

The Good Soldier

by Ford Madox Ford

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: benevolent, contrite, convey, deteriorate, digress, loathe, manor, minute (2), obstinate, omnipotent, ostentatious, perpetual, recollect, remonstrate, remorse, reticent, sinister, tact, tranquil



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	A
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11	B
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15	B
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17	B
18	B
19	B
20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She thinks of herself as a **benevolent** dictator.
 - A. ruthless
 - B. kind
 - C. calm
2. Even after the jury found her guilty, she showed no sign of **contrition**.
 - A. regret
 - B. understanding
 - C. emotion
3. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
 - A. express
 - B. accept
 - C. understand
4. Shortly after the invasion, the security for most Iraqi people **deteriorated**.
 - A. became a top priority
 - B. became worse
 - C. improved
5. She likes it when they stick to the numbers and don't **digress** into storytelling.
 - A. wander
 - B. elaborate
 - C. compete
6. I **loathe** that man. He ruined my life.
 - A. fear
 - B. avoid
 - C. hate
7. She inherited the **manor**, but seldom visits it.
 - A. castle
 - B. large house
 - C. palace
8. Even a **minute** amount of lead can be harmful to children.
 - A. large
 - B. 60 seconds
 - C. tiny
9. She thrives at sifting through that kind of **minute** detail.
 - A. quickly eliminated
 - B. available from prior research
 - C. including even small considerations
10. He is **obstinate** as a mule and refuses to change his mind.
 - A. cheerful
 - B. stubborn
 - C. graceful
11. His book was called **Omnipotent Government**.
 - A. knowing everything
 - B. all powerful
 - C. present everywhere
12. She arrived in an **ostentatious** stretch limo.
 - A. expensive
 - B. long
 - C. showy

13. He has a **perpetual** fear of forgetting important deadlines.
A. joyful
B. constant
C. secret
14. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
A. pronounce properly
B. spell properly
C. remember
15. The lawyers will **remonstrate** that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
A. promise
B. protest
C. explain
16. I expressed my **remorse** at having let them down.
A. frustration
B. worry
C. regret
17. Even among friends, Lena was **reticent** about her plans.
A. eager to argue
B. not willing to talk
C. ready to celebrate
18. In the movie, there was a **sinister** plot to kill people and harvest their organs.
A. complicated
B. evil
C. clever
19. She means well, but she lacks **tact**.
A. a plan
B. sensitivity
C. ability
20. After the storm passed, the village returned to its **tranquil** evening routine.
A. loudly chaotic
B. brightly colored
C. peacefully calm

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 Is all this **digression** or isn't it digression?
 - A. a wandering from a direct or straight course -- especially verbally
 - B. related to or causing dramatic change; of a supporter of the change
 - C. a series of regularly spaced columns -- typically covered by a roof
- 2 And she just sat absolutely deaf to the **remonstrances** of the head waiter with his face like a grey ram's.
 - A. acts of stopping a battle or fight
 - B. arguments in protest or opposition
 - C. a central open spaces in buildings
- 3 IV So began those nine years of uninterrupted **tranquillity**.
 - A. small quantity or indication
 - B. reason (for doing something)
 - C. peace and quiet; or calmness
- 4 She opened the door of Ashburnham's room quite **ostentatiously**, so that Florence should hear her address Edward in terms of intimacy and liking.
 - A. in a manner that is supposed (rather than known to be so)
 - B. not in a manner that is able to be promised or guaranteed
 - C. in a manner intended to attract notice and impress others
- 5 Like one of those **sinister** jokes that Providence plays upon one.
 - A. not able to be disagreed with
 - B. evil, harmful, or frightening
 - C. not thoughtful about the past
- 6 You might have thought that Leonora would be just calmly **loathing** and he lachrymosely **contrite**.
 - A. changing through evolution
 - B. stopping a battle or fight
 - C. disgust or intense dislike
- 7 You might have thought that Leonora would be just calmly **loathing** and he lachrymosely **contrite**.
 - A. feeling sorrow or regret for a fault or offense
 - B. the state or degree of being good or beneficial
 - C. not able to change to fit a different situation
- 8 They could not possibly keep up Branshaw **Manor** at that rate after the money had gone to the Grand Duke's mistress.
 - A. lymph node -- one of many bean-sized organs that filter bacteria and other toxins from circulating white-blood-cell filled lymph fluid
 - B. a large house of a wealthy person

or historically:

the main house of a lord and the land around it that was worked by tenant farmers

