

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

by Victor Hugo

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: amorous, bailiff, bourgeois, ecclesiastical, edifice, eminent, formidable, harangue, impetuous, ineffable, interpose, malice, moreover, perceive (2), profound (2), recluse, rue, tranquil



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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19	A
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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 doesn't think of him in an **amorous** way.
 - A. logical or analytical
 - B. light-hearted
 - C. romantic or sexual
2. The **bailiff** was accused of making prejudicial statements to the jury.
 - A. court officer
 - B. defense lawyer
 - C. prosecutor
3. She told the police officer that she was trying to awaken the sensibilities of her **bourgeois** neighbors.
 - A. conventional
 - B. irresponsible
 - C. foolish
4. **Ecclesiastical** law governs many church traditions.
 - A. sports-related
 - B. kitchen-related
 - C. church-related
5. Their offices are housed in an imposing **edifice**.
 - A. building
 - B. neighborhood
 - C. color
6. Despite her **eminent** status in the art world, she remained humble and approachable.
 - A. respected and well-known
 - B. newly acquired
 - C. barely noticed
7. The challenge is **formidable**.
 - A. trivial
 - B. understood
 - C. intimidating
8. The class was subjected to a ten-minute **harangue** for not taking their homework more seriously.
 - A. assignment
 - B. lecture
 - C. delay
9. She made an **impetuous** purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
 - A. impulsive
 - B. cautious
 - C. wealthy
10. The effect of music is **ineffable** because we can't understand how it resonates within us.
 - A. not important
 - B. indescribable
 - C. forgettable
11. They have **interposed** themselves on the side of our enemy.
 - A. been seen
 - B. hidden
 - C. inserted
12. Words can be like baseball bats when used **maliciously** against someone who is sensitive.
 - A. carelessly
 - B. mockingly
 - C. evilly

13. 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
14. Researchers **perceive** a clear pattern in how the disease spreads through families.
- A. carefully measure
 - B. view or understand
 - C. actively prevent
15. It's one thing to **perceive** something with the senses and another to understand its importance.
- A. become aware of
 - B. physically touch
 - C. clearly see
16. She is a **profound** thinker.
- A. shallow
 - B. deep
 - C. quick
17. It was a **profound** spiritual experience that changed her life.
- A. intense
 - B. common
 - C. traditional
18. Howard Hughes became an eccentric **recluse**.
- A. loner
 - B. millionaire
 - C. collector
19. He will **rue the day** he decided to quit his stable job.
- A. bitterly regret
 - B. fondly remember
 - C. eagerly await
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 "Nevertheless, the Place Maubert is sufficiently large!" **interposed** one of the clerks established on the window-sill.
A. (verb) drew pictures to accompany OR (adjective) accompanied by pictures
B. not justified or explained as an understandable reaction to another action
C. to insert between other elements; or to interrupt or stop action by others
- 2 The **bailiff's** four sergeants were still there, stiff, motionless, as painted statues.
A. court officer responsible for keeping order in the court including custody of the jury, and custody of prisoners while in court
B. a person who formally does not vote either "yes" or "no"; or who voluntarily doesn't do something -- such as not drinking alcohol
C. math: the order in which two numbers are added or multiplied does not change their sum or product ($2+3=3+2$) and ($4\times 7=7\times 4$)
- 3 In the **meanwhile**, **tranquillity** had gradually been restored.
A. small quantity or indication
B. reason (for doing something)
C. peace and quiet; or calmness
- 4 As soon as his illustrious **eminence**, the cardinal, arrives, we will begin.
A. famous, respected, or important within a particular field or profession
B. the act of finding fault and telling others; or a description of faults
C. the process of thinking carefully and making a judgment about something
- 5 **Moreover**, the costume of Seigneur Jupiter, was very handsome, and contributed not a little towards calming the crowd, by attracting all its attention.
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
- 6 He thanked Providence for having sent this happy idea to him; but, as he was preparing to cross the Place, in order to reach the tortuous labyrinth of the city, where meander all those old sister streets, the **Rues de la Barillerie, de la Vielle-Draperie, de la Savaterie, de la Juiverie, etc.**, still extant to-day, with their nine-story houses, he saw the procession of the Pope of the Fools, which was also emerging from the court house, and rushing across the courtyard, with great cries, a great flashing of torches, and the music which belonged to him, Gringoire.
A. feels sadness and regret
B. connections; or connects
C. originates or comes from
- 7 "Djali," resumed the young girl, emboldened by her growing success, "how preaches Master Jacques Charmolue, procurator to the king in the **ecclesiastical** court?"
A. the state of being awake
B. able to take on or adopt
C. associated with a church
- 8 It was no longer the voice of the bald man; it was the voice of a woman, bigoted and **malicious**.
A. exceedingly important, serious, or dangerous
B. designed to be useful; or capable of working
C. the intention or desire to see others suffer
- 9 The **formidable** Quasimodo had hurled himself from the litter, and the women turned aside their eyes in order not to see him tear the archdeacon asunder.
A. the quality of disagreeing
B. the quality of being Dutch
C. intimidating or impressive

