

The Portrait of a Lady – Volume 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, dispose (2), forbearance, however (2), ingenious, interpose, intimation, intrinsic, moreover, remonstrate, scruples, vulgar



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	A
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19	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. Her will split everything between the children, but left no instructions regarding **disposal** of her home and art.
 - A. the transfer of ownership
 - B. preservation
 - C. refurbishing
9. In that country, you are unlikely to find an official who is **disposed** to help you unless you offer a bribe.
 - A. ordered
 - B. able
 - C. inclined
10. I appreciate your **forbearance**.
 - A. patience or tolerance
 - B. financial loan
 - C. family concerns
11. 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

12. 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
13. Her ingenious plan let the class finish the project with only a few supplies.
- A. clever and original
 - B. quick but careless
 - C. plain and ordinary
14. They have interposed themselves on the side of our enemy.
- A. been seen
 - B. hidden
 - C. inserted
15. There was a subtle intimation in her tone that suggested she knew more about the situation than she was letting on.
- A. fear or panic
 - B. hint or indication
 - C. warning
16. Curiosity is an intrinsic part of learning.
- A. recently added
 - B. easily removed
 - C. built-in
17. 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
18. The lawyers will remonstrate that we're starting without a written agreement, but we trust each other.
- A. promise
 - B. protest
 - C. explain
19. 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
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 Her talk with him moreover pointed to presence of mind; it expressed a kindness so **ingenious** and deliberate as to indicate that she was in undisturbed possession of her faculties.
A. showing cleverness and originality
B. a tendency to think back on things
C. aware or concerned about something
- 2 What cared Isabel Archer for the **vulgar** judgments of obscure people?
A. increasing reason or general desire to do something
B. unsophisticated
C. the state of being unaware of one's mental activity
- 3 Isabel wondered at her; she had never had so directly presented to her nose the white flower of **cultivated** sweetness.
A. a non-doctor who assisted a women in childbirth
B. developed, grown, or prepared for growing crops
C. not found guilty or forced into a bad situation
- 4 It was more romantic to say nothing, and, drinking deep, in secret, of romance, she was as little **disposed** to ask poor Lily's advice as she would have been to close that rare volume forever.
A. expelled or gotten rid of
B. was abundant or plentiful
C. inclined (with a tendency or mood to do something)
- 5 The rest of his property, which was to be withdrawn from the bank, was **disposed** of in various bequests, several of them to those cousins in Vermont to whom his father had already been so bountiful.
A. given away
B. excessively excited
C. nervous or confused
- 6 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
- 7 The convent is a great institution; we can't do without it; it **corresponds** to an essential need in families, in society.
A. connects or fits together by being equivalent, proportionate, or matched
B. (noun) text that is marked as important OR (verb) marks important text
C. causes of problems or illnesses; or processes to identify such problems
- 8 **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)
- 9 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)
- 10 Mr. Goodwood made these detached assertions with dry deliberateness, in his hard, slow American tone, which flung no atmospheric colour over propositions **intrinsically** crude.
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

- 11 *It implied things she could never assent to—rights, reproaches, remonstrance, rebuke, the expectation of making her change her purpose.*
A. someone who expresses disapproval
B. argument in protest or opposition
C. the act of recognizing difference
- 12 *She told me she was watching you only in order to interpose.*
A. dry out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight; or make very thirsty
B. the right to run a local store or business under a big company's name
C. insert between other elements; or to interrupt or stop action by others
- 13 *And on this the aunt and the niece went to breakfast, where Mrs. Touchett, as good as her word, made no allusion to Gilbert Osmond.*
A. a nerve or brain cell
B. an indirect reference
C. long eventful journey
- 14 *"I think I shall have no scruple in saying that to YOU," she bravely returned.*
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
- 15 *It was perhaps because Lord Warburton divined the pang that he generously forbore to call her attention to her not having contributed then to the facility.*
A. refrained (held back) from acting
B. because of a basic rule or belief
C. interacts, interests, or attracts
- 16 *She thought she had forgiven him; she believed she didn't care; and as she was both very generous and very proud these convictions represented a certain reality.*
A. not working or not operating
B. a strong, firmly held belief
C. calculates or judges too low
- 17 *It belonged to the past, moreover; it had occurred six months before and she had already laid aside the tokens of mourning.*
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
- 18 *Madame Merle slowly rose; she had given Isabel a look as rapid as the intimation that had gleamed before our heroine a few moments before.*
A. the act of recognizing difference
B. a hint or suggestion of something
C. purpose, job, or natural activity
- 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	A	ingenious	Used 11 times in this book.
2	B	vulgar	Used 15 times in this book.
3	B	cultivate	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
4	C	dispose (<i>as in: Is she disposed to help?</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
5	A	dispose (<i>as in: dispose of the assets</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	B	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding by email</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
7	A	correspond (<i>as in: corresponding time period</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
8	A	however (<i>as in: However you do it, get it done!</i>)	Used 6 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	intrinsic	Used 5 times in this book.
11	B	remonstrate	Used 5 times in this book.
12	C	interpose	Used 5 times in this book.
13	B	allude	High-utility academic word; used 20 times in this book.
14	A	scruples	Used 5 times in this book.
15	A	forbearance	Used 5 times in this book.
16	B	conviction (<i>as in: spoke with conviction</i>)	Used 24 times in this book.
17	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
18	B	intimation	Used 18 times 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.