

The Yellow Wallpaper

by Charlotte Perkins Gilman

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: congenial, conscientious, conspicuous, contradict, cultivate, earnest, endure, flourish (2), hinder, impertinent, interminable, perplex, prescribe, principle, provoke, reproach, sequence, stimulus, subtle



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
3	A
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6	B
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8	A
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10	C
11	A
12	B
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17	B
18	B
19	B
20	B

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. She found her new colleagues to be quite **congenial**, making her transition to the new job much easier.
 - A. friendly
 - B. unfamiliar
 - C. challenging
2. I try to hire employees who are **conscientious**.
 - A. smart
 - B. attractive
 - C. careful
3. She is the most **conspicuous** person on the President's cabinet, often appearing on television.
 - A. easy to notice
 - B. hard to trust
 - C. quick to argue
4. Does the sentence **contradict** what is said in the previous paragraph?
 - A. disagree with
 - B. reinforce
 - C. expand upon
5. Creativity can be **cultivated**.
 - A. useful
 - B. developed or grown
 - C. risky or dangerous
6. She has a casual, go-with-the-flow personality and doesn't appreciate his **earnestness**.
 - A. frivolous attitude
 - B. seriousness
 - C. falseness
7. Over the years, the stories my grandmother told me have **endured** as a source of wisdom in my life.
 - A. stopped acting
 - B. brought suffering
 - C. continued to exist
8. The business **flourished** from day one.
 - A. grew or developed well
 - B. struggled to make a profit
 - C. was a dangerous place
9. He bowed with a **flourish**.
 - A. showy gesture
 - B. twitch from pain
 - C. smile
10. The brace I have to wear is **hindering** my movements
 - A. helping or assisting
 - B. drawing attention to
 - C. making difficult
11. The child's **impertinent** question about the guest's bald head caused an awkward silence at the dinner table.
 - A. rude
 - B. foolish
 - C. loud

12. The meeting felt **interminable** as the speaker droned on about minor details.
- A. refreshingly brief
 - B. seemingly endless
 - C. surprisingly lively
13. I am **perplexed** by her sudden change of mind on this important issue.
- A. amused
 - B. annoyed
 - C. confused
14. Most doctors **prescribe** simple lifestyle changes before medication.
- A. ignore
 - B. delay
 - C. recommend
15. One guiding **principle** is that everyone should be treated fairly.
- A. rule or belief
 - B. complaint
 - C. answer or result
16. We should not permit deeply offensive words that **provoke** violence.
- A. stop
 - B. distract from
 - C. cause
17. Don't **reproach** yourself for things beyond your control.
- A. congratulate
 - B. criticize
 - C. accept honor for
18. The **sequence** of events in the novel kept the readers engaged and eager to find out what happens next.
- A. brief summary
 - B. order or series
 - C. random collection
19. The Fed is concerned that further **stimulus** will lead to inflation.
- A. unemployment
 - B. encouragement of growth
 - C. interest rates increases
20. She likes dramatic statements, but he prefers to be **subtle**.
- A. quiet and action-oriented
 - B. understated so as not to draw excess attention
 - C. a careful listener

