

The Silver Chair

by C. S. Lewis

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: cease, centaur, chasm, conceit, despair, distinct, entreat, indignant, inquiry, loathe, mortal (2), parliament, precipice, regent, serpent, solemn, therefore, wither, writhe



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. The injunction requires that they **cease** all activity on the site.
 - A. stop
 - B. record
 - C. permit
2. In Greek mythology, Chiron is probably the most famous of the centaurs. He is known for his wisdom and knowledge of medicine.
 - A. demigod fighters in wars between gods
 - B. winged horses that can fly
 - C. mythical beings that are half man and half horse
3. We were stopped by an impassable **chasm**.
 - A. steep mountain
 - B. raging river
 - C. steep drop
4. Her **conceit** showed in the way she interrupted others and assumed she was always the smartest person in the room.
 - A. ignorance
 - B. arrogance
 - C. encouragement
5. She rescued me from **despair**.
 - A. fear
 - B. poverty
 - C. hopelessness
6. Two **distinct** brain networks guide our judgments.
 - A. different
 - B. similar
 - C. identical
7. The students **entreated** the Chinese troops not to use force against peaceful demonstrations.
 - A. bribed (with gifts)
 - B. asked earnestly
 - C. threatened
8. She was **indignant**, but she agreed to be searched when they accused her of shoplifting.
 - A. annoyed at something unjust
 - B. surprised at the unexpected
 - C. defensive about being suspected
9. The official **inquiry** has ended, but the press continues to ask questions.
 - A. story
 - B. statement
 - C. investigation
10. I **loathe** that man. He ruined my life.
 - A. fear
 - B. avoid
 - C. hate
11. In the story, she was neither a mortal nor a god. She was a demi-god.
 - A. type of bird
 - B. lucky survivor
 - C. human

12. They are **mortal** enemies.
- A. long-time
 - B. intense
 - C. human
13. The Sheik of Kuwait was admired for voluntarily creating a **parliament** to share power with him.
- A. religious gathering
 - B. legislative assembly
 - C. private fortress
14. She skied off a **precipice**, dropped her skis in midair, and then opened a parachute.
- A. airplane
 - B. ramp
 - C. steep cliff
15. While the young king was ill, his uncle served as **regent** to rule the kingdom.
- A. temporary substitute ruler
 - B. elected prime minister
 - C. royal court advisor
16. What does the **serpent** represent in the Garden of Eden?
- A. fig leaf
 - B. snake
 - C. apple
17. Everyone was **solemn** at the funeral.
- A. serious and dignified
 - B. teary eyed
 - C. dressed in dark colors
18. We reduced locations where mosquito eggs can mature and therefore reduced the number of mosquitoes.
- A. in addition
 - B. in spite of that
 - C. for that reason
19. As the disease progressed, her once strong muscles began to **wither** and she struggled to even lift a glass of water.
- A. hurt
 - B. weaken
 - C. lose feeling
20. She **writhed** on the sidewalk begging that someone call an ambulance.
- A. cried and whimpered
 - B. yelled loudly
 - C. twisted and turned

