

The Horse and His Boy

by C. S. Lewis

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: assault, centaur, countenance (2), discretion, dispose (2), foal, inclined, inexorable, mane, moreover, nevertheless, peasant, pinnacle, prudent, rein, sheer (2), solemn



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. It is an **assault** on free speech.
 - A. attack
 - B. exercise
 - C. example
2. In Greek mythology, Chiron is probably the most famous of the centaurs. He is known for his wisdom and knowledge of medicine.
 - A. demigod fighters in wars between gods
 - B. winged horses that can fly
 - C. mythical beings that are half man and half horse
3. Her **countenance** grew stern.
 - A. facial expression
 - B. a method of counting
 - C. voice
4. They **countenance** terrorism.
 - A. provide funds for
 - B. show favor for
 - C. discourage
5. I count on her **discretion** to recommend sound investments.
 - A. communication skills
 - B. good judgment
 - C. information sources
6. What is the best way to responsibly **dispose** of old electronic equipment.
 - A. throw away
 - B. use efficiently
 - C. upgrade
7. In that country, you are unlikely to find an official who is **disposed** to help you unless you offer a bribe.
 - A. ordered
 - B. able
 - C. inclined
8. The mare gave birth to a healthy **foal** in the spring meadow.
 - A. young horse
 - B. metal gate
 - C. wooden saddle
9. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
 - A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending
10. The march of time is **inexorable**, no matter how much we wish to hold on to the past.
 - A. unpredictable
 - B. unstoppable
 - C. forgettable
11. She brushed the horse's tangled **mane** until it flowed smoothly down its neck.
 - A. long curved tail
 - B. thick neck hair
 - C. sharp pointed hoof

12. Many graduates have high college debt. Moreover, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
- A. in contrast to that
 - B. in addition to that
 - C. as a result of that
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. In 1932 a peasant revolt in Su County, China stopped collection of the poppy tax.
- A. city dweller
 - B. young person
 - C. poor farmer
15. At the pinnacle of her success, she was earning over a million dollars a year.
- A. beginning
 - B. highest point
 - C. end
16. Courage is dangerous without prudence.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
17. She is committed to reining in excessive government infringement of personal freedom.
- A. exposing
 - B. restraining
 - C. discovering
18. It was a demonstration of sheer stupidity.
- A. mixed
 - B. misguided
 - C. complete
19. The boat sheered toward the whale and silenced the engines drifting forward until it was about 100 yards away.
- A. made a gentle arc
 - B. turned sharply
 - C. raced
20. Everyone was solemn at the funeral.
- A. serious and dignified
 - B. teary eyed
 - C. dressed in dark colors

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 was only a **foal** at the time.*
 - A. a young horse
 - B. mark important text; or the text that is marked
 - C. give an opinion of what is wrong with something
- 2 *If I'm not to hold on by the **reins** or by your mane, what am I to hold on by?*
 - A. (verb) intentionally angers, challenges, or upsets someone OR (noun) insults or other actions intended to anger, challenge, or upset someone
 - B. straps used to control a horse
 - C. injures the ligaments of a joint by stretching them too far (ligaments are the tough, fibrous bands that connect bones across joints)
- 3 *After that there was nothing but **sheer** galloping for some time.*
 - A. more religious; or having more enthusiastic support (for something)
 - B. more trustworthy with secrets and/or less conspicuous or obtrusive
 - C. complete -- without restriction
- 4 *Oddly enough the other horse seemed also to be **sheering** away to the left, so that in a few seconds the space between them had widened a good deal.*
 - A. the state or character of not finding a condition or substance to be present
 - B. changing direction
 - C. a common name for tetanus, a serious infection that makes the jaw clamp shut
- 5 *Moreover he is at least sixty years old and has a hump on his back and his face resembles that of an ape. **Nevertheless** my father, because of the wealth and power of this Ahoshta, and being persuaded by his wife, sent messengers offering me in marriage,*
 - A. in addition to what has just been said
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
- 6 *In the name of Tash the irresistible, the **inexorable**.*
 - A. clear, straightforward, or to the point
 - B. impossible to stop, persuade, or change
 - C. the quality of relating to intelligence
- 7 *And when I learned who she was, being delighted with her beauty and **discretion**, I became inflamed with love and it appeared to me that the sun would be dark to me if I did not marry her at once.*
 - A. kind or giving nature
 - B. good judgment or good taste
 - C. humility
- 8 *Several other travellers were before them on the bridge, mostly **peasants** driving laden donkeys and mules or carrying baskets on their heads.*
 - A. organisms in the early stages of growth prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting; in humans organisms during the first eight weeks of development (prior to the fetal stage)
 - B. members of an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
 - C. persons of low income, education, and social standing (used historically to primarily describe those who raised crops or livestock)
- 9 *what was now lying at his feet, and staring him out of **countenance** with its big, green, unwinking eyes, was the cat; though certainly one of the largest cats he had ever seen.*
 - A. composure
 - B. the best or most important
 - C. a secret agreement or plot
- 10 *But expect no help nor **countenance** from me.*
 - A. return to an undesirable previous condition
 - B. tolerance, approval, or support
 - C. cancel or annul a formal ruling or contract

