

The Mill on the Floss

by George Eliot

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: allay, allude, consequence (2), contrast, entreat, impetuous, melancholy, parish, penitent, peremptory, predominant, remonstrate, reproach, resignation, resolution (2), resolve (2), superfluous



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	B
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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. It does little to **allay** Israeli fears.
 - A. increase
 - B. distract from
 - C. reduce
2. She didn't mention any names, but everyone knew she was **alluding** to the President.
 - A. being discouraging
 - B. indirectly referring
 - C. not talking
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. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
6. The students **entreated** the Chinese troops not to use force against peaceful demonstrations.
 - A. bribed (with gifts)
 - B. asked earnestly
 - C. threatened
7. She made an **impetuous** purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
 - A. impulsive
 - B. cautious
 - C. wealthy
8. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring,
 - A. happy
 - B. sad
 - C. feel like singing
9. Our **parish** raised funds to repair the old chapel's leaking roof and bell tower.
 - A. large city government
 - B. private school district
 - C. local church community
10. After breaking the window, the **penitent** boy apologized to his neighbor.
 - A. proud of one's actions
 - B. confused about the rules
 - C. feeling regret for wrongdoing
11. Her tone was **peremptory**, preventing argument or disagreement.
 - A. not allowing contradiction or refusal
 - B. not in line with her usual manner
 - C. more rushed than usual
12. The Kurds are **predominantly** Sunni Muslim.
 - A. most commonly
 - B. always
 - C. seldom

13. The lawyers will **remonstrate** that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
- A. promise
 - B. protest
 - C. explain
14. Don't **reproach** yourself for things beyond your control.
- A. congratulate
 - B. criticize
 - C. accept honor for
15. She was **resigned** to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
 - B. resistant
 - C. with acceptance
16. Are you making any New Year's **resolutions** this year?
- A. decorations
 - B. event plans
 - C. decisions
17. Through many years and hardships, her **resolution** to serve the poor never wavered.
- A. ability
 - B. determination
 - C. way (solution)
18. I **resolved** to never drink again.
- A. was forced
 - B. was encouraged
 - C. firmly decided
19. She is testing my **resolve** to keep a good attitude.
- A. determination
 - B. ability
 - C. optimism
20. Everyone liked the idea. The arguments I prepared to support it were **superfluous**.
- A. appreciated
 - B. important
 - C. unnecessary

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 *That's the fault I have to find wi' you, Bessy; if you see a stick i' the road, you're **allays** thinkin' you can't step over it.*
 - A. interacts, interests, or attracts
 - B. helps or grants favors to someone
 - C. reduces the intensity of or calms
- 2 *She began to dislike Mr. Riley; it was evident he thought her silly and of no **consequence**.*
 - A. translates
 - B. importance
 - C. sticks out
- 3 *A vague idea of going to prison, as a **consequence** of debt, was the shape his fears had begun to take.*
 - A. result
 - B. battle
 - C. memory
- 4 *"It wasn't," said Tom, loudly and **peremptorily**.*
 - A. in a manner that does not allow contradiction or refusal
 - B. with low spirits (sadness, disappointment, hopelessness)
 - C. in a manner that gradually destroys an established order
- 5 *"I'm not going to stay a minute longer in this house. ..."*
*"Dear heart, dear heart!" said Mr. Glegg in a **melancholy** tone, as he followed his wife out of the room.*
 - A. relating to the outside
 - B. sad
 - C. about (but not exactly)
- 6 *It was her fuzzy front of curls; for as she occupied herself in household matters in the morning it would have been a mere extravagance to put on anything so **superfluous** to the making of leathery pastry as a fuzzy curled front.*
 - A. the quality of being sensible and careful
 - B. without purpose, job, or natural activity
 - C. more than is needed, desired, or required
- 7 *"Did ever anybody hear the like i' this **parish**?" said Mr. Glegg, getting hot.*
 - A. someone who abandoned their religion or separated from others with whom they used to share firmly held beliefs
 - B. an artists performance of another artist's work that expresses the performer's feelings or ideas about the work
 - C. a local church community

