

The Portrait of a Lady – Volumes 1 & 2

by Henry James

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: allude, convey (2), conviction, correspond (2), cultivate, however (3), interpose, intrinsic, minute (2), moreover, odious, remonstrate, scruples, superficial, vulgar



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	A
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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 didn't mention any names, but everyone knew she was **alluding** to the President.
A. being discouraging
B. indirectly referring
C. not talking
2. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
A. express
B. accept
C. understand
3. We hired a carriage to **convey** us to the city.
A. give service of
B. explain
C. transport
4. She stood up in class with total **conviction** and said, "I believe animals deserve to be treated kindly, no matter what."
A. raised voice
B. firm belief
C. shaky voice
5. The bones in a bat's wing exactly **correspond** to those in a human forearm.
A. are equivalent
B. are opposite
C. are unrelated
6. Do either of you have copies of your **correspondence**?
A. instructions
B. letters or emails
C. pictures or drawings
7. Creativity can be **cultivated**.
A. useful
B. developed or grown
C. risky or dangerous
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. **However** we get there, the main thing is to be absolutely sure we're not late.
A. whatever way
B. even if in a non-standard manner
C. to whatever degree
11. They have **interposed** themselves on the side of our enemy.
A. been seen
B. hidden
C. inserted

12. Curiosity is an **intrinsic** part of learning.
- A. recently added
 - B. easily removed
 - C. built-in
13. Even a **minute** amount of lead can be harmful to children.
- A. large
 - B. 60 seconds
 - C. tiny
14. She thrives at sifting through that kind of **minute** detail.
- A. quickly eliminated
 - B. available from prior research
 - C. including even small considerations
15. 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
16. The poll tax was designed as a particularly **odious** violation of civil rights.
- A. extremely devious
 - B. harmful and hidden
 - C. extremely dislikable
17. The lawyers will **remonstrate** that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
- A. promise
 - B. protest
 - C. explain
18. Her **scruples** were not so strong as to withstand her friend's arguments.
- A. principles that discourage certain kinds of action
 - B. known facts
 - C. firmness of purpose
19. Her thinking was **superficial**.
- A. deep
 - B. shallow
 - C. creative
20. His **vulgar** jokes embarrassed everyone at the formal dinner party.
- A. stale
 - B. crude
 - C. clever

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 *There was the danger of the noted "thinness"—which was to be averted, tooth and nail, by **cultivation** of the lively.*
 - A. a power plant that produces energy by splitting atoms
 - B. development, growth, or preparation for growing crops
 - C. an unsettled state of mind (nervous or uncomfortable)
- 2 *This way of her own, of which she was so fond, was not **intrinsically** offensive—it was just unmistakably distinguished from the ways of others.*
 - A. in a manner that is very bad (deserving no respect)
 - B. in a manner that spreads to other parts of the body
 - C. in a manner related to the very nature of something
- 3 *The first on the list was a conviction of the **vulgarity** of thinking too much of it.*
 - A. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 - B. bad taste (crude, offensive, or unsophisticated)
 - C. a general feeling of not being as good as others
- 4 *I'm of an inquisitive disposition, though you mightn't think it if you were to watch me: **however** much you might watch me I should be watching you more.*
 - 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
- 5 ***However** that might be, the girl had in these days a thousand uses for her sense of the romantic, which was more active than it had ever been.*
 - A. in whatever way
 - B. starts fighting
 - C. starts (a fire)
- 6 *In that brief, extremely personal gaze, **however**, deeper meanings passed between them than they were conscious of at the moment.*
 - A. though (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 7 *She had played no social part as mistress of Gardencourt, and it was not to be supposed that, in the surrounding country, a **minute** account should be kept of her comings and goings.*
 - A. having the characteristics of a *monk* (often inclined toward self-denial)
 - B. the quality of holding something back or holding others down through oppression
 - C. detailed
- 8 *She has travelled over the whole American continent and can at least find her way about this **minute** island.*
 - A. awake
 - B. exact
 - C. small
- 9 *She accused him of an **odious** want of seriousness, of laughing at all things, beginning with himself.*
 - A. the degree to which something is able to change or is different
 - B. not trustworthy, or improper, or attracting unwelcome attention
 - C. extremely unpleasant, disgusting, dislikable, or worthy of hate
- 10 *But she nevertheless made no **scruple** of abounding in her cousin's sense and pretending to sigh for the charms of her native land.*
 - A. an ethical or moral principle that discourages certain kinds of action
 - B. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
 - C. speak in a manner that does not clearly express an opinion or decision