 - C. when what happens is very different than what might be expected; or when things are together that seem like they don't belong together
- 9 At any rate, he would have had fewer chances of ruining and of **remorse**.
 - A. two successive lines of poetry; usually rhymed
 - B. the main building (or buildings) of government
 - C. deep regret for doing something that was wrong
- 10 So it had looked very well--the **benevolent**, wealthy couple of good people, acting as saviours to the poor, dark-eyed, dying young thing.
 - A. not thoughtful about the past
 - B. kind, generous, or charitable
 - C. not able to be disagreed with

- 11 Do you understand that, whilst she was Edward's mistress, she was **perpetually** trying to reunite him to his wife?
- A. done in a manner that is of low quality or of lower quality than something else
 - B. continuing forever without change; or occurring so frequently it seems constant
 - C. in a manner that relates to electricity generated by light or affected by light
- 12 And, from that moment, I determined with all the **obstinacy** of a possibly weak nature, if not to make her mine, at least to marry her.
- A. an unborn child (or other unborn or unhatched vertebrate)
 - B. the trait of being stubborn in not doing what others want
 - C. highest caste of Hindu society; or a member of that caste
- 13 She treated me so very well—with such **tact**—that, if I ever thought of it afterwards I put it down to her deep affection for me.
- A. having good judgment or good taste and/or perceiving things not easily perceived by most people
 - B. the ability or act of saying or handling things in such a way that others feel good about them
 - C. measles -- a highly contagious viral disease marked by distinct red spots followed by a rash
- 14 In such circumstances of clamour, of outcry, of the crash of many people running together, of the professional **reticence** of such people as hotel-keepers, the traditional reticence of such "good people" as the Ashburnhams—in such circumstances it is some little material object, always, that catches the eye and that appeals to the imagination.
- A. the act of stopping a battle or fight
 - B. reluctance -- usually to speak freely
 - C. a short part of a longer written work
- 15 I mention these last three because my **recollection** of that night is only the sort of pinkish effulgence from the electric-lamps in the hotel lounge.
- A. battle
 - B. result
 - C. memory
- 16 And they themselves steadily **deteriorated**.
- A. concentrated
 - B. became worse
 - C. not fighting
- 17 One remembers points that one has forgotten and one explains them all the more **minutely** since one recognizes that one has forgotten to mention them in their proper places and that one may have given, by omitting them, a false impression.
- A. in a manner that does not change
 - B. in a manner that deserves praise
 - C. with careful attention to detail
- 18 So when she got back to Branshaw she started, after less than a month, to worry him about the **minutest** items of his expenditure.
- A. smartest
 - B. show off
 - C. smallest
- 19 The last words **conveyed** nothing to Nancy—nothing real, that is to say.
- A. communicated or expressed
 - B. was abundant or plentiful
 - C. thought -- possibly aloud
- 20 I suppose that they are reasonable words; it must be extraordinarily reasonable for her, if she can say that she believes in an **Omnipotent** Deity.
- A. not pleasing
 - B. all powerful
 - C. sticking out

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	digress	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
2	B	remonstrate	Used 5 times in this book.
3	C	tranquil	Used 10 times in this book.
4	C	ostentatious	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
5	B	sinister	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
6	C	loathe	Used 4 times in this book.
7	A	contrite	Used 3 times in this book.
8	B	manor	Used 9 times in this book.
9	C	remorse	Used 11 times in this book.
10	B	benevolent	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	B	perpetual	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
12	B	obstinate	Used 5 times in this book.
13	B	tact	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
14	B	reticent	Used 3 times in this book.
15	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
16	B	deteriorate	Used 6 times in this book.
17	C	minute (<i>as in: minute description</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
18	C	minute (<i>as in: minute size</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
19	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
20	B	omnipotent	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.