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 "You don't know either," said Jill **indignantly**.
 - A. angry at being wronged
 - B. with surprise as something unexpected
 - C. with acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 2 The birds had **ceased** singing and there was perfect silence except for one small, persistent sound, which seemed to come from a good distance away.
 - A. stopped or discontinued
 - B. not taken on or adopted
 - C. did in a particular way
- 3 Let us hold a **parliament** of owls.
 - A. a place where conditions are kept as they were to protect wildlife
 - B. legislative assembly
 - C. someone who believes that all knowledge is derived from experience
- 4 That if the Lord **Regent**... hears you are going to look for the lost Prince, he won't let you start.
 - A. someone who rules a country temporarily
 - B. relating to an artistic movement pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque that featured surfaces of geometrical planes to depict three-dimensional organic forms
 - C. someone who walks slowly without definite direction OR someone who writes or talks without definite direction (changing subjects or rambling rather than in a purposeful direct way)
- 5 His expression was **solemn**,
 - A. serious and possibly dignified
 - B. indicating approval or agreement
 - C. able to be taken on as one's own
- 6 Those eels will take a **mortal** long time to cook, and either of you might faint with hunger before they're done.
 - A. good or beneficial
 - B. extremely
 - C. impossible to find
- 7 who has suffered almost more than any **mortal** can bear.
 - A. someone who provides start-up money to new companies
 - B. someone who combines components into a complex whole
 - C. human (especially merely human) or subject to death
- 8 beyond these, a country of high mountains, dark **precipices**, stony valleys,
 - A. performances that express personal feelings or ideas
 - B. lenses that limit light vibrations to a single plane
 - C. very steep cliffs
- 9 ...found herself to her horror sliding down into a dark, narrow **chasm**...
 - A. long eventful journey
 - B. a nerve or brain cell
 - C. opening on the earth's surface
- 10 It was absolute misery to come back into the **withering** coldness.
 - A. devices that convert light into electricity
 - B. causing weakness
 - C. temperature scale used in most of the world
- 11 "Not a manMarsh-wiggle," replied Puddleglum in a somewhat **indistinct** voice.
 - A. not clear or easily identifiable
 - B. indicating approval or agreement
 - C. important, serious, or dangerous

- 12 *"It's my fault," she said in **despairing** tones.*
A. triumphant
B. thoughtful
C. hopeless
- 13 *And soon after that, I turn into the likeness of a great **serpent**, hungry, fierce, and deadly.*
A. skill
B. snake
C. story
- 14 *And Jill was thinking, "He's the silliest, most **conceited**, selfish pig I've met for a long time."*
A. not judged in a negative way
B. excessively proud of himself
C. calculated or judged too low
- 15 *Listen while I am master of myself. When the fit is upon me, it well may be that I shall beg and implore you, with **entreaties** and threatenings, to loosen my bonds.*
A. relative amounts
B. requests and persuasions
C. acts of betrayal
- 16 *His face was as pale as putty, and he **writhed** in his bonds.*
A. examined in detail to better understand
B. tension from opposing ideas or feelings
C. moved in a twisting or contorted motion
- 17 ***Therefore**, Madam, it is my purpose, as it is also my duty, to depart suddenly from your Highness's court into my own country.*
A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
B. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
C. for that reason
- 18 *had flung two or three coils of its **loathsome** body round the Prince's legs.*
A. not aware of something
B. consistent or the same
C. disgusting
- 19 *two **centaurs** have very kindly offered to let you ride on their backs*
A. images (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
B. electronic components that act as one-way valves
C. creatures that are half man, half horse
- 20 *When the police arrived and found no lion, no broken wall, and no convicts, and the Head behaving like a lunatic, there was an **inquiry** into the whole thing.*
A. small quantity or indication
B. reason (for doing something)
C. questioning or investigating

ANSWER KEY

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
2	A	cease	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
3	B	parliament (<i>with a lowercase "p"</i>)	Used 7 times in this book.
4	A	regent	Used 3 times in this book.
5	A	solemn	Used 5 times in this book.
6	B	mortal (<i>as in: felt mortal agony</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
7	C	mortal (<i>as in: mortal body</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
8	C	precipice	Used 4 times in this book.
9	C	chasm	Used 12 times in this book.
10	B	wither (<i>as in: her confidence withered</i>)	Used about 3 times per 10 books in our high school library.
11	A	distinct	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	C	despair (<i>as in: she felt despair</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	B	serpent	Used 11 times in this book.
14	B	conceit (<i>as in: confident, but not conceited</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
15	B	entreat	Used 2 times in this book.
16	C	writhe	Used 3 times in this book.
17	C	therefore	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
18	C	loathe	Used 4 times in this book.
19	C	centaur	Used 18 times in this book.
20	C	inquiry	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.