

# The Prince and The Pauper

by Mark Twain

## 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), archangel, compassion, consequence (2), forbearance, paltry, pauper, perplex, reign (2), resignation (2), revere, sumptuous, trifle, trifle with, wrought (2)



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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| #  | KEY |
|----|-----|
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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. The story describes an **archangel** descending from the heavens.
  - A. a small demon
  - B. a lost spirit
  - C. a chief angel
4. It is not enough to be **compassionate**. We must act. It is not enough to act. We must act with intelligence.
  - A. lucky
  - B. sympathetic
  - C. talented
5. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
  - A. result
  - B. unimportant part
  - C. important part
6. It is the most **consequential** tax legislation in decades.
  - A. unethical
  - B. important
  - C. harmful
7. I appreciate your **forbearance**.
  - A. patience or tolerance
  - B. financial loan
  - C. family concerns
8. They offered her a **paltry** amount for the rare book, hoping she didn't know its real value.
  - A. insignificant
  - B. unfair
  - C. confusing
9. It is a story about a prince who changes places with a **pauper**.
  - A. palace visitor
  - B. poor person
  - C. wealthy person
10. I am **perplexed** by her sudden change of mind on this important issue.
  - A. amused
  - B. annoyed
  - C. confused
11. During his **reign**, Augustus shrank the size of the senate from 900 to 600 members.
  - A. lifetime
  - B. period of rapid change
  - C. time during which he ruled
12. Fame **reigns** in Hollywood.
  - A. comes and goes
  - B. is both good and bad in its effect
  - C. is most important or powerful

13. She said that if I don't **resign**, I will be fired.
- A. do better
  - B. quit
  - C. renew an agreement
14. She was **resigned** to being embarrassed by her younger brother.
- A. putting a stop
  - B. resistant
  - C. with acceptance
15. She **reveres** nature and all that is natural.
- A. dislikes and avoids
  - B. deeply respects
  - C. thoroughly enjoys
16. She wore a **sumptuous** gown made of the finest silk and adorned with sparkling jewels.
- A. flattering
  - B. magnificent
  - C. long
17. Don't waste my time with **trifling** matters.
- A. other's
  - B. future
  - C. unimportant
18. The European Parliament refuses to be **trifled with**.
- A. treated without respect
  - B. argued with
  - C. negotiated with
19. She wore a **hand-wrought** silver bracelet.
- A. worked
  - B. size
  - C. encircling
20. The revolt **wrought** havoc through the region.
- A. caused
  - B. ended
  - C. complicated

**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 *By-and-by Tom's reading and dreaming about princely life **wrought** such a strong effect upon him that he began to ACT the prince, unconsciously.*
  - A. worked
  - B. provided investment funds for something -- such as a business
  - C. wanting to do something; or made someone want to do something
- 2 *His father **wrought** us evil, he destroyed us—and is gone down into the eternal fires!*
  - A. brought (caused)
  - B. donated a portion of one's income to a church
  - C. returned to an undesirable previous condition
- 3 *He walked up and down the floor, filled with nameless fears, listening, starting at every **trifling** sound.*
  - A. moving out of an interacting position; or stopping
  - B. canceling or annulling a formal ruling or contract
  - C. something of small importance; or a small quantity
- 4 *Ah, it seems too good to be true, it IS too good to be true—I charge thee, have pity, do not **trifle** with me!*
  - A. treat thoughtlessly or without respect
  - B. beyond the permitted boundary or limit
  - C. injured muscles or tendons of the back
- 5 *Somewhat after one in the afternoon, Tom **resignedly** underwent the ordeal of being dressed for dinner.*
  - A. in a manner that uses extreme or violent methods to achieve a political goal
  - B. the state of being worthy of entry -- especially evidence allowable in court
  - C. with acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 6 *And when, just after the noonday dinner, the goodwife gave him a basket of kittens to drown, he did **resign**.*
  - A. draw
  - B. quit (from a position or job)
  - C. rule
- 7 *These 'vagaries' were soon on exhibition before them; but they only moved their **compassion** and their sorrow, not their mirth.*
  - A. the taking on or adoption of power or responsibility
  - B. sympathy for another's suffering and wanting to help
  - C. the process of controlling (how something turns out)
- 8 *He lay down upon a **sumptuous** divan, and proceeded to instruct himself with honest zeal.*
  - 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
- 9 *Upon your knees, ye **pauper** scum,*
  - A. someone who briefly sees
  - B. someone who is very poor
  - C. one who formally rejects
- 10 *Upon your knees, ye **pauper** scum, and do him reverence!*
  - A. interfere (in another's affairs or business); or handle (something that shouldn't be handled)
  - B. give respect
  - C. separate two things to prevent passage of something such as heat, cold, noise, or electricity
- 11 *The great assemblage bent their heads upon their breasts with **one accord**; remained so, in profound silence, a few moments; then all sank upon their knees in a body, stretched out their hands toward Tom, and a mighty shout burst forth that seemed to shake the building-- "Long live the King!"*
  - A. whatever length of time
  - B. lowest legal hourly pay
  - C. one mind (unvoiced agreement)