or in some places including Louisiana: a jurisdiction of government like a county
- 8 *Mr. Tulliver had never slackened in his **resolve** to raise the money, but now he at once determined to write a letter to Mrs. Glegg, which should cut off all possibility of mistake.*
 - A. firmness of purpose
 - B. wrongly translating
 - C. difficult situation
- 9 *that they were glad enough to offer him a share in the business; that was what Tom **resolved** "he" would do.*
 - A. changed
 - B. adapted
 - C. decided
- 10 *Mr. Guest and Mr. Wakem were on friendly dining terms, and the attorney liked to **predominate** over a ship-owner and mill-owner who was a little too loud in the town affairs as well as in his table-talk.*
 - A. most frequent, common, or important; or having more power and influence
 - B. the right to run a local store or business under a big company's name
 - C. dry out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight; or make very thirsty

- 11 *There was no attitude in which his pride did not feel its bruises; and in all behavior toward him, whether kind or cold, he detected an **allusion** to the change in his circumstances.*
- A. a nerve or brain cell
 - B. indirect reference
 - C. long eventful journey
- 12 *"Don't you ask it, mum," said Bob, **entreatingly**.*
- A. with great annoyance
 - B. in a pleading manner
 - C. in a wasteful manner
- 13 *"Oh no; and not handsome,—that is, not very," said Lucy, half-**penitent** at this uncharitable remark.*
- A. having the characteristic of or relating to bouncing back light/heat/sound...
 - B. suffering from too few red blood cells
- or (less commonly): lacking vitality
- C. feeling or expressing sorrow for having done wrong; or a person who does such
- 14 *said Lucy, in a tone of **remonstrance**, "I don't believe a word of that."*
- A. someone who expresses disapproval
 - B. argument in protest or opposition
 - C. the act of recognizing difference
- 15 *At one time you take pleasure in a sort of perverse self-denial, and at another you have not **resolution** to resist a thing that you know to be wrong.*
- A. use of reason
 - B. determination (steadfastness; or firmness of purpose)
 - C. right to vote
- 16 *We have failed to keep our **resolutions**;*
- A. reasons for doing something
 - B. social events or ceremonies
 - C. firm decisions
- 17 *Not that anger, on account of spurned beauty can dwell in the celestial breasts of charitable ladies, but rather that the errors of persons who have once been much admired necessarily take a deeper tinge from the mere force of **contrast**; and also, that to-day Maggie's conspicuous position, for the first time, made evident certain characteristics which were subsequently felt to have an explanatory bearing.*
- A. come to terms with
 - B. block or interfere
 - C. notable difference
- 18 *"Leave me to myself, if you please," she said, with **impetuous** haughtiness, "and for the future avoid me."*
- A. impulsive (acting suddenly without much thought)
 - B. most important; or person that is most important
 - C. tending to have exceedingly unfavorable opinions
- 19 *But the **reproach** was the unendurable thing; the one thing worse than parting with her was, that she should feel he had acted unworthily toward her.*
- A. move into position to work; or start
 - B. criticism
 - C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 20 *...how could I be **resigned** to the loss of the one thing which had ever come to me on earth with the promise of such deep joy...*
- A. to be or to become used to (adapted to and with an expectation of)
 - B. showed something -- such as demonstrated, expressed, or represented
 - C. acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	allay	Used 44 times in this book.
2	B	consequence (as in: of little consequence)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	consequence (as in: a direct consequence of)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	A	peremptory	Used 11 times in this book.
5	B	melancholy	Used 19 times in this book.
6	C	superfluous	High-utility academic word; used 8 times in this book.
7	C	parish	Used 27 times in this book.
8	A	resolve (as in: Her resolve weakened.)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	C	resolve (as in: I resolved to stop drinking.)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	A	predominant	Used 19 times in this book.
11	B	allude	High-utility academic word; used 17 times in this book.
12	B	entreat	Used 23 times in this book.
13	C	penitent	Used 12 times in this book.
14	B	remonstrate	Used 15 times in this book.
15	B	resolution (as in: Her resolution weakened.)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
16	C	resolution (as in: a New Year's resolution)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
17	C	contrast (as in: there is a contrast)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	impetuous (as in: an impetuous decision)	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
19	B	reproach	Used 39 times in this book.
20	C	resignation (as in: accepted it with resignation)	Used 21 times in this book.