- 11 It must be added **moreover** that an incident had occurred which might have seemed to put her good-humour to the test.
- 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
- 12 Pray do; but I don't say I shall always think your **remonstrance** just.
- A. someone who expresses disapproval
 - B. argument in protest or opposition
 - C. the act of recognizing difference
- 13 He was about to take a step which would astonish all his friends and displease a great many of them, and which had **superficially** nothing to recommend it.
- A. with nervousness or discomfort felt by someone due to concern about what others will think of them
 - B. relating to a surface rather than to anything deep or penetrating (often of injuries or thinking)
 - C. in a manner that is not appropriate or different than would be expected in size, amount, or degree
- 14 Lord Warburton was at a loss; he had not been made acquainted with Miss Stackpole's professional character and failed to catch her **allusion**.
- A. a nerve or brain cell
 - B. an indirect reference
 - C. long eventful journey
- 15 "There's not the slightest need of your walking alone," Mr. Bantling gaily **interposed**.
- A. (verb) drew pictures to accompany OR (adjective) accompanied by pictures
 - B. not justified or explained as an understandable reaction to another action
 - C. to insert between other elements; or to interrupt or stop action by others
- 16 With many of these amiable colonists Mrs. Touchett was intimate; she shared their expatriation, their **convictions**, their pastimes, their ennui.
- A. not working or not operating
 - B. a strong, firmly held belief
 - C. calculates or judges too low
- 17 You know I asked you some time ago never to speak to me of a creature who shouldn't **correspond** to that description.
- A. connect or fit together by being equivalent, proportionate, or matched
 - B. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
 - C. speak in a manner that does not clearly express an opinion or decision
- 18 She could imagine braver things than spending the winter in Paris—Paris had sides by which it so resembled New York, Paris was like smart, neat prose—and her close **correspondence** with Madame Merle did much to stimulate such flights.
- A. Nazi organization for children aged 10 to 18
 - B. communication by written letters or messages
 - C. found a condition or substance to be present
- 19 Ralph had arrived more dead than alive, but she had managed to **convey** him to Gardencourt, where he had taken to his bed, which, as Miss Stackpole wrote, he evidently would never leave again.
- A. collision
 - B. translate
 - C. transport
- 20 She laid her hand on Pansy's as if to let her know that her look **conveyed** no diminution of esteem; for the collapse of the girl's momentary resistance (mute and modest thought it had been) seemed only her tribute to the truth of things.
- A. communicated or expressed
 - B. was abundant or plentiful
 - C. thought -- possibly aloud

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	cultivate	High-utility academic word; used 27 times in this book.
2	C	intrinsic	Used 7 times in this book.
3	B	vulgar	Used 36 times in this book.
4	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
5	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	Used 9 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
6	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
7	C	minute (<i>as in: minute description</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
8	C	minute (<i>as in: minute size</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
9	C	odious	Used 11 times in this book.
10	A	scruples	Used 8 times in this book.
11	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 37 times in this book.
12	B	remonstrate	Used 8 times in this book.
13	B	superficial	High-utility academic word; used 20 times in this book.
14	B	allude	High-utility academic word; used 35 times in this book.
15	C	interpose	Used 8 times in this book.
16	B	conviction (<i>as in: spoke with conviction</i>)	Used 47 times in this book.
17	A	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding time period</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
18	B	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding by email</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
19	C	convey (<i>as in: convey her safely to</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
20	A	convey (<i>as in: convey her thoughts</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.