- 11 "Know, O enlightened Prince," said the Grand Vizier, "that until the year in which your exalted father began his salutary and unending reign, the land of Narnia was covered with ice and snow and was **moreover** ruled by a most powerful enchantress."
- A. even though
 - B. in addition to what has just been said
 - C. for that reason
- 12 To the right there were rocky **pinnacles**, one or two of them with snow clinging to the ledges.
- A. atones (demonstrates sorrow for a wrong either by doing something good in return for the wrong, or by accepting punishment)
 - B. mountain peaks (the highest points of the mountains)
 - C. removes or suppress anything considered obscene, immoral, or politically unacceptable OR people who does such suppression
- 13 He could see the **mane** and ears and head of his horse quite easily now.
- A. select (on a computer screen)
 - B. long coarse hair that grows on the back of the neck of a horse (or around the head of a lion)
 - C. exchange, convert, or pay off
- 14 I must have your **solemn** and princely word...
- A. very serious
 - B. indicating approval or agreement
 - C. able to be taken on as one's own
- 15 They have learned something from the failure of last night's **assault**.
- A. attack
 - B. follow
 - C. unwrap
- 16 ...they felt no **inclination** to talk to one another about...
- A. wrong understanding
 - B. act of hiring again
 - C. tendency (an attitude that favored)
- 17 Well, as soon as he saw Corin and me, it seems this **Centaur** looked at me and said, A day will come when that boy will save Archenland from the deadliest danger in which ever she lay.
- A. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 - B. a general feeling of not being as good as others
 - C. a mythical being that is half man and half horse
- 18 ...by the law of nations as well as by all reasons of **prudent** policy, we have as good right to your head as ever one mortal man had against another.
- A. careful and sensible
 - B. not demonstrative of
 - C. sincerity (realness)
- 19 Nevertheless, in consideration of your youth and the ill nurture, devoid of all gentleness and courtesy, which you have doubtless had in the land of slaves and tyrants, we are **disposed** to set you free, unharmed, on these conditions: first, that...
- A. expelled or gotten rid of
 - B. was abundant or plentiful
 - C. inclined (have a desire to)
- 20 Meanwhile at Anvard everyone was very glad that he had been **disposed** of before the real fun began, which was a grand feast held that evening on the lawn before the castle, with dozens of lanterns to help the moonlight.
- A. settled (gotten rid of so he didn't require further attention)
 - B. hired again
 - C. briefly saw

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	foal	Used 5 times in this book.
2	B	rein (<i>as in: to rein in their activities</i>)	Used 7 times in this book.
3	C	sheer (<i>as in: sheer fun</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
4	B	sheer (<i>as in: sheer to the left</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
5	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
6	B	inexorable	Used 4 times in this book.
7	B	discretion (<i>as in: Parental discretion advised.</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
8	C	peasant	Used 5 times in this book.
9	A	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	B	countenance (<i>as in: giving countenance</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
12	B	pinnacle	Used 4 times in this book.
13	B	mane	Used 14 times in this book.
14	A	solemn	Used 7 times in this book.
15	A	assault	Used 5 times in this book.
16	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
17	C	centaur	Used 6 times in this book.
18	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
19	C	dispose (<i>as in: Is she disposed to help?</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
20	A	dispose (<i>as in: dispose of the waste</i>)	2 meanings in this book.