

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

by Washington Irving

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: abundant, adjacent, adversary, appalling, capricious, contend, coquette, diligent, dismal, dominate, endeavor, formidable, mettle, moreover, propensity, recollect, rustic, sage, specter, sumptuous



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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. The region has **abundant** natural resources, from oil to fresh water.
 - A. extremely scarce
 - B. highly disputed
 - C. widely available
2. The kitchen has an island that is **adjacent** to the family room.
 - A. opposite
 - B. near
 - C. matching
3. Their **adversaries** outsmarted them.
 - A. sub-groups
 - B. replacements
 - C. opponents
4. She has scheduled a news conference to respond to the **appalling** accusations.
 - A. false
 - B. horrible
 - C. foolish
5. The court overturned the ruling--describing it as having been made in a **capricious** manner.
 - A. biased
 - B. impulsive
 - C. harmful
6. Politicians have to **contend** with false attacks.
 - A. struggle
 - B. campaign
 - C. raise money
7. He introduced Bette Midler (pronounced *bet*) by saying, *Bette* rhymes with *coquette*, but never *regret*.
 - A. a flirt
 - B. a dancer
 - C. a star
8. A **diligent** detective investigates all clues.
 - A. lazy and careless
 - B. rude and dishonest
 - C. careful and hardworking
9. When she graduated from college the job market was **dismal**.
 - A. especially good
 - B. promising but unusual
 - C. terrible or depressing
10. She completely **dominates** her boyfriend.
 - A. worships
 - B. obeys
 - C. controls
11. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
 - A. not be able
 - B. promise
 - C. try
12. The challenge is **formidable**.
 - A. trivial
 - B. understood
 - C. intimidating

13. In the darkest hour, her mettle surged forth, allowing her to confront his fears with unwavering bravery.
- A. luck
 - B. popularity
 - C. courage
14. 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
15. As a group, the people with a family history of heart disease have a higher propensity to develop the condition themselves.
- A. avoidance
 - B. tendency
 - C. fear
16. I don't recollect her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember
17. She was charmed by the rustic farmhouse with its weathered shingles and surrounding wildflowers.
- A. simple
 - B. elaborate
 - C. fancy
18. You can read her sage relationship advice at her blog.
- A. wise
 - B. spicy
 - C. shallow
19. A country where drought brings with it the specter of famine.
- A. false threat
 - B. memory
 - C. frightening possibility
20. She wore a sumptuous gown made of the finest silk and adorned with sparkling jewels.
- A. flattering
 - B. magnificent
 - C. long

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 This name was given, we are told, in former days, by the good housewives of the adjacent country, from the inveterate **propensity** of their husbands to linger about the village tavern on market days.
A. interaction or interest
B. tendency or inclination
C. a subtle characteristic
 - 2 The **dominant** spirit, however, that haunts this enchanted region ... is the apparition of a figure on horseback, without a head.
A. the state of not representing or imitating external reality or the objects of nature
B. a solution that is simpler (and often more comprehensive) than most would anticipate
C. conspicuous (most noticeable)
 - 3 His haunts are not confined to the valley, but extend at times to the **adjacent** roads, and especially to the vicinity of a church at no great distance.
A. sloped
B. nearby
C. hidden
 - 4 That all this might not be too onerous on the purses of his **rustic** patrons, who are apt to consider the costs of schooling a grievous burden, and schoolmasters as mere drones, he had various ways of rendering himself both useful and agreeable.
A. characteristic of rural life; simple without refined touches
B. tile designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
C. the state of not being in danger of suffering from something
 - 5 He was, **moreover**, esteemed by the women as a man of great erudition, for he had read several books quite through, and was a perfect master of Cotton Mather's "History of New England Witchcraft," in which, by the way, he most firmly and potently believed.
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 How often was he **appalled** by some shrub covered with snow, which, like a sheeted specter, beset his very path!
A. with an unadjusted lens so the image isn't clear
B. horrified (causing strong feelings of disapproval)
C. gave an opinion of what was wrong with something
 - 7 How often was he **appalled** by some shrub covered with snow, which, like a sheeted **spectre**, beset his very path!
A. a type of vocal music that originated in African-American churches in the United States
B. related to the smallest part of any material that cannot be broken up by chemical means
C. a frightening or disturbing mental image or possibility
- or:
- a ghostly appearing image
- 8 She was withal a little of a **coquette**, as might be perceived even in her dress, which was a mixture of ancient and modern fashions, as most suited to set off her charms.
A. a woman who is casually playful in a way that arouses sexual interest of men
B. to investigate; or an investigation; or an instrument used for investigation
C. to change to multiple areas of control or concentration (rather than just 1)
 - 9 The pedagogue's mouth watered as he looked upon this **sumptuous** promise of luxurious winter fare.
A. the state or degree of having the ability to change for different situations
B. magnificent (impressively wonderful) -- often indicating something expensive
C. the quality of behaving in an instinctive, uninhibited, and unplanned manner

