

The Swiss Family Robinson

by Johann Wyss

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: abound, accord (2), assail, cultivate, endeavor, ensue, feasible, forthwith, incessant, luxuriant, minute (2), oblige, procure, prudent, resolve, serpent, species, specimen



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	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. Rumors **abound** about the new student in class.
A. are plentiful
B. are rare
C. gradually disappear
2. She dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
A. opposition
B. keeping
C. ignorance
3. After the fight, he turned himself in of his own **accord**.
A. own fear
B. own safety
C. own mind
4. She took every opportunity to **assail** the policy.
A. study
B. attack
C. understand
5. Creativity can be **cultivated**.
A. useful
B. developed or grown
C. risky or dangerous
6. I will **endeavor** to finish by Friday.
A. not be able
B. promise
C. try
7. The storm ended by noon, and a quiet afternoon **ensued**.
A. decreasing
B. prior
C. following
8. The goal is good, but the plan doesn't seem very **feasible**.
A. profitable
B. practical
C. impressive
9. The resolution calls upon the country to "cease hostilities **forthwith**."
A. immediately
B. carefully
C. publicly
10. Night and day we live with the **incessant** noise of the city.
A. loud
B. continuous
C. pleasant
11. Beavers were hunted nearly to extinction for their **luxuriant** fur.
A. thick and abundant
B. scarce (rare)
C. dark brown
12. Even a **minute** amount of lead can be harmful to children.
A. large
B. 60 seconds
C. tiny

13. She thrives at sifting through that kind of minute detail.
- A. quickly eliminated
 - B. available from prior research
 - C. including even small considerations
14. I didn't want to help, but I felt obliged because of our family connections.
- A. required to
 - B. interested
 - C. sad
15. She was able to procure tickets to the sold-out concert.
- A. obtain or get
 - B. lose or misplace
 - C. destroy or ruin
16. Courage is dangerous without prudence.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
17. I resolved to never drink again.
- A. was forced
 - B. was encouraged
 - C. firmly decided
18. What does the serpent represent in the Garden of Eden?
- A. fig leaf
 - B. snake
 - C. apple
19. It is thought that there are over 20,000 species of ants.
- A. different categories
 - B. different nest types
 - C. different diets
20. The collection includes specimens from all over the world.
- A. insects
 - B. examples
 - C. shells

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 next **procured** a long thin plank on which my tubs could be fixed, and the two ends of this I bent upwards so as to form a keel.
A. got by special effort
B. marked important text
C. recognized difference
- 2 I myself, the anxious, loving father, stood in the stern, **endeavouring** to guide the raft with its precious burden to a safe landing-place.
A. working or operating
B. believing or judging
C. trying or attempting
- 3 I, too, know the agouti by descriptions and pictures, and there is little doubt that this is a **specimen**.
A. the act of taking something on as one's own
B. an example regarded as typical of its class
C. something that helps clarify or demonstrate
- 4 We followed his example, one after the other, each doing so rather to provide himself with a spoon than with any hope of **cultivating** a taste for oysters.
A. considering (the affect on a result or outcome)
B. developing, growing, or preparing to grow crops
C. writing or exchanging written letters or emails
- 5 Then having commended ourselves to his protecting care, I took leave of my wife and children, and bidding them not wander far from the boat and tent, we parted not without some anxiety on either side, for we knew not what might **assail** us in this unknown region.
A. hire again or occupy again
B. to attack or cause trouble
C. learn, discover, or decide
- 6 'Ernest, although rather treating Jack's manufacture with ridicule, proposed a sensible-enough plan, which Jack **forthwith** put in execution.
A. immediately
B. a last name
C. well suited
- 7 'And, sure enough, they were catching the little green crabs with which the water **abounded**.
A. was abundant or plentiful
B. expelled or gotten rid of
C. thought -- possibly aloud
- 8 The perverse creature had obstinately resisted our attempts to bring her with us, but finding herself deserted, had followed of her **own accord**,
A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
C. own mind -- voluntarily (without anyone asking)
- 9 The effects of course vary **according to** the quantity taken, and such remedies should be applied as will best counteract the effect of each poison:
A. idiom meaning "won the day"
B. depending upon (in keeping with)
C. U.S. history: pre-Civil War period
- 10 We advanced cautiously lest the thicket should contain some wild beast or venomous **serpent**.
A. skill
B. snake
C. story

- 11 I exclaimed, "Why, you are a model of **prudence** and industry!"
- A. good sense and caution
 - B. not easily set on fire
 - C. surrounding conditions
- 12 My success surpassed my own expectations; the stump was entwined by the cord in such a way as to leave no doubt whatever as to the **feasibility** of the wonderful performances I described; and I was assailed by petitions from the boys, each anxious to possess a lasso of his own, without a moment's delay.
- A. not appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - B. the degree to which something is practical
 - C. the degree of not being easily set on fire
- 13 An amusing contest **ensued**; the dogs again and again drove off the intruders, and they, as often, returned reinforced by others who swarmed to the spot.
- A. restored
 - B. collided
 - C. followed
- 14 Jack had to answer a host of questions concerning their capture, and to give a **minute** account of the affray with the buffaloes.
- A. having the characteristics of a *monk* (often inclined toward self-denial)
 - B. the quality of holding something back or holding others down through oppression
 - C. detailed
- 15 You are right, Fritz; coral consists of the calcereous cells of **minute** animals, so built up as to form a tree-like structure.
- A. awake
 - B. exact
 - C. tiny
- 16 **Incessant** rain battered down above us,
- A. poor ability to make a decision
 - B. continuous
 - C. non-traditional or non-standard
- 17 Peas, beans, wheat, barley, rye and Indian corn, seemed constantly ripe, while cucumbers, melons, and all sorts of other vegetables grew **luxuriantly**.
- A. characterized by growing well or being richly thick or abundant -- as of vegetation or hair
- or (more rarely):
- characterized by luxury (very comfortable or extravagant)
- B. in a manner not appearing dangerous, but actually very harmful over time OR treacherously (in a dangerous manner due to trickery or from hidden or unpredictable risks)
 - C. in a manner that is related to relating to existentialism -- a philosophical movement that assumes each person is free to determine what is essential in their existence
- 18 We **resolved** to transplant a supply of both roots to our kitchen garden.
- A. changed
 - B. adapted
 - C. decided
- 19 Remedies are very various, very uncertain, and differ with the **species** inflicting the bite.
- A. a similar group of animals or plants
 - B. the quality of exactness or accuracy
 - C. the gain of advantage from something
- 20 Vague ideas passed through my mind, but every one I was **obliged** to reject.
- A. required (to do something)
 - B. gradually added or removed
 - C. limited or with boundaries

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	procure	Used 14 times in this book.
2	C	endeavor	Used 17 times in this book.
3	B	specimen	Used 14 times in this book.
4	B	cultivate	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
5	B	assail	Used 6 times in this book.
6	A	forthwith	Used 5 times in this book.
7	A	abound	Used 6 times in this book.
8	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
9	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 16 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
10	B	serpent	Used 32 times in this book.
11	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 10 times in this book.
12	B	feasible	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
13	C	ensue	Used 15 times in this book.
14	C	minute (<i>as in: minute description</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
15	C	minute (<i>as in: minute size</i>)	3 meanings in this book.
16	B	incessant	Used 13 times in this book.
17	A	luxuriant	Used 7 times in this book.
18	C	resolve (<i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	species	Used 18 times in this book.
20	A	oblige (<i>as in: I am obliged by law.</i>)	Used 25 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.