

The Once and Future King

by T. H. White

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), attribute (2), azure, chivalry, cunning, faction, felon, feud, impregnable, incline, inclined, joust, pathos, pavilion, sumptuous, tapestry, yield (2)



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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 described his physical **attributes**.
 - A. characteristics
 - B. strengths
 - C. weaknesses
4. She **attributes** her success to hard work.
 - A. gives money for
 - B. gives credit for
 - C. gives help for
5. The children painted the ocean an **azure** shade on the classroom mural.
 - A. dark red
 - B. pale yellow
 - C. bright blue
6. Don Quixote wanted to preserve **chivalry**.
 - A. the medieval principles governing knighthood and knightly conduct such as honor, kindness, bravery, and protection of the weak
 - B. the medieval principles governing kingdoms and the conduct of subjects such as obedience to the king, bravery, hard work, and payment of taxes
 - C. the medieval principles governing the Catholic Church and Christian conduct such as worship, charity, and protection of the weak
7. The worst mix -- greedy, **cunning**, and without morals.
 - A. stupid and impatient
 - B. clever and deceitful
 - C. strong and cruel
8. She's part of the far-right **faction** of the Republican Party.
 - A. sub-group (that is made up of 10% or less of a larger group)
 - B. enthusiastic sub-group
 - C. sub-group
9. It's difficult for ex-**felons** to find work.
 - A. people who lost their jobs
 - B. people convicted of serious crimes
 - C. people with unpopular opinions
10. It's time to stop this **feud**.
 - A. oppression of others
 - B. continuous complaining
 - C. long-standing fight
11. It was thought to be an **impregnable** fortress.
 - A. able to withstand attack
 - B. susceptible to attack
 - C. lacking strong defenses

12. I was inclined to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
- A. disinclined
 - B. afraid
 - C. tending
13. The boat ramp has a steep incline.
- A. slope
 - B. price
 - C. danger
14. I saw the jousting show in Las Vegas.
- A. mounted combat competition
 - B. telling of jokes in rhyme
 - C. magic and slight-of-hand
15. The poem captured the pathos of wartime loss.
- A. cheerful spirit
 - B. moving sadness
 - C. angry tone
16. We ate lunch under the open-sided pavilion near the lake.
- A. freestanding shelter
 - B. tall stone monument
 - C. narrow garden path
17. She wore a sumptuous gown made of the finest silk and adorned with sparkling jewels.
- A. flattering
 - B. magnificent
 - C. long
18. The tapestry depicts the building of the Notre Dame Cathedral.
- A. story
 - B. painting
 - C. artwork
19. The experiment yielded data that raised a new set of questions.
- A. produced
 - B. destroyed
 - C. slowed down
20. After the scandal, she yielded to public pressure and resigned her position.
- A. added
 - B. gave in
 - C. produced

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 He **attributed** to this weakness the fact that he could never get beyond the Future Simple of Utor.
A. not made different; or shown to be different
B. credited (pointed to as the cause of something)
C. not changed directly from a solid to a vapor
- 2 So we must imagine the Queen as a woman who had been robbed of her central **attribute**.
A. characteristic (of something or someone)
B. dreamlike state of altered consciousness
C. normal mood, personality, or inclination
- 3 The Wart found that he could keep more or less level by altering the **inclination** of his arm fins and the ones on his stomach.
A. angle
B. activity or natural activity
C. not in an agreement to marry
- 4 An ordinary fellow, who did not spend half his life torturing himself by trying to discover what was right so as to conquer his **inclination** towards what was wrong...
A. wrong understanding
B. act of hiring again
C. tendency
- 5 He moved his own fins anti-clockwise, gave the tip of his tail a **cunning** flick, and was lying alongside the tench.
A. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
B. good at achieving goals through cleverness and deception
C. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
- 6 It was a green meadow, kept short, with a broad grassy bank raised round it on which **pavilions** could be erected.
A. a large building or section of a building that stands apart in function or design -- often used for gatherings, exhibitions, or specialized purposes
B. (noun) things that are lighter and draw attention -- such as areas of a painting OR (verb) making some things lighter -- such as areas of a painting
C. items characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open -- such as a door or musical instrument with that characteristic
- 7 Sir Grummore Grummursum is on the way to challenge you to a **joust**.
A. a contest in which knights attempt to knock each other off horses with blunted lances
B. a method of artistic painting on a wall by using watercolors on wet plaster; or the painting made in such a manner
C. accept someone's membership through a special procedure such as a ceremony and/or period of instruction and/or test
- 8 They decided with **one accord**, without even a whisper, to...
A. whatever length of time
B. lowest legal hourly pay
C. one mind
- 9 At a hurried council of war behind the line, At a hurried council of war behind the line, it was arranged that... The army split **accordingly**.
A. in spite of that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
B. in keeping with what was just stated
C. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas.)
- 10 He had got his hindquarters into the nook of a tree blown down by a gale, in an **impregnable** position.
A. able to withstand attack
B. the state of being awake
C. able to take on or adopt

