

The House of the Seven Gables

by Nathaniel Hawthorne

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), adapt, adapted, arbor, countenance, impel, melancholy, minute (2), moreover, pathos, precede, recollect, render (2), trifle, trifle with, wrought (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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2	C
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16	A
17	C
18	A
19	A
20	A

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. This passage is **adapted** from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
 - A. copied
 - B. read
 - C. changed
4. The human spine is not as **well adapted** to walking upright as we would like.
 - A. well suited
 - B. known widely
 - C. insured
5. We are building an **arbor** in the back yard.
 - A. framework for plants
 - B. stone fire pit
 - C. raised flower bed
6. Her **countenance** grew stern.
 - A. facial expression
 - B. a method of counting
 - C. voice
7. Concern for her children's safety **impelled** her to take action and confront the intruder.
 - A. prevented
 - B. slowed
 - C. drove
8. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring,
 - A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing
9. Even a **minute** amount of lead can be harmful to children.
 - A. large
 - B. 60 seconds
 - C. tiny
10. She thrives at sifting through that kind of **minute** detail.
 - A. quickly eliminated
 - B. available from prior research
 - C. including even small considerations
11. 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
12. The poem captured the **pathos** of wartime loss.
 - A. cheerful spirit
 - B. moving sadness
 - C. angry tone

13. In English, most adjectives precede the noun they modify.
- A. follow
 - B. describe
 - C. go before
14. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember
15. I received an invoice for \$100 for services **rendered**.
- A. to be performed
 - B. described in writing
 - C. provided or supplied
16. The disorder will eventually **render** her paralyzed.
- A. make
 - B. unmake
 - C. compare
17. Don't waste my time with **trifling** matters.
- A. other's
 - B. future
 - C. unimportant
18. The European Parliament refuses to be **trifled with**.
- A. treated without respect
 - B. argued with
 - C. negotiated with
19. She wore a hand-wrought silver bracelet.
- A. worked
 - B. size
 - C. encircling
20. The revolt **wrought** havoc through the region.
- A. caused
 - B. ended
 - C. complicated

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 Not *improbably* he was the best workman of his time; or, perhaps, the Colonel thought it expedient, or was **impelled** by some better feeling, thus openly to cast aside all animosity against the race of his fallen antagonist.
A. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
B. made appropriate in size, amount, or degree
C. to make someone feel they must do something
- 2 *Jim Crow*, **moreover**, was seen executing his world-renowned dance, in gingerbread.
A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
B. in addition to what has just been said
C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 3 *both the frown and the smile passed successively over his countenance*.
A. face or facial expression
B. the best or most important
C. a secret agreement or plot
- 4 His eye rested on the shop-window, and putting up a pair of gold-bowed spectacles, which he held in his hand, he **minutely** surveyed Hepzibah's little arrangement of toys and commodities.
A. in a manner that does not change
B. in a manner that deserves praise
C. with careful attention to detail
- 5 But now her spirit resembled, in its potency, a **minute** quantity of ottar of rose in one of Hepzibah's huge, iron-bound trunks, diffusing its fragrance through the various articles of linen and wrought-lace, kerchiefs, caps, stockings, folded dresses, gloves, and whatever else was treasured there.
A. awake
B. exact
C. small
- 6 In the remoter parts of the room, however, its walls being so ill **adapted** to reflect light, there was nearly the same obscurity as before.
A. suitable
B. creates, starts, or sets in a place
C. not arousing interest or excitement
- 7 A romance on the plan of *Gil Blas*, **adapted** to American society and manners, would cease to be a romance.
A. fought in a bitter manner over a long period of time
B. caught in; or twisted together into a confusing mass
C. made suitable (changed to fit a different situation)
- 8 one of the hens, had laid an egg the **preceding** day.
A. beginning to fight again
B. influencing or effecting
C. prior (the day that came before this)
- 9 I am at home here, Phoebe, you must **recollect**, and you are the stranger.
A. disagree
B. subtract
C. remember
- 10 Phoebe felt very much in the mood of running up to Judge Pyncheon, and giving him, of her own accord, the kiss from which she had so recently shrunk away.
A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
C. voluntarily (without anyone asking)
- 11 And, in **accordance** with his words, he began to laugh,
A. the quality of being continuous
B. keeping (or in agreement with)
C. doubt (that something is true)

- 12 *—few sights with truer pathos in them, than Hepzibah presented on that first afternoon.*
- A. the study of how we know what we know
 - B. a quality that arouses pity or sorrow
 - C. a neurotransmitter found in the brain
- 13 *So this oddly composed little social party used to assemble under the ruinous arbor.*
- A. a framework that supports climbing plants; or a shady rest area made by such a framework or by trees and shrubs
 - B. an artists performance of another artist's work that expresses the performer's feelings or ideas about the work
 - C. soccer player who typically play in the middle third of the field and who assists with both defense and offense
- 14 *a note of sweet and melancholy music*
- A. relating to the outside
 - B. sad
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 15 *He was quite ashamed ... to propose any diminution of so moderate a recompense for the immense service to be rendered.*
- A. restart (a fire)
 - B. started (a fire)
 - C. given
- 16 *The importance of the document in question renders it advisable to neglect no possible, even if improbable, method of regaining it.*
- A. makes
 - B. changes through evolution
 - C. gradually adds or removes
- 17 *and happened to raise her skirt a trifle too high above her ankles*
- A. leave a place, job or position previously occupied
 - B. someone (or something) taking the place of another
 - C. little (a small amount)
- 18 *...asked Phoebe, with impatient surprise that Holgrave should so trifle with her at such a moment.*
- A. treat thoughtlessly or without respect
 - B. beyond the permitted boundary or limit
 - C. injured muscles or tendons of the back
- 19 *a finely wrought gold chain*
- A. worked
 - B. provided investment funds for something -- such as a business
 - C. wanting to do something; or made someone want to do something
- 20 *And it was in this hour, so full of doubt and awe, that the one miracle was wrought,*
- A. caused
 - B. donated a portion of one's income to a church
 - C. returned to an undesirable previous condition

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	impel	Used 12 times in this book.
2	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 27 times in this book.
3	A	countenance (<i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i>)	Used 31 times in this book.
4	C	minute (<i>as in: minute description</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
5	C	minute (<i>as in: minute size</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
6	A	adapted (<i>as in: the species is well adapted for</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	C	precede	High-utility academic word; used 16 times in this book.
9	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 19 times in this book.
10	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	4 meanings in this book.
11	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 21 times in this book; 4 meanings in this book.
12	B	pathos	Used 9 times in this book.
13	A	arbor (<i>as in: shaded arbor</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
14	B	melancholy	Used 25 times in this book.
15	C	render (<i>as in: rendered service or a verdict</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
16	A	render (<i>as in: rendered her unconscious</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
17	C	trifle (<i>as in: a trifling matter</i>)	Used 17 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	trifle with (<i>as in: trifle with her affections</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
19	A	wrought (<i>as in: wrought iron</i>)	Used 21 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
20	A	wrought (<i>as in: the damage she has wrought</i>)	2 meanings in this book.