

# The Last of the Mohicans

by James Fenimore Cooper

## 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:** allude, antagonist, approbation, convey (2), countenance, cunning, denotes, endeavor, enumerate, however (3), impetuous, notwithstanding, perceive (2), precede, render, venerate



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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| #  | KEY |
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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 didn't mention any names, but everyone knew she was **alluding** to the President.
  - A. being discouraging
  - B. indirectly referring
  - C. not talking
2. In the book, *Harry Potter*, Voldemort is Harry's **antagonist**.
  - A. partner
  - B. friend
  - C. enemy
3. Her innovative approach to solving problems earned her the **approbation** of her peers.
  - A. approval
  - B. sympathy
  - C. distrust
4. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
  - A. express
  - B. accept
  - C. understand
5. We hired a carriage to **convey** us to the city.
  - A. give service of
  - B. explain
  - C. transport
6. Her **countenance** grew stern.
  - A. facial expression
  - B. a method of counting
  - C. voice
7. The worst mix -- greedy, cunning, and without morals.
  - A. stupid and impatient
  - B. clever and deceitful
  - C. strong and cruel
8. In algebra, letters often **denote** unknown numbers in equations.
  - A. scatter
  - B. represent
  - C. confuse
9. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
  - A. not be able
  - B. promise
  - C. try
10. There is not enough time to **enumerate** all of her accomplishments.
  - A. study
  - B. follow
  - C. list
11. 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

12. However safe we make it, there will always be risk.
- A. on-the-other-hand
  - B. in addition
  - C. no matter how
13. 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
14. She made an impetuous purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
- A. impulsive
  - B. cautious
  - C. wealthy
15. The budget was approved, notwithstanding the loud protests from the opposition.
- A. in spite of
  - B. as a result of
  - C. in addition to
16. Researchers perceive a clear pattern in how the disease spreads through families.
- A. carefully measure
  - B. view or understand
  - C. actively prevent
17. 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
18. In English, most adjectives precede the noun they modify.
- A. follow
  - B. describe
  - C. go before
19. The disorder will eventually render her paralyzed.
- A. make
  - B. unmake
  - C. compare
20. Many people venerate leaders who devoted their lives to justice.
- A. quietly question
  - B. openly avoid
  - C. deeply respect

## 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 \* A wide frontier had been laid naked by this unexpected disaster, and more substantial evils were **preceded** by a thousand fanciful and imaginary dangers.
  - A. wrongly understood
  - B. influenced opinion
  - C. went or was before
- 2 I have **endeavored** to do both, and here I am.
  - A. decided in advance
  - B. not disagreed with
  - C. tried or attempted
- 3 The expanded chest, full formed limbs, and grave countenance of this warrior, would **denote** that he had reached the vigor of his days, though no symptoms of decay appeared to have yet weakened his manhood.
  - A. select (on a computer screen)
  - B. stand for or symbolize literally; or be a sign or indicator of
  - C. consume or destroy completely
- 4 **Notwithstanding** the symptoms of habitual suspicion, his countenance was not only without guile, but at the moment at which he is introduced, it was charged with an expression of sturdy honesty.
  - A. used to show that something remains true even though something else seems to go against it
  - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
  - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 5 Whatever he may be, or **however** he may be qualified for his rank, he now speaks to you and, of course, can be no enemy to dread.
  - A. in whatever way
  - B. starts fighting
  - C. starts (a fire)
- 6 As Hawkeye and the Mohicans had, **however**, often traversed the mountains and valleys of this vast wilderness, they did not hesitate to plunge into its depth, with the freedom of men accustomed to its privations and difficulties.
  - A. though (used to connect contrasting ideas)
  - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
  - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 7 **However** much his influence among his people had been impaired by his occasional and besetting weakness, as well as by his desertion of the tribe, his courage and his fame as an orator were undeniable.
  - A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
  - B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
  - C. regardless of how
- 8 With ready skill, Hawkeye and his **antagonist** each grasped that uplifted arm of the other which held the dangerous knife.
  - A. someone who changes something (upon review)
  - B. someone who takes something on as their own
  - C. someone who offers opposition or is hostile
- 9 David smiled sadly, though not without a momentary gleam of pleasure, at this **allusion** to his beloved vocation.
  - A. a nerve or brain cell
  - B. an indirect reference
  - C. long eventful journey
- 10 He **enumerated** the warriors of the party; their several merits; their frequent services to the nation; their wounds, and the number of the scalps they had taken.
  - A. was overly unhappy and unsociable
  - B. not limited or without boundaries
  - C. to name or list things one-by-one

