

# The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Chapters 13–17

by C. S. Lewis

## Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

**Practice words:** apparently, attending to, bitterly, claim, conduct, Just, longed, offense, passage, resistance

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### PRE-READING ACTIVITY

Vocabulary Preview ..... 2

Answer Key — Preview ..... 3

**Caution:** share only if self-checking

### OPTIONAL POST-READING QUIZ

Vocabulary in Context ..... 4

Answer Key — In Context ..... 5

**Caution:** do not share with students

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### About the Pre-Reading Activity (open-dictionary; ungraded or completion grade):

Students preview 10 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):

Same words, now in real excerpts from the text, with questions that build reading and analytical skills.

### Vocabulary Sections for this Book:

Section 1 · Chapters 1–6 · Four children sent to the Professor's house

Section 2 · Chapters 7–12 · The children alone in the snowy woods

**Section 3 · Chapters 13–17 · Edmund and the Witch travel on**

***Bold = this section.** Other sections are available at [verbalworkout.com](http://verbalworkout.com).*



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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.*

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| <p>1. He was <b>apparently</b> asleep in the back seat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. seemingly, but not certainly</li><li>B. briefly, for a moment only</li><li>C. certainly, without any doubt</li></ul> <p>2. She spent the evening <b>attending to</b> her sick brother.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. worrying about</li><li>B. caring for</li><li>C. waiting for</li></ul> <p>3. She cried <b>bitterly</b> after reading the letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. with growing fear</li><li>B. with heavy shame</li><li>C. with deep sorrow</li></ul> <p>4. Both brothers said they had a <b>claim</b> to the old farm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. a plan to repair it</li><li>B. a right to own it</li><li>C. an offer to buy it</li></ul> <p>5. The scientist will <b>conduct</b> the experiment tomorrow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. write about</li><li>B. watch closely</li><li>C. carry out</li></ul> | <p>6. <b>Just</b> rulers are remembered long after they die.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. fair and even-handed</li><li>B. strict and demanding</li><li>C. bold and daring</li></ul> <p>7. She <b>longed</b> for a letter from her brother.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. wanted very much</li><li>B. asked politely for</li><li>C. waited calmly for</li></ul> <p>8. Lying to his teacher was a serious <b>offense</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. a wrong act</li><li>B. a careless mistake</li><li>C. a foolish choice</li></ul> <p>9. They hurried along the narrow <b>passage</b> to the kitchen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. a walkway outside a house</li><li>B. a staircase between floors</li><li>C. a hallway between rooms</li></ul> <p>10. The prisoner was led away without <b>resistance</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. asking questions</li><li>B. fighting back</li><li>C. making a sound</li></ul> |
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**Reading Helpers**

*(Not quizzed — helpful for this text.)*

**Deep Magic** — the ancient law Narnia was founded on — not a spell, but a rule even Aslan must honor

**whet her knife** — sharpen her knife

**DEEPER MAGIC** — an older law still, from before Narnia began — it overrules the Deep Magic

**stead** — the place of someone else when taken by a substitute

**cordial** — in British English, a potent drink made from fruit or flower

# ANSWER KEY

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| #  | KEY |
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| 1  | A   |
| 2  | B   |
| 3  | C   |
| 4  | B   |
| 5  | C   |
| 6  | A   |
| 7  | A   |
| 8  | A   |
| 9  | C   |
| 10 | B   |

**Vocabulary in Context**  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

*Read each excerpt carefully. Then choose the best answer to each question.*

**1** *“You have a traitor there, Aslan,” said the Witch. ...  
“His offense was not against you.”*

As used in the passage, the word ‘offense’ most nearly means...

- A. a wrongful act
- B. a harsh punishment
- C. a formal accusation

**2** *“I have settled the matter. She has renounced the claim on your brother’s blood.”*

It can reasonably be inferred that, because the Witch has renounced her claim, Edmund...

- A. must repay the Witch himself
- B. is no longer in danger of death
- C. will be sent back to the Witch

**3** *“And all the time he was advising Peter how to conduct the operations, saying things like, ‘You must put your Centaurs in such and such a place’ ...”*

According to the passage, Aslan’s instructions tell Peter how to...

- A. guard the Stone Table
- B. choose a place to camp
- C. run the coming battle

**4** *“He led them up the steep slope out of the river valley ... apparently by the very same route which they had used that afternoon in coming from the Hill of the Stone Table.”*

It can reasonably be inferred that, in saying ‘apparently,’ the narrator is...

- A. unsure the route is the same
- B. unaware of any earlier route
- C. certain the route is the same

**5** *“And so the girls did what they would never have dared to do without his permission, but what they had longed to do ever since they first saw him—buried their cold hands in the beautiful sea of fur ...”*

According to the passage, the girls had longed to touch Aslan’s fur...

- A. ever since they first saw him
- B. only since Aslan grew sad
- C. since they left the camp that night

**6** *“And both the girls cried bitterly (though they hardly knew why) and clung to the Lion and kissed his mane and his nose and his paws and his great, sad eyes.”*

It can reasonably be inferred that the girls, crying bitterly, sense that...

- A. they have lost their way
- B. Aslan is angry with them
- C. something terrible is coming

**7** *“The Hags made a dart at him and shrieked with triumph when they found that he made no resistance at all.”*

According to the passage, the Hags shrieked with triumph on finding that Aslan...

- A. had already been tied up
- B. did not fight back at all
- C. begged them to let him go

**8** *“And for the next half-hour they were busy—she attending to the wounded while he restored those who had been turned into stone.”*

According to the passage, one of the two restored the stone figures while the other...

- A. searched for the Witch
- B. cared for the injured
- C. gathered up the weapons

**9** *“Edmund was a graver and quieter man than Peter, and great in council and judgment. He was called King Edmund the Just.”*

In the passage, Edmund’s title ‘the Just’ shows that he was...

- A. fair in his decisions
- B. stern toward his subjects
- C. merciful to wrongdoers

**10** *“Mrs. Macready and the visitors were still talking in the passage; but luckily they never came into the empty room and so the children weren’t caught.”*

It can reasonably be inferred that the visitors talking in the passage were...

- A. still upstairs in the attic
- B. far away out in the garden
- C. just outside the empty room

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| 1  | A   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2  | B   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 3  | C   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 4  | A   | Many target-grade students read 'apparently' as 'obviously.' It does the opposite work here — it hedges, signaling that the route only seemed to be the one they had walked that afternoon.                          |
| 5  | A   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 6  | C   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 7  | B   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8  | B   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 9  | A   | Students meet 'just' mainly as an adverb meaning 'only.' The epithet uses the older adjective sense that survives in 'justice' — fair and even-handed — which is why it sits beside 'great in council and judgment.' |
| 10 | C   | A target-grade student is far more likely to know 'passage' as a stretch of text. Here it is the architectural sense — a hallway — and the scene outside the empty room makes that plain.                            |

#### Teacher Context: Chapters 13–17

The Witch claims Edmund under the Deep Magic, and Aslan offers himself in Edmund's place at the Stone Table. He rises again by the Deeper Magic, frees the statues, and the battle is won before the four are crowned at Cair Paravel. Section runs to the end of the novel.