

The Return of the Native

by Thomas Hardy

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: ascend, conducive, congenial, denotes, dwell (2), endeavor, impetuous, incline, inclined, indulge, obsolete, perceive (2), recollect, reproach, resolve (2), satire, signify



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	A
2	A
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7	C
8	A
9	C
10	A
11	A
12	A
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17	C
18	A
19	C
20	A

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. He watched the hot-air balloon **ascend** slowly into the clear morning sky.
A. move upward
B. drift downward
C. spin in place
2. Her spending habits are not **conducive** to achieving her financial goals.
A. helpful
B. harmful
C. irrelevant
3. She found her new colleagues to be quite **congenial**, making her transition to the new job much easier.
A. friendly
B. unfamiliar
C. challenging
4. In algebra, letters often **denote** unknown numbers in equations.
A. scatter
B. represent
C. confuse
5. Her students were ready to move on, but she **dwelled** on and on about Chapter 7.
A. kept avoiding
B. kept talking about
C. tested
6. Their family has **dwelled** in that valley for ten generations.
A. visited
B. looked
C. lived
7. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
A. not be able
B. promise
C. try
8. She made an **impetuous** purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
A. impulsive
B. cautious
C. wealthy
9. I was **inclined** to laugh, but I overcame the urge.
A. disinclined
B. afraid
C. tending
10. The boat ramp has a steep **incline**.
A. slope
B. price
C. danger
11. I **indulge** my taste for sweets more than is good for me.
A. give in to
B. hold back from
C. complain about
12. That old phone is **obsolete**.
A. outdated
B. classic
C. broken

13. Researchers **perceive** a clear pattern in how the disease spreads through families.
- A. carefully measure
 - B. view or understand
 - C. actively prevent
14. It's one thing to **perceive** something with the senses and another to understand its importance.
- A. become aware of
 - B. physically touch
 - C. clearly see
15. I don't **recollect** her name, but I'd recognize her.
- A. pronounce properly
 - B. spell properly
 - C. remember
16. Don't **reproach** yourself for things beyond your control.
- A. congratulate
 - B. criticize
 - C. accept honor for
17. I **resolved** to never drink again.
- A. was forced
 - B. was encouraged
 - C. firmly decided
18. She is testing my **resolve** to keep a good attitude.
- A. determination
 - B. ability
 - C. optimism
19. Through **satire**, the cartoon exposed how ridiculous the new policy looked in practice.
- A. literal description
 - B. factual reporting
 - C. humorous criticism
20. Her silence seemed to **signify** that she disagreed.
- A. indicate
 - B. delay
 - C. repeat

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 *...when the old watering-place herein called "Budmouth" still retained sufficient afterglow from its Georgian gaiety and prestige to lend it an absorbing attractiveness to the romantic and imaginative soul of a lonely dweller inland.*
A. someone with whom leisure time is spent
B. someone who rises to a better situation
C. someone who lives in a place
- 2 *Let me look right into your moonlit face and dwell on every line and curve in it!*
A. (noun) a strip of hair made lighter in color OR (verb) making strips of hair lighter in color
B. let attention stay on for a prolonged period
C. a tool for cutting grass that has a curved blade and a long handle that is held with both hands
- 3 *This obscure, obsolete, superseded country figures in Domesday.*
A. no longer in general use because it was replaced by something better
B. surprise -- often so much so that one doesn't know what to say or do
C. an appropriate size, amount, or degree in relation to something else
- 4 *In its venerable one coat lay a certain vein of satire on human vanity in clothes.*
A. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
B. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
C. a way of making fun of people or ideas -- often through exaggeration
- 5 *After replying to the old man's greeting he showed no inclination to continue in talk, although they still walked side by side, for the elder traveller seemed to desire company.*
A. wrong understanding
B. act of hiring again
C. attitude favoring
- 6 *She inclined her head, and swept round so that her eyes rested in the misty vale beneath them.*
A. bent or angled
B. told (a story)
C. lied or misled
- 7 *While the men and lads were building the pile, a change took place in the mass of shade which denoted the distant landscape.*
A. with rises and falls in pitch
B. stand for or symbolize literally; or be a sign or indicator of
C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 8 *Olly, though without the tact to perceive when remarks were untimely, was saved by her very simplicity from rendering them offensive.*
A. notice (be aware of)
B. think carefully
C. strongly desire
- 9 *She could not admit at once that she might have overestimated Wildeve, for to perceive his mediocrity now was to admit her own great folly heretofore.*
A. not feeling or showing sympathy for another's suffering
B. view in a certain way so as to form a belief or opinion
C. suntanned; or reddish-brown or yellowish-brown in color
- 10 *If I had known you wished to call me up here only to reproach me, I wouldn't have come.*
A. move into position to work; or start
B. a criticism; or to express criticism
C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 11 *But, if congenial to philosophy, it is apt to be dangerous to the commonwealth.*
A. agreeable or compatible
B. unable to get closer to
C. not sensible or careful

- 12 "No--I won't, I won't!" she said **impetuously**, quite forgetful of..
A. impulsively (suddenly, without much thought)
B. in the manner of a logical, systematic examination
C. in a manner that shows care or concern for someone
- 13 They were merely **indulging** in the ordinary vivacious chat of relatives who have long been parted in person though not in soul.
A. enjoying to excess
B. leaping or jumping
C. thinking carefully
- 14 Ah, I **recollect** that I once accidentally offended her, and I have never seen her since.
A. disagree
B. subtract
C. remember
- 15 She **resolved** to look for the man from Paris no more.
A. changed
B. adapted
C. decided
- 16 Up to this hour he had persevered in his **resolve** not to invite her back.
A. determination (in holding to his decision)
B. wrongly translating
C. difficult situation
- 17 On a ledge in the fuel-house stood three tall rush-lights and by the light of them seven or eight lads were marching about, haranguing, and confusing each other, in **endeavours** to perfect themselves in the play.
A. learns, discovers, or decides
B. tells someone about something
C. attempts; or things attempted
- 18 Suppose he should become blind, or, at all events, never recover sufficient strength of sight to engage in an occupation which would be congenial to her feelings, and **conduce** to her removal from this lonely dwelling among the hills?
A. contribute (to a result)
B. include consideration of
C. struggle or disagreement
- 19 Then she quickly pressed her hand upon Wildeve's arm and **signified** to him to come back from the open side of the shed into the shadow.
A. to indicate (to show or to mean)
B. lacking things most people enjoy
C. of the Netherlands or its people
- 20 he **ascended** the valley in a mathematically direct line towards his distant home in the meadows.
A. climbed (move upward)
B. not roughly calculated
C. consistent or the same

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	dwelt (<i>as in: It dwells in the forest.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
2	B	dwelt (<i>as in: Don't dwell on it.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
3	A	obsolete	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
4	C	satire (<i>as in: wrote a satire</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
5	C	inclined (<i>as in: I'm inclined to</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
6	A	incline (<i>as in: on an incline or incline his head</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	B	denotes	Used 7 times in this book.
8	A	perceive (<i>as in: though blind, can perceive light</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	B	perceive (<i>as in: perceive the system as unfair</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	B	reproach	Used 13 times in this book.
11	A	congenial	Used 5 times in this book.
12	A	impetuous (<i>as in: an impetuous decision</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
13	A	indulge	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
14	C	recollect	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
15	C	resolve (<i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	resolve (<i>as in: Her resolve weakened.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	endeavor	Used 14 times in this book.
18	A	conducive	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
19	A	signify	Used 13 times in this book.
20	A	ascend (<i>as in: ascend the mountain</i>)	Used 26 times in this book.