- 11 the **impetuous** young man ... sprang upon his enemy with naked hands.
- A. impulsive (acting suddenly without much thought)
  - B. most important; or person that is most important
  - C. tending to have exceedingly unfavorable opinions
- 12 A strain of melancholy, however, blended with his triumph, **rendering** his voice, as usual, soft and musical.
- A. making or causing to become
  - B. treating as if of low worth
  - C. expelling or getting rid of
- 13 Indeed, many a maimed and feeble soldier was compelled to drag his exhausted limbs in the rear of the columns, for the want of the necessary means of **conveyance** in that wilderness.
- A. collision
  - B. translate
  - C. transport
- 14 The first close was solemn, and intended to **convey** the idea of veneration; the second descriptive, bordering on the alarming; and the third was the well-known and terrific war-whoop, which burst from the lips of the young warrior, like a combination of all the frightful sounds of battle.
- A. communicate or express
  - B. create dramatic change
  - C. mirror back (an image)
- 15 Uncas pressed closer to his side, and regarded the speaker with a look of commendation, while his father expressed his satisfaction by the ordinary pithy exclamation of **approbation**.
- A. approval
  - B. not real
  - C. allowing
- 16 and trust to **cunning** for want of speed.
- A. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
  - B. cleverness
  - C. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
- 17 But they love and **venerate** the great white chief.
- A. indicating criticism or disagreement, or "no"
  - B. move to a worse or less prestigious situation
  - C. regard with feelings of respect and reverence
- 18 Then, permitting his looks to wander over the silent throng that crowded around the elevated seat of Tamemund, he first **perceived** Hawkeye in his bonds.
- A. saw (became aware of)
  - B. said indirectly
  - C. greatly annoyed
- 19 A low exclamation of applause passed among the warriors who exchanged looks with each other like men that first began to **perceive** their error.
- A. not feeling or showing sympathy for another's suffering
  - B. view in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
  - C. suntanned; or reddish-brown or yellowish-brown in color
- 20 ...looking about him with an air of lofty composure, though the anguish that quivered in his faded **countenance** was far too powerful to be concealed,
- A. facial expression
  - B. the best or most important
  - C. a secret agreement or plot

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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| #  | KEY | WORD                                                        | NOTE                                                    |
|----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | C   | precede                                                     | High-utility academic word; used 21 times in this book. |
| 2  | C   | endeavor                                                    | Used 28 times in this book.                             |
| 3  | B   | denotes                                                     | Used 11 times in this book.                             |
| 4  | A   | notwithstanding                                             | High-utility academic word; used 24 times in this book. |
| 5  | A   | however ( <i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i> )   | Used 5 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.     |
| 6  | A   | however ( <i>as in: However, complications may...</i> )     | High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.    |
| 7  | C   | however ( <i>as in: However much she tried...</i> )         | 3 meanings in this book.                                |
| 8  | C   | antagonist ( <i>as in: the antagonist in the film</i> )     | High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.  |
| 9  | B   | allude                                                      | High-utility academic word; used 20 times in this book. |
| 10 | C   | enumerate                                                   | Used 6 times in this book.                              |
| 11 | A   | impetuous ( <i>as in: an impetuous decision</i> )           | High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.  |
| 12 | A   | render ( <i>as in: rendered her unconscious</i> )           | High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.    |
| 13 | C   | convey ( <i>as in: convey her safely to</i> )               | 2 meanings in this book.                                |
| 14 | A   | convey ( <i>as in: convey her thoughts</i> )                | High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.    |
| 15 | A   | approbation                                                 | Used 7 times in this book.                              |
| 16 | B   | cunning ( <i>as in: a cunning thief</i> )                   | Used 51 times in this book.                             |
| 17 | C   | venerate                                                    | Used 12 times in this book.                             |
| 18 | A   | perceive ( <i>as in: though blind, can perceive light</i> ) | High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.    |
| 19 | B   | perceive ( <i>as in: perceive the system as unfair</i> )    | High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.    |
| 20 | A   | countenance ( <i>as in: a pleasant countenance</i> )        | Used 89 times in this book.                             |