

The Princess Diaries

by Meg Cabot

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: accommodate, attain, boycott, chateau, diversity, duress, empirical, harass, hypocrite, irresponsible, listless, marathon, monarchy, narrow-minded, negative, omnipotent, opera, republic, revise, tact



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
3	A
4	B
5	A
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8	C
9	C
10	A
11	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. They had to **accommodate** various interests to get a majority.
 - A. adjust to
 - B. force
 - C. understand
2. They hope to **attain** effective law and order in the region before withdrawing troops.
 - A. openly oppose
 - B. carefully describe
 - C. successfully gain
3. Advertisers **boycotted** the show because of accusations that the script was racist.
 - A. refused to buy advertising of
 - B. investigated
 - C. paid discount rates
4. The wealthy family owned a **chateau** in the wine region.
 - A. a city studio
 - B. a French manor
 - C. a small shack
5. The team values **diversity** of thought and welcomes different perspectives.
 - A. variety of differences
 - B. agreement on principles
 - C. loyalty to tradition
6. The hostage was forced to open the safe under **duress** of a gun pointed at her head.
 - A. protection
 - B. threat
 - C. indifference
7. Empirical studies provide inputs for our formulas, but the formulas themselves are largely based upon intuitive values.
 - A. theoretical
 - B. creative
 - C. measured
8. She was **harassed** by the police.
 - A. imprisoned rapidly
 - B. interviewed formally
 - C. bothered repeatedly
9. She may be a **hypocrite**, but at least she knows the difference between right and wrong.
 - A. ethical hero
 - B. harsh critic
 - C. moral pretender
10. Her **irresponsible** spending habits led to significant credit card debt.
 - A. careless
 - B. careful
 - C. thoughtful
11. She accepted her fate with listless resignation.
 - A. unenergetic
 - B. frustrated
 - C. lonely

12. She finished her first **marathon** in just under four hours.
- A. 26-mile footrace
 - B. short sprint
 - C. swimming meet
13. He was imprisoned for insulting the Thai **monarchy**.
- A. government rules by the military
 - B. government ruled by foreigners
 - C. government ruled by royalty
14. His **narrow-minded** views made it hard to have a real conversation.
- A. open and curious
 - B. stubbornly closed-off
 - C. deeply researched
15. She was absent when the teacher described the number line. It made it difficult for her to understand **negative** numbers.
- A. less than zero
 - B. showing a condition not to be present
 - C. bad or harmful
16. His book was called **Omnipotent Government**.
- A. knowing everything
 - B. all powerful
 - C. present everywhere
17. We're going to the **opera** this evening.
- A. musical theater performance
 - B. outdoor sporting event
 - C. casual dinner gathering
18. A **republic** is a particular type of democracy.
- A. weak monarchy
 - B. representative government
 - C. oligarchy
19. Do you think the writer should revise the underlined sentence?
- A. remove
 - B. highlight
 - C. improve
20. She means well, but she lacks **tact**.
- A. a plan
 - B. sensitivity
 - C. ability

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 I asked Lilly why he was so mad, and she said because he'd been sexually **harassing** me but I didn't notice.
 - A. suggesting (saying indirectly)
 - B. going back to a previous state
 - C. to repeatedly bother or attack
- 2 Now if anybody asks me to the Cultural **Diversity** Dance next month (yeah, right) I won't be able to wear a strapless dress because there isn't anything on my chest to hold it up.
 - A. the condition of variety -- especially in reference to members of a population group who are of different races or cultures
 - B. classical music in which a theme is introduced and then extended and developed through some number of successive imitations
 - C. the ability and tendency to determine what should be done and to start doing it without instruction; or to start something
- 3 But Mom's been depressed ever since her last boyfriend turned out to be a **Republican**.
 - A. relating to a Christian ceremony signifying spiritual cleansing and rebirth OR relating to a challenging experience that initiates or purifies
 - B. of a system of government in which a majority of citizens elect representatives to make laws; or someone in favor of such a form of government
 - C. of an organism in the early stages of development prior to birth, hatching, or sprouting OR of anything in an early stage of development
- 4 Once, the **opera** came to Iceland, and every show was sold out and something like 98 percent of the population attended.
 - A. a musical play with orchestra in which most of the dialogue is sung (or the art form that consists of such musicals; or describing something as related to that art form)
 - B. a person with or something related to an eating disorder in which overeating is followed by guilt and unhealthy attempts at correction -- especially self-induced vomiting
 - C. the act of forcing into an undesired activity or situation -- such as legally sentencing someone to punishment OR the act of finding guilty -- especially in court
- 5 We'd have to leave my grandmother at the **chateau**, of course.
 - A. people who do not believe in the existence of god
 - B. an impressive country house (or castle) in France
 - C. discomfort caused by difficulty in digesting food
- 6 She says we have to be very understanding of him right now, because men have needs, and one of them is the need to feel progenitively **omnipotent**.
 - A. not pleasing
 - B. all powerful
 - C. sticking out
- 7 You're so **narrow-minded**.
 - A. the quality or degree of being in a crosswise direction (at a right angle to the long axis)
 - B. unwilling to consider other views; or limited in perspective due to insufficient background
 - C. not relating to any single sect -- usually indicating the inclusion of all religious groups
- 8 Even though she can be very **irresponsible** at times, it's only with things like bills and the groceries.
 - A. careless or reckless
 - B. careful or cautious
 - C. thoughtful or considerate
- 9 Forget the Dirty Harry movie **marathon**.
 - A. a footrace of about 26 miles
 - B. small quantity or indication
 - C. reason (for doing something)
- 10 Of course I'm **listless**!
 - A. lacking energy and normal enthusiasm
 - B. lacking a reason for doing something
 - C. inconspicuousness or trustworthiness

