

The Voyage of the Dawn Trader

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: appalling, avenge, bequeath, contrary to, deceive, enmity, mane, mitigate, mortal (2), nevertheless, odious, on the contrary, precipice, ration, regent, reign, serpent, sulk, treacherous



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Vocabulary Preview

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16	A
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18	B
19	B
20	A

Vocabulary Preview
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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She has scheduled a news conference to respond to the **appalling** accusations.
 - A. false
 - B. horrible
 - C. foolish
2. The hero set out to **avenge** the cruel treatment of his village by the bandits.
 - A. kindly forgive
 - B. quietly forget
 - C. take revenge for
3. My aunt **bequeathed** me her pearl necklace.
 - A. loaned
 - B. gave
 - C. took
4. We will not allow members to act **contrary** to our code of ethics.
 - A. without understanding
 - B. prior to creating
 - C. in opposition to
5. I will not pay you for the work. **On the contrary**, I may sue you for damages.
 - A. not only that (strengthening denial of payment)
 - B. in spite of that (even though not paying)
 - C. regardless of that (unrelated to not paying)
6. The fake article was written to attract attention and **deceive** readers.
 - A. entertain
 - B. attract
 - C. lie to or mislead
7. She harbors no **enmity** towards her ex-husband.
 - A. love
 - B. disrespect
 - C. hatred
8. She brushed the horse's tangled **mane** until it flowed smoothly down its neck.
 - A. long curved tail
 - B. thick neck hair
 - C. sharp pointed hoof
9. The new factory is building privacy walls to **mitigate** its impact on neighbors.
 - A. make less harmful or unpleasant
 - B. change the subject from
 - C. make a bad situation worse
10. 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
11. They are **mortal** enemies.
 - A. long-time
 - B. intense
 - C. human
12. She loves him. **Nevertheless**, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
 - A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition

13. The poll tax was designed as a particularly **odious** violation of civil rights.
- A. extremely devious
 - B. harmful and hidden
 - C. extremely dislikable
14. She skied off a **precipice**, dropped her skis in midair, and then opened a parachute.
- A. airplane
 - B. ramp
 - C. steep cliff
15. During the Second World War, products such as food and gasoline were **rationed** in the United States, so more resources could be devoted to the war effort.
- A. restricted in the amount each person could have
 - B. set at a high price only the military could afford
 - C. imported in small amounts from many countries
16. 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
17. 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
18. What does the **serpent** represent in the Garden of Eden?
- A. fig leaf
 - B. snake
 - C. apple
19. She **sulked** for the rest of the week when she learned she would not make the starting team.
- A. worked tirelessly to improve
 - B. was unhappy and unsociable
 - C. was angry and lashed out
20. It was a **treacherous** act.
- A. betraying trust
 - B. especially cruel
 - C. highly moral

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 had an excellent person to leave as **regent** while I'm away
 - A. temporary ruler
 - 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)
- 2 I would sail east myself for a year and a day to find my father's friends or to learn of their deaths and **avenge** them if I could.
 - A. take on or adopt
 - B. make more varied
 - C. take revenge
- 3 After that he **sulkily** agreed to put on the fresh clothes which had been put out for him and come on deck.
 - A. in a manner that is not attractive or desirable
 - B. in an excessively unhappy and unsociable manner
 - C. in a manner that is not intense, or less active
- 4 She was only a little bit of a thing compared with one of our ships, or even with the ... which Narnia had owned when Lucy and Edmund had **reigned** there
 - A. shiny
 - B. alone
 - C. ruled (held royal office and were in charge)
- 5 The real trouble is water. ... On short **rations**, half a pint a day each, we've got enough for twelve days.
 - A. a fixed portion of something given as a share
 - B. atones (demonstrates sorrow for a wrong either by doing something good in return for the wrong, or by accepting punishment)
 - C. removes or suppress anything considered obscene, immoral, or politically unacceptable OR people who does such suppression
- 6 Odious stuck-up **prig**.
 - A. the degree to which something is able to change or is different
 - B. not trustworthy, or improper, or attracting unwelcome attention
 - C. extremely unpleasant, disgusting, dislikable, or worthy of hate
- 7 ...steep and narrow, with **precipices** on either side.
 - A. performances that express personal feelings or ideas
 - B. lenses that limit light vibrations to a single plane
 - C. steep cliffs
- 8 An **appalling** loneliness came over him.
 - A. telling someone about something
 - B. horrible
 - C. commending or praising publicly
- 9 ...since the first day he came on board he had been an **unmitigated** nuisance...
 - A. complete
 - B. atoned (demonstrated sorrow for a wrong either by doing something good in return for the wrong, or by accepting punishment)
 - C. not atoned (demonstrated sorrow for a wrong either by doing something good in return for the wrong, or by accepting punishment)
- 10 ...the whole ship was under an arch of **serpent**.
 - A. skill
 - B. snake
 - C. story