- 12 *the judges have decreed, according to the law, that they be hanged.*  
A. idiom meaning "won the day"  
B. in keeping with (in agreement with)  
C. U.S. history: pre-Civil War period
- 13 *The sheriff, however, saw nothing consequential in the inquiry; he answered, with simple directness—"Indeed did she, your Majesty, and most righteously, as all aver."*  
A. disbelief  
B. important  
C. important
- 14 *She was a widow, and rather poor; consequently she had seen trouble enough to enable her to feel for the unfortunate.*  
A. resultantly (as a result)  
B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)  
C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 15 *even a king must obey when an archangel gives the word*  
A. untied or released  
B. easily set on fire  
C. angel of high rank
- 16 *The King continued to struggle in the woman's strong grasp, and now and then cried out in vexation—"Unhand me, thou foolish creature; it was not I that bereaved thee of thy paltry goods."*  
A. insignificant in amount or quality  
B. degree to which things are related  
C. able to be understood or explained
- 17 *It was a perplexing puzzle,*  
A. treating as if of low worth  
B. delaying until a later time  
C. confusing due to complexity
- 18 *But in charity forbear to say 'I mentioned it, for 'tis death to speak of it, they say.*  
A. refrain (hold back) from  
B. the ability to take on or adopt  
C. where attention is concentrated
- 19 *Stillness reigns, the torches blink dully, the time drags heavily.*  
A. moves back and forth; or is unsure or weak  
B. won't answer questions; or blocks progress  
C. is most noticeable (predominate)
- 20 *In the reign of Henry VIII.*  
A. draw  
B. copy  
C. the time during which a king or queen ruled

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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| #  | KEY | WORD                                                       | NOTE                                                    |
|----|-----|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | A   | wrought ( <i>as in: wrought iron</i> )                     | Used 15 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.    |
| 2  | A   | wrought ( <i>as in: the damage she has wrought</i> )       | 2 meanings in this book.                                |
| 3  | C   | trifle ( <i>as in: a trifling matter</i> )                 | Used 9 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.     |
| 4  | A   | trifle with ( <i>as in: trifle with her affections</i> )   | 2 meanings in this book.                                |
| 5  | C   | resignation ( <i>as in: accepted it with resignation</i> ) | Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.     |
| 6  | B   | resignation ( <i>as in: submitted her resignation</i> )    | 2 meanings in this book.                                |
| 7  | B   | compassion                                                 | Used 11 times in this book.                             |
| 8  | B   | sumptuous                                                  | Used 5 times in this book.                              |
| 9  | B   | pauper                                                     | Used 14 times in this book.                             |
| 10 | B   | revere                                                     | High-utility academic word; used 17 times in this book. |
| 11 | C   | accord ( <i>as in: done of her own accord</i> )            | 2 meanings in this book.                                |
| 12 | B   | accord ( <i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i> )   | Used 13 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.    |
| 13 | B   | consequence ( <i>as in: of little consequence</i> )        | 2 meanings in this book.                                |
| 14 | A   | consequence ( <i>as in: a direct consequence of</i> )      | High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.    |
| 15 | C   | archangel                                                  | Used 14 times in this book.                             |
| 16 | A   | paltry                                                     | Used 8 times in this book.                              |
| 17 | C   | perplex                                                    | Used 15 times in this book.                             |
| 18 | A   | forbearance                                                | Used 6 times in this book.                              |
| 19 | C   | reign ( <i>as in: uncertainty reigns</i> )                 | 2 meanings in this book.                                |
| 20 | C   | reign ( <i>as in: She reigned over England</i> )           | Used 14 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.    |