- 11 *I said then we are just going to have to **revise** the compromise, because there was nothing in there about me having to meet with Granmère every day after school for any princess lessons.*
- A. follow
 - B. unwrap
 - C. change
- 12 *She's calling for a school-wide **boycott** of Ho's Deli.*
- A. to refuse to buy things (from someone); or to refuse to participate in an activity (with someone) in order to express disapproval
 - B. the act of hiding something by making it blend in with its surroundings; or hiding the truth; or something that hides or deceives
 - C. present something to treat as true in order to advance a discussion or to further investigation even though it might not be true
- 13 *If Lilly were still speaking to me, I know she'd say men are such **hypocrites**.*
- A. acts or processes of stopped something from happening
 - B. bands of inelastic tissue connecting a muscle to bone
 - C. people who violate moral standards they claim to hold
- 14 *Operations on Real Numbers: **negatives** or **opposites**--numbers on opposite sides of the zero but the same distance from zero on the number line are called **negatives** or **opposites***
- A. numbers with a value of less than zero
 - B. takes (power or responsibility)
 - C. accepts as true (without proof)
- 15 *Lilly: Well, if you want to tolerate the excesses of the **monarchy**, you can be my guest, Michael.*
- A. a psychologist concerned with the treatment of abnormal thinking and behavior
 - B. a usually brief state of mental confusion often accompanied by hallucinations
 - C. a government, country, or ruling family of a country ruled by a king or queen
- 16 *His efforts have resulted in a nation that has the highest literacy rate in Europe, some of the best educational **attainment** rates, and the lowest infant mortality, inflation, and unemployment rates in the Western Hemisphere.*
- A. a group, made up of government representatives, that has the power to create laws
 - B. an angle measuring 90 degrees (like the angle between a classroom floor and wall)
 - C. the gaining or reaching of something with effort; or something gained with effort
- 17 *Note to self: Look up the words **empirical** and **libidinous** Wednesday Night No wonder my dad was so mad about Carol Fernandez's article!*
- A. having the ability to change for different situations
 - B. not concerned with what others might think of oneself
 - C. based on experience or observation rather than theory
- 18 *And Granmère said, all prissy, "Well, if you don't try to **accommodate** the media, they're just going to try to get the story any way they can, which means they'll keep showing up at your school."*
- A. adjust for
 - B. give an opinion of what is wrong with something
 - C. mark important text; or the text that is marked
- 19 *Usually he waited a **tactful** amount of time, like a summer or at least a weekend, before asking her out.*
- A. relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
 - B. to say or handle things in a way that makes others feel good about them
 - C. rude or unfriendly because of using too few words or moving too quickly
- 20 *Because I am definitely under **duress**.*
- A. the practice or tendency to be pessimistic or disagreeable
 - B. threat or circumstances that force someone to do something
 - C. the doctrine that all knowledge is derived from experience

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	harass	Used 3 times in this book.
2	A	diversity	Used 15 times in this book.
3	B	republic (<i>as in: the country is a republic</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
4	A	opera	Used 3 times in this book.
5	B	chateau	Used 4 times in this book.
6	B	omnipotent	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
7	B	narrow-minded	Used 2 times in this book.
8	A	irresponsible	Used 3 times in this book.
9	A	marathon (<i>as in: ran her first marathon</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
10	A	listless	Used 2 times in this book.
11	C	revise	High-utility academic word
12	A	boycott	Used 10 times in this book.
13	C	hypocrite	Used 2 times in this book.
14	A	negative (<i>as in: a negative number</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
15	C	monarchy	Used 2 times in this book.
16	C	attain	High-utility academic word
17	C	empirical	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
18	A	accommodate (<i>as in: moved to accommodate her</i>)	High-utility academic word
19	B	tact	High-utility academic word
20	B	duress	Used 2 times in this book.