- 10 Ichabod, on the contrary, had to win his way to the heart of a country coquette, beset with a labyrinth of whims and caprices, which were forever presenting new difficulties and impediments; and he had to encounter a host of fearful **adversaries** of real flesh and blood, the numerous rustic admirers, who beset every portal to her heart, keeping a watchful and angry eye upon each other, but ready to fly out in the common cause against any new competitor.
- A. loyalties
 - B. made holy
 - C. opponents
- 11 Such was the **formidable** rival with whom Ichabod Crane had to contend,
- A. the quality of disagreeing
 - B. the quality of being Dutch
 - C. intimidating or impressive
- 12 Such was the **formidable** rival with whom Ichabod Crane had to contend,
- A. struggle or compete
 - B. disagree
 - C. subtract
- 13 His notable little wife ... had enough to do to attend to her housekeeping and manage her poultry; for, as she **sagely** observed, ducks and geese are foolish things, and must be looked after, but girls can take care of themselves.
- A. wisely
 - B. in a manner that is not sensible and careful
 - C. in a manner that is capable of being noticed
- 14 Still he must have had fire and **mettle** in his day, if we may judge from the name he bore of Gunpowder.
- A. lacking things most people enjoy
 - B. opposed to people who are Jewish
 - C. courage or strength of character
- 15 the sky was clear and serene, and nature wore that rich and golden livery which we always associate with the idea of **abundance**.
- A. sharpness or intenseness
 - B. conflict or disagreement
 - C. great quantities
- 16 they fluttered, chirping and frolicking from bush to bush, and tree to tree, **capricious** from the very profusion and variety around them.
- A. the quality of disagreeing
 - B. impulsive or unpredictable
 - C. able to meet and talk with
- 17 All the stories of ghosts and goblins that he had heard in the afternoon now came crowding upon his **recollection**.
- A. battle
 - B. result
 - C. memory
- 18 Though the night was dark and **dismal**, yet the form of the unknown might now in some degree be ascertained.
- A. irrelevant or unimportant
 - B. important or significant
 - C. depressing or gloomy
- 19 His heart began to sink within him; he **endeavored** to resume his psalm tune, but his parched tongue clove to the roof of his mouth, and he could not utter a stave.
- A. decided in advance
 - B. not disagreed with
 - C. tried or attempted
- 20 The stories ... were called to mind; and when they had **diligently** considered them all ... they ... came to the conclusion
- A. relating to the outside
 - B. about (but not exactly)
 - C. carefully

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	propensity	Used 2 times in this book.
2	C	dominate	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	B	adjacent	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
4	A	rustic	Used 6 times in this book.
5	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
6	B	appalling	Used 4 times in this book.
7	C	specter	Used 7 times in this book.
8	A	coquette	Used 4 times in this book.
9	B	sumptuous	Used 2 times in this book.
10	C	adversary	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
11	C	formidable	Used 4 times in this book.
12	A	contend (<i>as in: She contended with it</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	A	sage (<i>as in: sage advice</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	mettle	Used 2 times in this book.
15	C	abundant	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
16	B	capricious	Used 2 times in this book.
17	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
18	C	dismal	Used 4 times in this book.
19	C	endeavor	Used 3 times in this book.
20	C	diligent (<i>as in: she is diligent</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.