrel on the face of the earth.
- A. person without moral principles
  - B. apparently reasonable, but unproven
  - C. without pattern or planning
19. The new policy faced scrutiny from independent reviewers.
- A. strong support
  - B. quick approval
  - C. careful examination
20. Scammers often swindle people through fake phone calls.
- A. warn or protect
  - B. pay back fully
  - C. cheat or defraud

# 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 found a watchman on the property who could speak a little German.... The watchman **interpreted**.
  - A. subtracted
  - B. questioned
  - C. translated
- 2 But it seems that not one of the investigating detectives **interpreted** any of the murders in terms of the Bible.
  - A. understood (in a particular way)
  - B. not having accepted beliefs without critical question
  - C. made more attractive or interesting through additions
- 3 I was childless—in striking **contrast** to my brothers and other family members, who seemed obsessed with the need to propagate the house of Vanger.
  - A. come to terms with
  - B. block or interfere
  - C. difference
- 4 Blomkvist edited a series of pictures in which he cropped the top half of Harriet and processed them to achieve the best **contrast**.
  - A. hold together (connect or unite) or wrap
  - B. difference between tones of an image
  - C. without sympathy for another's suffering
- 5 A chapter near the end of the book compared the level of **competence** of Swedish and foreign financial reporters.
  - A. allowed
  - B. ability
  - C. dangers
- 6 She had to wait for almost half an hour before an old woman with a cane **approached** from the direction of Djurgarden.
  - A. came near
  - B. made possible
  - C. not satisfied
- 7 He was not going to find anything that his professional predecessor and his experienced team had missed, and he was undecided what **approach** he should adopt to the problem.
  - A. change the direction of something or the purpose for which it is used
  - B. technique (way of doing something)
  - C. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
- 8 I can prove that he's a **swindler**.
  - A. someone or something that makes someone want to do something
  - B. people or things that, without invitation, insert themselves
  - C. someone who tricks others out of money
- 9 Because of their relationship, he came under close **scrutiny**.
  - A. the best or most important
  - B. a secret agreement or plot
  - C. inspection
- 10 Do I sound like a **scoundrel**?
  - A. someone without moral principles
  - B. the condition of being different
  - C. important, serious, or dangerous

- 11 *The only news of interest was a brief item explaining that a local politician by the name of Birger Vanger (Liberal) was going to invest in "IT TechCent"—a technology development centre in Hedestad.*
- A. Information Technology (computer and telecommunications)
  - B. an eating disorder in which overeating is followed by guilt and unhealthy attempts at correction -- especially self-induced vomiting
  - C. the process of putting someone into a state of hypnosis (a trance-like state of focused concentration and heightened suggestibility)
- 12 *The material was all arranged in **chronological order**.*
- A. able to meet and talk with
  - B. the quality of disagreeing
  - C. arranged according to time
- 13 *Blomkvist agreed with Vanger that the chances of a sixteen-year-old girl going off of her own accord and then staying hidden for...*
- A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
  - B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
  - C. own mind (without anyone telling her to do it)
- 14 *Her classmates thought she was crazy and treated her **accordingly**.*
- A. in spite of that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
  - B. in keeping with what was just stated
  - C. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas.)
- 15 *Vanger gestured in **resignation**.*
- A. the act of finding fault and telling others; or a description of faults
  - B. the process of thinking carefully and making a judgment about something
  - C. accepted something undesired as unavoidable or the lesser of evils
- 16 *You **resigned** as publisher, you left the editorial staff and the board, and you went to live in the woods.*
- A. drew
  - B. quit
  - C. paid
- 17 *All four had **established** lives for themselves with a boyfriend or girlfriend; they all had jobs, places to live, and Co-op debit cards.*
- A. persuaded someone to want something (often sex or love) by tempting with something desired
  - B. created
  - C. not having a relationship whereby a change in one thing helps predict a change in another
- 18 *So Irene Nesser returned to the Matterhorn Hotel, where she spent an hour hanging around to **establish** her presence.*
- A. take (power or responsibility)
  - B. accept as true (without proof)
  - C. prove
- 19 *They tend to **fluctuate**.*
- A. indicating criticism or disagreement, or "no"
  - B. alternately increase and decrease in quantity
  - C. to be most powerful, important, or noticeable
- 20 *And, as you pointed out, a **parody** of Biblical quotations.*
- A. to gradually destroy or change the purpose of something -- such as a government, institution, or rule
  - B. a humorous, exaggerated imitation of somebody's style

or:

a very poor imitation of somebody's style

C. a beam, bracket, or other structure supported only on one side; or to support something in that manner

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	interpret ( <i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
2	A	interpret ( <i>as in: her interpretation of the data</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	C	contrast ( <i>as in: there is a contrast</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	B	contrast ( <i>as in: sharpen the picture contrast</i> )	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
5	B	competent	High-utility academic word; used 21 times in this book.
6	A	approach ( <i>as in: approached the city</i> )	Used 8 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	B	approach ( <i>as in: use the best approach</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	C	swindle	Used 8 times in this book.
9	C	scrutiny	High-utility academic word; used 15 times in this book.
10	A	scoundrel	Used 4 times in this book.
11	A	information technology ( <i>as in: IT or Information Technology</i> )	Used 5 times in this book.
12	C	chronological	Used 4 times in this book.
13	C	accord ( <i>as in: done of her own accord</i> )	3 meanings in this book.
14	B	accord ( <i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i> )	Used 23 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
15	C	resignation ( <i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i> )	Used 9 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	resignation ( <i>as in: submitted her resignation</i> )	2 meanings in this book.
17	B	establish ( <i>as in: establish a positive tone</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	C	establish ( <i>as in: establish that there is a need</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	B	fluctuate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
20	B	parody	Used 5 times in this book.