- 10 The **harangue** was formidable.
- A. removal of false belief that something is better than it is; or the disappointment from removal of such a belief
 - B. to try to persuade, or to criticize in an impassioned and often annoying manner; or a speech with such an intent
 - C. a deal where the accused pleads guilty to a lesser crime in return for a lighter punishment or dropped charges
- 11 "So," said the poet, somewhat disappointed in his **amorous** hopes.
- A. logical or analytical
 - B. comprehensive
 - C. romantic or sexual
- 12 Sometimes a mischievous child risked his skin and bones for the **ineffable** pleasure of driving a pin into Quasimodo's hump.
- A. working against psychosis (any severe mental disorder in which contact with reality is lost or highly distorted)
 - B. something that cannot be adequately described with words--perhaps something too wonderful or intense to describe
 - C. relating to an economic system that abolishes private ownership of property with the goal of a classless society
- 13 That **edifice** is colossal.
- A. building
 - B. something that encourages something else to happen; or the process of something being encouraged
 - C. a colonnade (series of regularly spaced columns) surrounding a building or enclosing a courtyard
- 14 "But," resumed the good Oudarde, "you must have **perceived** to some extent, that yesterday was a festival."
- A. lied in such a way as to damage the reputation of another
 - B. seen in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
 - C. made a decision or voiced an opinion by formal group vote
- 15 As he plunged into the side aisles, he **perceived** a reddish light behind a cluster of pillars.
- A. saw
 - B. said indirectly
 - C. greatly annoyed
- 16 She listened to him with **profound** tenderness.
- A. of greatest intensity or emotional depth
 - B. without a tendency to be full of thought
 - C. lacking a tendency to be full of thought
- 17 He added with the air of a **profound** thinker, "One is indebted sometimes to fortune, sometimes to ruse, for the happy issue of great enterprises."
- A. foolish or showing ignorance of important circumstances
 - B. deep or far-reaching in intellect or insight
 - C. quick or efficient
- 18 the **impetuous** gusts of the north wind do not make the traveler lay aside his cloak;
- A. sudden and unpredictable
 - B. most important; or person that is most important
 - C. tending to have exceedingly unfavorable opinions
- 19 the house, which is simple and thoroughly **bourgeois**
- A. typical of the middle class
 - B. the act of protecting something or keeping it as it is
 - C. speaks with someone about something for the first time
- 20 The young girl had recognized the spiteful **recluse**.
- A. a person who has withdrawn from society (avoids contact with others)
 - B. a place where conditions are kept as they were to protect wildlife
 - C. someone who believes that all knowledge is derived from experience

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	interpose	Used 10 times in this book.
2	A	bailiff	Used 45 times in this book.
3	C	tranquil	Used 31 times in this book.
4	A	eminent	High-utility academic word; used 23 times in this book.
5	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 50 times in this book.
6	A	rue	Used 96 times in this book.
7	C	ecclesiastical	Used 13 times in this book.
8	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 24 times in this book.
9	C	formidable	Used 30 times in this book.
10	B	harangue	Used 10 times in this book.
11	C	amorous	Used 8 times in this book.
12	B	ineffable	Used 6 times in this book.
13	A	edifice	Used 98 times in this book.
14	B	perceive (<i>as in: perceive the system as unfair</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	perceive (<i>as in: though blind, can perceive light</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	profound (<i>as in: profound sadness</i>)	Used 41 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
17	B	profound (<i>as in: profound idea</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	A	impetuous (<i>as in: an impetuous decision</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
19	A	bourgeois	Used 52 times in this book.
20	A	recluse	Used 52 times in this book.