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 Personally, I believe that **congenial** work, with excitement and change, would do me good.
 - A. agreeable or compatible
 - B. unable to get closer to
 - C. not sensible or careful
- 2 I sometimes fancy that my condition if I had less opposition and more society and **stimulus**—but John says the very worst thing I can do is to think about my condition, and I confess it always makes me feel bad.
 - A. surgical interruption of nerve tracts to and from the frontal lobe of the brain
 - B. something that creates growth or excitement, or something that causes an action
 - C. something suggested indirectly; or something that can be concluded; or a result
- 3 I have a schedule **prescription** for each hour in the day;
 - A. lymph node -- one of many bean-sized organs that filter bacteria and other toxins from circulating white-blood-cell filled lymph fluid
 - B. submissiveness -- often an attitude of someone who is so submissive or eager to serve and please that they seem to lack self-respect
 - C. recommendation, instruction, or rule
- 4 pronounced enough to constantly irritate and **provoke** study
 - A. notable difference
 - B. come to terms with
 - C. cause (in reaction)
- 5 It is dull enough to confuse the eye in following, pronounced enough to constantly irritate and provoke study, and when you follow the lame uncertain curves for a little distance they suddenly commit suicide—plunge off at outrageous angles, destroy themselves in unheard of **contradictions**.
 - A. things that disagree with themselves; or (more rarely) acts of disagreeing
 - B. things about which one feels angry or unhappy due to having to accept them
 - C. acts of move something out of an interacting position; or acts of stopping
- 6 I am sitting by the window now, up in this atrocious nursery, and there is nothing to **hinder** my writing as much as I please, save lack of strength.
 - A. make different; or show difference
 - B. to cause something to move forward
 - C. slow down or cause problems for
- 7 I get positively angry with the **impertinence** of it and the everlastingness.
 - A. rudeness or improper boldness
 - B. not recognizable as different
 - C. learns, discovers, or decides
- 8 I can see a strange, provoking, formless sort of figure, that seems to skulk about behind that silly and **conspicuous** front design.
 - A. very noticeable (attention-attracting)
 - B. the quality or degree of being in a crosswise direction (at a right angle to the long axis)
 - C. relating to an acute intestinal infection caused by ingestion of contaminated water or food
- 9 I know a little of the **principle** of design, and I know this thing was not arranged on any laws of radiation, or alternation, or repetition, or symmetry, or anything else that I ever heard of.
 - A. basic rule or belief
 - B. the act of forgiving
 - C. narrow water passage
- 10 the bloated curves and **flourishes**
 - A. showy gestures (ornamental flowing curves)
 - B. good things or characteristics
 - C. understandings or explanations

- 11 *He laughed a little the other day, and said I seemed to be **flourishing** in spite of my wall-paper.*
A. growing or developing well
B. stopping a battle or fight
C. changing through evolution
- 12 *I tried to have a real **earnest** reasonable talk with him the other day,*
A. impossible to find
B. sincere or serious
C. good or beneficial
- 13 *"Better in body perhaps—" I began, and stopped short, for he sat up straight and looked at me with such a stern, **reproachful** look that I could not say another word.*
A. without boundaries or limits
B. critical (full of criticism)
C. not good at making decisions
- 14 *On a pattern like this, by daylight, there is a lack of **sequence**, a defiance of law, that is a constant irritant to a normal mind.*
A. tell someone about something
B. happening in a specific order
C. something repeated regularly
- 15 *If you can imagine a toadstool in joints, an **interminable** string of toadstools, budding and sprouting in endless convolutions—why, that is something like it.*
A. relating to expert judgement of what is good and bad about something
B. seemingly endless; or long and unpleasant (often boring or annoying)
C. full of anger or unhappiness at having to accept something not liked
- 16 *And that **cultivates** deceit, for I don't tell them I'm awake—O no!*
A. moves out of an interacting position; or stops
B. enhances development of
C. paintings made with watercolors on wet plaster
- 17 *In the daytime it is tiresome and **perplexing**.*
A. treating as if of low worth
B. delaying until a later time
C. confusing due to complexity
- 18 *I cannot keep count of them, though I have tried **conscientiously**.*
A. in a manner that is not attractive or desirable
B. in an excessively unhappy and unsociable manner
C. with care
- 19 *It is not bad—at first, and very gentle, but quite the **subtlest**, most enduring odor I ever met.*
A. believe or judge
B. most understated
C. cause a reaction
- 20 *...quite the subtlest, most **enduring** odor I ever met.*
A. lying or misleading
B. influencing opinion
C. continuing to exist

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	congenial	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
2	B	stimulus	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
3	C	prescribe	Used about 7 times per 10 books in our high school library.
4	C	provoke	Used 2 times in this story.
5	A	contradict	High-utility academic word
6	C	hinder (<i>as in: hindered by</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
7	A	impertinent (<i>as in: she was impertinent</i>)	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
8	A	conspicuous	High-utility academic word
9	A	principle	High-utility academic word
10	A	flourish (<i>as in: dismissed them with a flourish</i>)	2 meanings in this story.
11	A	flourish (<i>as in: the business is flourishing</i>)	2 meanings in this story.
12	B	earnest	High-utility academic word
13	B	reproach	Used about 7 times per 10 books in our high school library.
14	B	sequence	Used about 7 times per 10 books in our high school library.
15	B	interminable	Used 2 times in this story.
16	B	cultivate	High-utility academic word
17	C	perplex	Used about 8 times per 10 books in our high school library.
18	C	conscientious	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
19	B	subtle (<i>as in: a subtle shade of blue</i>)	High-utility academic word
20	C	endure (<i>as in: endure through the ages</i>)	Used about 4 times per 10 books in our high school library.