

The Jungle

by Upton Sinclair

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

Contents & Printing Notes

Unlike our most popular resources, this one's auto-selected.
Review before use, or edit the DOCX from the Resources menu.

PRE-READING ACTIVITY

Answer Key — Preview	2	teacher use / self-check only
Vocabulary Preview	3	

OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

Vocabulary in Context	5	
Answer Key — In Context	7	teacher use only

Pages are ordered for double-sided printing.

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: adulterate, capitalism, consequence (2), dismay, however (2), interpret (2), oppress, perplex, preserve (2), proletariat, republic, scoundrel, socialism, swindle, vengeance, with a vengeance



More Vocabulary Printables

verbalworkout.com

(all resources free)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

The Jungle

by Upton Sinclair

#	KEY
1	A
2	C
3	A
4	B
5	C
6	A
7	A
8	C
9	A
10	B
11	C
12	B
13	B
14	B
15	B
16	A
17	B
18	C
19	C
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

The Jungle

by Upton Sinclair

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. This honey is **adulterated**.
 - A. not pure
 - B. inexpensive
 - C. organic
2. Under **capitalism**, private companies compete to sell goods and services.
 - A. government-run election
 - B. shared family tradition
 - C. private-market economy
3. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
 - A. result
 - B. unimportant part
 - C. important part
4. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
 - A. unethical
 - B. important
 - C. harmful
5. Hope was replaced by **dismay**.
 - A. satisfaction
 - B. faith
 - C. sorrow
6. I hope to take the ACT just once. However, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
 - A. but
 - B. also
 - C. and
7. **However** we get there, the main thing is to be absolutely sure we're not late.
 - A. whatever way
 - B. even if in a non-standard manner
 - C. to whatever degree
8. She will stand to his left and **interpret** his speech into sign language.
 - A. refute (prove false)
 - B. elaborate upon
 - C. translate
9. How will a court **interpret** the word *careless* if there is a lawsuit?
 - A. understand
 - B. insist on
 - C. ignore
10. My work environment is **oppressive**.
 - A. friendly
 - B. harsh and unfair
 - C. very important
11. I am **perplexed** by her sudden change of mind on this important issue.
 - A. amused
 - B. annoyed
 - C. confused

12. My grandmother **preserves** peaches.
- A. sells (at a roadside stand)
 - B. jars (to keep from spoiling)
 - C. picks (with a long stick)
13. Once an all-male **preserve**, the club now is now half female.
- A. a place for smoking cigars
 - B. a place exclusive to a group
 - C. a high-end club
14. In Marxist theory, the **proletariat** sells its labor for wages.
- A. wealthy landowners
 - B. wage-earning workers
 - C. elected officials
15. A **republic** is a particular type of democracy.
- A. weak monarchy
 - B. representative government
 - C. oligarchy
16. 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
17. Societies calling themselves **socialist** range from Western-style democracies to dictatorships.
- A. with an economic system that has a complete absence of political authority
 - B. with an economic system based on government control of all important companies
 - C. with an economic system based on private ownership of property and businesses
18. Scammers often **swindle** people through fake phone calls.
- A. warn or protect
 - B. pay back fully
 - C. cheat or defraud
19. Her evolutionary benefit theory of **vengeance** is supported by studies showing that a person's desire for revenge increases when others see their mistreatment.
- A. fairness
 - B. status
 - C. revenge
20. She threw herself into work with a **vengeance**.
- A. with reluctance
 - B. with intensity
 - C. with careful thought

Vocabulary in Context

The Jungle

by Upton Sinclair

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Score _____ / 20

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

- 1 This is a great tract of a hundred thousand acres, which from time immemorial has been a hunting **preserve** of the nobility.
 - A. related to DNA sequences or units of heredity that influence biological traits
 - B. a place exclusive to a group
 - C. a rough substance that can be rubbed against something else to polish or clean
- 2 Some of it they would make into "smoked" sausage—but as the smoking took time, and was therefore expensive, they would call upon their chemistry department, and **preserve** it with borax and color it with gelatine to make it brown.
 - A. treat as a particular type that is considered bad
 - B. prepare in a way that keeps from spoiling
 - C. hide or disguise the truth without outright lying
- 3 They had a hard time on the passage; there was an agent who helped them, but he proved a **scoundrel**, and got them into a trap with some officials, and cost them a good deal of their precious money, which they clung to with such horrible fear.
 - A. someone without moral principles
 - B. the condition of being different
 - C. important, serious, or dangerous
- 4 In the morning an **interpreter** was found, and they were taken and put upon a car, and taught a new word—"stockyards."
 - A. people who criticize or condemn
 - B. someone who extensively damages
 - C. someone who translates language
- 5 "Comrade" Lucas was not what is called an educated man; he knew only the Bible, but it was the Bible **interpreted** by real experience.
 - A. understood (in a particular way)
 - B. not having accepted beliefs without critical question
 - C. made more attractive or interesting through additions
- 6 He was quite **dismayed** when he first began to find it out—that most of the men hated their work.
 - A. surprised or puzzled
 - B. saw opportunity
 - C. disappointed or worried
- 7 The house was one of a whole row that was built by a company which existed to make money by **swindling** poor people.
 - A. overworking
 - B. suing (in a court of law)
 - C. tricking or cheating
- 8 One of the **consequences** of all these things was that Jurgis was no longer perplexed when he heard men talk of fighting for their rights.
 - A. results
 - B. memories
 - C. goals
- 9 He was of no **consequence**--he was flung aside, like a bit of trash, the carcass of some animal.
 - A. family
 - B. importance
 - C. social connection
- 10 One of the consequences of all these things was that Jurgis was no longer **perplexed** when he heard men talk of fighting for their rights.
 - A. made more angry
 - B. bored
 - C. confused or puzzled