- 11 Kay's **sumptuous** bath had to be set up in the box-room, between two towel-horses and an old box of selected games which contained a worn-out straw dart-board—it was called *flechette* in those days—because all the other rooms were full of packing.
- 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
- 12 The silk pavilions of famous people, pitched on every side, were **azure** and green and saffron and chequered.
- A. reporter
 - B. disorder
 - C. sky-blue
- 13 Life is too bitter already, without territories and wars and noble **feuds**.
- A. commends or praises publicly
 - B. make up (something not true)
 - C. bitter, long-standing fights
- 14 Financial terms of peace would be agreed on—which would **yield** an excellent profit in ransoms—and all would be more or less as it had been before—except that the fiction of feudal overlordship would be abolished, which was a fiction in any case.
- A. produce or give
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 15 Arthur would say: "You are welcome to Carlion, Sir Belleus, and may I ask which of my knights you have **yielded** to?"
- A. with rises and falls in pitch
 - B. gave in, gave way, or gave up
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 16 She was coming to capture Lancelot from Guenever, an expedition of which everybody except herself could feel the **pathos**.
- A. the study of how we know what we know
 - B. a quality that arouses pity or sorrow
 - C. a neurotransmitter found in the brain
- 17 To his mind Lamorak deserved death, like a **felon**, because he and his father had injured the Orkney clan.
- A. an expert in the branch of geology that studies rocks
 - B. someone legally convicted of a felony (serious crime)
 - C. a lens that limits light vibrations to a single plane
- 18 She knew that the Cornwall and Orkney **faction** had always been the menace to her husband's hopes...
- A. main road
 - B. complaint
 - C. sub-group
- 19 Kings, in those days, took their household **tapestries** with them on campaign, which was a measure of the kind of camps they had.
- A. understands or explains something in a particular way
 - B. admits ceremoniously into an organization or position
 - C. rug-like artworks -- often hung on a wall for display
- 20 If it was so easy to lead one's country in various directions, as if she was a pig on a string, why had he failed to lead her into **chivalry**, into justice and into peace?
- A. kindness, honor, bravery, and protection of the weak
 - B. popular art movement of late 19th century French painters who used dabs of color to give an impression of their subject rather than a photographic-like depiction
 - C. the process of replacing what was used up OR the process of restoring to a previous condition OR (more rarely) materials that replaced what was used up

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	attribute (<i>as in: I attribute it to...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	A	attribute (<i>as in: It is an attribute of...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
3	A	incline (<i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	B	cunning (<i>as in: a cunning thief</i>)	Used 16 times in this book.
6	A	pavilion	Used 31 times in this book.
7	A	joust	Used 46 times in this book.
8	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	4 meanings in this book.
9	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 17 times in this book; 4 meanings in this book.
10	A	impregnable (<i>as in: the fort was impregnable</i>)	Used 4 times in this book.
11	B	sumptuous	Used 8 times in this book.
12	C	azure	Used 4 times in this book.
13	C	feud	Used 23 times in this book.
14	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	pathos	Used 4 times in this book.
17	B	felon	Used 5 times in this book.
18	C	faction	Used 27 times in this book.
19	C	tapestry (<i>as in: the tapestry hangs in the museum</i>)	Used 19 times in this book.
20	A	chivalry	Used 45 times in this book.