- 11 *Nevertheless, only a few feet away from her, a voice spoke.*
A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
C. therefore (for that reason)
- 12 *And what have we done to earn your **enmity**?*
A. battle
B. memory
C. hatred
- 13 *We're **mortal** tired of being invisible.*
A. good or beneficial
B. extremely
C. impossible to find
- 14 *Now Lucy had wanted very badly to try the other spell, the one that made you beautiful beyond the lot of **mortals**.*
A. acts of being in a working position; or the acts of starting
B. things or characteristics that express agreement or approval
C. those who are merely human
- 15 *And the service they ask of her is in no way **contrary** to her Majesty's honour, but a noble and heroical act.*
A. decisive defeat
B. produce or show
C. in opposition to
- 16 *On the **contrary** he liked him very much and was therefore frightened about him, and being frightened put him in a bad temper — just as your mother is much angrier with you for running out into the road in front of a car than a stranger would be.*
A. an expression used to intensify denial of an idea
B. an expression used to introduce a creative idea
C. an expression used to introduce a statement that might be thought impolite
- 17 *Eustace didn't want to accept, but Lucy said, "I'm sure they're not **treacherous**."*
A. untrustworthy
B. foolish
C. unkind
- 18 *And he was solid and real and warm and he let her kiss him and bury herself in his shining **mane**.*
A. select (on a computer screen)
B. lion's hair
C. exchange, convert, or pay off
- 19 *"And we're extremely regrettable," said the Chief Monopod, "that we can't give you the pleasure of seeing us as we were before we were uglified, for you wouldn't believe the difference, and that's the truth, for there's no denying we're mortal ugly now, so we won't **deceive** you."*
A. tell (a story)
B. bad or harmful
C. lie or mislead
- 20 *Why, every man that comes with us shall **bequeath** the title of Dawn Treader to all his descendants, and when we land at Cair Paravel on the homeward voyage he shall have either gold or land enough to make him rich all his life.*
A. mark important text; or the text that is marked
B. give or pass down -- often upon death in a will
C. give an opinion of what is wrong with something

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	regent	Used 4 times in this book.
2	C	avenge	Used 3 times in this book.
3	B	sulk	Used 4 times in this book.
4	C	reign (<i>as in: She reigned over England</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
5	A	ration	Used 5 times in this book.
6	C	odious	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
7	C	precipice	Used 3 times in this book.
8	B	appalling	Used 3 times in this book.
9	A	mitigate	High-utility academic word
10	B	serpent	Used 12 times in this book.
11	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
12	C	enmity	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
13	B	mortal (<i>as in: felt mortal agony</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	C	mortal (<i>as in: mortal body</i>)	Used 5 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
15	C	contrary to (<i>as in: contrary to</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
16	A	on the contrary (<i>as in: on the contrary</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
17	A	treacherous (<i>as in: a scheming, treacherous assistant</i>)	High-utility academic word
18	B	mane	Used 5 times in this book.
19	C	deceive	Used 5 times in this book.
20	B	bequeath	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library