

The Magician's Nephew

by C. S. Lewis

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: accord (2), adept, cunning, despair, focus, forbearance, however (2), indignant, mane, obstinate, ostentatious, profound, quiver, scorn, solemn, treachery, wither, yield



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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. She dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
 - A. opposition
 - B. keeping
 - C. ignorance
2. After the fight, he turned himself in of his own **accord**.
 - A. own fear
 - B. own safety
 - C. own mind
3. She is **adept** with a soccer ball.
 - A. clumsy
 - B. surprising
 - C. skillful
4. The worst mix -- greedy, **cunning**, and without morals.
 - A. stupid and impatient
 - B. clever and deceitful
 - C. strong and cruel
5. She rescued me from **despair**.
 - A. fear
 - B. poverty
 - C. hopelessness
6. The discussion brought into focus an important difference of opinion.
 - A. hiding
 - B. conflict
 - C. view
7. I appreciate your **forbearance**.
 - A. patience or tolerance
 - B. financial loan
 - C. family concerns
8. 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
9. **However** safe we make it, there will always be risk.
 - A. on-the-other-hand
 - B. in addition
 - C. no matter how
10. She was **indignant**, but she agreed to be searched when they accused her of shoplifting.
 - A. annoyed at something unjust
 - B. surprised at the unexpected
 - C. defensive about being suspected
11. She brushed the horse's tangled **mane** until it flowed smoothly down its neck.
 - A. long curved tail
 - B. thick neck hair
 - C. sharp pointed hoof

12. He is **obstinate** as a mule and refuses to change his mind.
- A. cheerful
 - B. stubborn
 - C. graceful
13. She arrived in an **ostentatious** stretch limo.
- A. expensive
 - B. long
 - C. showy
14. She is a **profound** thinker.
- A. shallow
 - B. deep
 - C. quick
15. Her hands began to **quiver** as she opened the envelope.
- A. slightly shake
 - B. tightly grip
 - C. quickly move
16. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
17. Everyone was **solemn** at the funeral.
- A. serious and dignified
 - B. teary eyed
 - C. dressed in dark colors
18. The general's **treachery** put the whole army in danger.
- A. bravery
 - B. betrayal
 - C. confusion
19. Without water, the plants in the garden began to **wither** and die.
- A. become dormant
 - B. dry out
 - C. grow stronger
20. The experiment **yielded** data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down

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 "London isn't a Hole," said Polly **indignantly**.
 - A. angered at the injustice of his statement
 - B. with surprise as something unexpected
 - C. with acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 2 ...rules of that sort ... can't possibly be expected to apply to **profound** students and great thinkers and sages.
 - A. foolish or showing ignorance of important circumstances
 - B. deep or far-reaching in intellect or insight
 - C. quick or efficient
- 3 I am the great scholar, the magician, the **adept**, who is doing the experiment.
 - A. absolute
 - B. pleasing
 - C. skillful
- 4 Then they could see Uncle Andrew, very vague and shadowy, but getting clearer and more solid-looking all the time, just as if he were coming into **focus**.
 - A. software that stops unwanted software from spreading between computers and causing damage to data and software
 - B. a condition where the body cannot properly regulate blood sugar levels because it produces little or no insulin
 - C. view (a state where something can be seen clearly)
- 5 And I've had enough of you too - you beastly, stuck-up, **obstinate** pig!
 - A. not bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - B. stubborn
 - C. able to be delayed until a later time
- 6 Within two seconds, **however**, they had something to think about that drove their own quarrels quite out of their minds.
 - A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though, in spite of that, in contrast, nevertheless*, etc.
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 7 Yes, you used to tie a horrid black thing behind me and then hit me to make me run, and **however** far I ran this black thing would always be coming rattle-rattle behind me.
 - 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 At any moment I was ready to make peace -- yes and to spare her life too, if only she would **yield** me the throne.
 - A. give
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 9 ...there was a **solemn** promise that neither side would use Magic.
 - A. serious
 - B. indicating approval or agreement
 - C. able to be taken on as one's own
- 10 "I see," she said **scornfully**, "you are a Magician - of a sort."
 - A. disrespectfully (with a strong feeling of dislike)
 - B. in a manner that is not easily noticed
 - C. with grace of movement and flexibility

- 11 *...she turned pale and bent down till her face touched the mane of the horse. You could see she felt deadly sick.*
A. select (on a computer screen)
B. hair on the neck
C. exchange, convert, or pay off
- 12 *If you attempt treachery I will...*
A. reporter
B. betrayal
C. disorder
- 13 *You have insisted on my entertaining you to an exceedingly expensive, not to say ostentatious, lunch...*
A. the characteristic of demonstrating something
B. the quality of being unchanging or continuous
C. showy
- 14 *It looks dreadfully withered,*
A. not accepted as true
B. weakened
C. began fighting again
- 15 *Take of my fruit for others or forbear,*
A. refrain (hold back)
B. the ability to take on or adopt
C. where attention is concentrated
- 16 *And he began to see that there might be some sense in that last line about getting your heart's desire and getting despair along with it.*
A. annoyance
B. happiness
C. hopelessness
- 17 *...the gates closed behind him of their own accord.*
A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
C. own mind (without anyone making them)
- 18 *Things always work according to their nature.*
A. idiom meaning "won the day"
B. in keeping with (or in agreement with)
C. U.S. history: pre-Civil War period
- 19 *All the sharpness and cunning and quarrelsomeness ... seemed to have been washed away,*
A. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
B. cleverness
C. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
- 20 *Sometimes it would move mysteriously when there was no wind blowing: I think that when this happened there were high winds in Narnia and the English tree quivered because, at that moment, the Narnia tree was rocking and swaying in a strong south-western gale.*
A. to shake or tremble slightly
B. not working or not operating
C. calculates or judges too low

ANSWER KEY

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1	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
2	B	profound (<i>as in: profound idea</i>)	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
3	C	adept	High-utility academic word
4	C	focus (<i>as in: bring into focus; or out of focus</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
5	B	obstinate	Used about 4 times per 10 books in our high school library.
6	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
8	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word
9	A	solemn	Used 8 times in this book.
10	A	scorn	High-utility academic word
11	B	mane	Used 6 times in this book.
12	B	treachery	Used 2 times in this book.
13	C	ostentatious	High-utility academic word
14	B	wither (<i>as in: wither on the vine</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
15	A	forbearance	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
16	C	despair (<i>as in: she felt despair</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
17	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
19	B	cunning (<i>as in: a cunning thief</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
20	A	quiver	Used 2 times in this book.