- 11 *However* that might be, the known facts were that a few weeks before the factory closed, Marija had been cheated out of her pay for three hundred cans.
- in whatever way
 - starts fighting
 - starts (a fire)
- 12 *He did not make so much, however, as he had the previous summer, for the packers took on more hands.*
- though (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - therefore (for that reason)
- 13 *One of the girls had read somewhere that a red flag was the proper symbol for oppressed workers, and so they mounted one, and paraded all about the yards, yelling with rage.*
- angry
 - treated harshly and unfairly
 - unemployed
- 14 *Jurgis was called upon to do the beating, and as it hurt his foot he did it with a vengeance; but it did not tend to add to the sweetness of his temper.*
- available cash
 - with intensity
 - very important
- 15 *And every hour his soul grew blacker, every hour he dreamed new dreams of vengeance, of defiance, of raging, frenzied hate.*
- something that stands out
 - something made from parts
 - the act of taking revenge
- 16 *And meantime Scully had given Jurgis a note to the Republican leader of the ward, and he had gone there and met the crowd he was to work with.*
- relating to a Christian ceremony signifying spiritual cleansing and rebirth OR relating to a challenging experience that initiates or purifies
 - of a system of government in which a majority of citizens elect representatives to make laws; or someone in favor of such a form of government
 - of an organism in the early stages of development prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting OR of anything in an early stage of development
- 17 *Ostrinski explained the organization of the party, the machinery by which the proletariat was educating itself.*
- a social class consisting of those who cannot find paying work
 - a social class consisting of those who must work for wages to support themselves
 - a social class consisting of those who own enough assets they do not need to work
- 18 *Here were all the opportunities of the country, the land, and the buildings upon the land, the railroads, the mines, the factories, and the stores, all in the hands of a few private individuals, called capitalists, for whom the people were obliged to work for wages.*
- people who believe in an economic system that abolishes private ownership of property with the goal of a classless society
 - people who believe in an economic system based on government ownership or control of all important companies
 - people who are wealthy and benefit from an economic system based on private ownership of property and businesses
- 19 *As no one makes any profit by the sale, there is no longer any stimulus to extravagance, and no misrepresentation; no cheating, no adulteration or imitation, no bribery or 'grafting.'*
- lowering the quality of something by adding something else to it
 - a connection where measuring one particle instantly affects another, regardless of distance
 - a potentially life-threatening eating disorder that prevents people from eating enough food
- 20 *"These men are not Socialists!" he cried.*
- instances of treating someone badly in an unfair manner -- usually because of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or political beliefs
 - people who want an economic system based on government ownership or control of all important companies -- with the ideal of equal benefits to all people
 - used historically or possibly in relation to a very poor country: people of low income, education, and social standing -- especially those who raise crops or livestock

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

The Jungle

by Upton Sinclair

#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	preserve (<i>as in: no longer a male preserve</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	B	preserve (<i>as in: preserve the peaches</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	scoundrel	Used 7 times in this book.
4	C	interpret (<i>as in: interpret Spanish to English</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
5	A	interpret (<i>as in: her interpretation of the data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	C	dismay	Used 14 times in this book.
7	C	swindle	Used 12 times in this book.
8	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	consequence (<i>as in: of little consequence</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	perplex	Used 17 times in this book.
11	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
12	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	B	oppress (<i>as in: oppressive government</i>)	Used 14 times in this book.
14	B	with a vengeance (<i>as in: with a vengeance</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
15	C	vengeance (<i>as in: vengeance is mine</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
16	B	republic (<i>as in: the country is a republic</i>)	Used 18 times in this book.
17	B	proletariat	Used 8 times in this book.
18	C	capitalism	Used 17 times in this book.
19	A	adulterate	Used 10 times in this book.
20	B	socialism	Used 68 times in this book.