

Through the Looking-Glass

by Lewis Carroll

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: bolster, consequence, despair, diligent, dismal, grave, however (2), indignant, inquire, melancholy, oblige, obliged, principal, provoke, scorn, solemn, sulk, trifle, vex



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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2	A
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11	B
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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 falling unemployment rate is **bolstering** consumer confidence.
A. weakening
B. confusing
C. strengthening
2. Her job prospects are hindered as a **consequence** of the conviction.
A. result
B. unimportant part
C. important part
3. She rescued me from **despair**.
A. fear
B. poverty
C. hopelessness
4. A **diligent** detective investigates all clues.
A. lazy and careless
B. rude and dishonest
C. careful and hardworking
5. When she graduated from college the job market was **dismal**.
A. especially good
B. promising but unusual
C. terrible or depressing
6. The day after the funeral, she was in a **grave** mood.
A. hysterical
B. solemn
C. fearful
7. I hope to take the ACT just once. However, I will take it early, so there is time to study and take it again if my scores aren't high enough.
A. but
B. also
C. and
8. However safe we make it, there will always be risk.
A. on-the-other-hand
B. in addition
C. no matter how
9. 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
10. I am here to **inquire** about the job.
A. answer questions
B. ask about
C. perform a task
11. This weather makes me **melancholy**. I can't wait for spring,
A. happy
B. sad
C. feel like singing

12. I didn't want to help, but I felt obliged because of our family connections.
- A. required to
 - B. interested
 - C. sad
13. I'd be obliged if you could help me lift this.
- A. surprised
 - B. grateful
 - C. paying
14. The principal reason for the delay was bad weather.
- A. final
 - B. main
 - C. stated
15. We should not permit deeply offensive words that provoke violence.
- A. stop
 - B. distract from
 - C. cause
16. That coach scorns students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
17. Everyone was solemn at the funeral.
- A. serious and dignified
 - B. teary eyed
 - C. dressed in dark colors
18. 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
19. Don't waste my time with trifling matters.
- A. other's
 - B. future
 - C. unimportant
20. The vexing puzzle kept her up late into the night.
- A. soothing
 - B. annoying
 - C. amusing

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 The most curious part of the thing was, that the trees and the other things round them never changed their places at all: **however** fast they went, they never seemed to pass anything.
A. people who are good at or spend much time studying, thinking, and reasoning
B. aka analysis -- psychiatric treatment; or a theory of psychiatric treatment
C. regardless of how
- 2 **However**, this conversation is going on a little too fast: let's go back to the last remark but one.'
A. a word used to connect contrasting ideas as when using *though, in spite of that, in contrast, nevertheless*, etc.
B. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
C. therefore (for that reason)
- 3 'Principal rivers—there ARE none.
A. serving to help explain or demonstrate something
B. most important; or person that is most important
C. the state or degree of criticism or disagreement
- 4 There was a Beetle sitting next to the Goat (it was a very queer carriage-full of passengers altogether), and, as the rule seemed to be that they should all speak in turn, HE went on with 'She'll have to go back from here as luggage!' Alice couldn't see who was sitting beyond the Beetle, but a hoarse voice spoke next. 'Change engines--' it said, and was **obliged** to leave off.
A. required (to do something)
B. gradually added or removed
C. limited or with boundaries
- 5 So much **obliged**!
A. differed; or changed
B. grateful or indebted
C. began fighting again
- 6 Alice **inquired** a little anxiously.
A. limited or with boundaries
B. asked
C. gradually added or removed
- 7 "But not on us!" the Oysters cried, Turning a little blue, "After such kindness, that would be A **dismal** thing to do!"
A. irrelevant or unimportant
B. important or significant
C. depressing or gloomy
- 8 'I suppose so,' the other **sulkily** replied, as he crawled out of the umbrella: 'only SHE must help us to dress up, you know.'
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
- 9 So the two brothers went off hand-in-hand into the wood, and returned in a minute with their arms full of things—such as **bolsters**, blankets, hearth-rugs, table-cloths, dish-covers and coal-scuttles.
A. mirrors back (an image)
B. creates dramatic change
C. supports or strengthens
- 10 "You know," he added very **gravely**, "it's one of the most serious things that can possibly happen to one in a battle—to get one's head cut off."
A. in a good or beneficial manner
B. in a serious and solemn manner
C. in a manner that does not stop

- 11 *...hoping to make them a LITTLE ashamed of fighting for such a trifle.*
A. leave a place, job or position previously occupied
B. someone (or something) taking the place of another
C. something of small importance
- 12 *'Only it is so VERY lonely here!' Alice said in a melancholy voice; and at the thought of her loneliness two large tears came rolling down her cheeks.*
A. relating to the outside
B. sad
C. about (but not exactly)
- 13 *'It's VERY provoking,' Humpty Dumpty said after a long silence, looking away from Alice as he spoke, 'to be called an egg--VERY!'*
A. working or operating
B. artificially joining
C. irritating (causing an angry reaction)
- 14 *'I never ask advice about growing,' Alice said indignantly.*
A. with anger or annoyance at something unjust or wrong
B. with surprise as something unexpected
C. with acceptance of something undesired as unavoidable
- 15 *'When "I" use a word,' Humpty Dumpty said in rather a scornful tone, 'it means just what I choose it to mean--neither more nor less.'*
A. disrespectful
B. able to accept as true (without proof)
C. able to be protected or kept unchanged
- 16 *'It can talk,' said Haigha, solemnly.*
A. with seriousness and dignity
B. in a manner that finds fault
C. in a manner that is not good
- 17 *Alice had seated herself on the bank of a little brook, with the great dish on her knees, and was sawing away diligently with the knife.*
A. relating to the outside
B. about (but not exactly)
C. with hard work and care
- 18 *He looked so vexed at the idea, that Alice changed the subject hastily.*
A. changed
B. annoyed
C. forgave
- 19 *when you've once said a thing, that fixes it, and you must take the consequences.*
A. results (things that follow from it)
B. battles
C. desires
- 20 *Alice repeated in despair, 'Oh, that'll never be done!'*
A. adjusts a lens to make an image clear
B. not creating disagreement or struggle
C. hopelessness

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	however (<i>as in: However much she tried...</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
2	A	however (<i>as in: However, complications may...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	principal	Used 4 times in this book.
4	A	oblige (<i>as in: I am obliged by law.</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
5	B	obliged (<i>as in: I'm much obliged for your kindness</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	B	inquire	Used 4 times in this book.
7	C	dismal	Used about 4 times per 10 books in our high school library.
8	B	sulk	Used 6 times in this book.
9	C	bolster (<i>as in: to bolster</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
10	B	grave (<i>as in: Her manner was grave.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	trifle (<i>as in: a trifling matter</i>)	Used 2 times in this book.
12	B	melancholy	Used 4 times in this book.
13	C	provoke	Used 7 times in this book.
14	A	indignant	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
15	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.
16	A	solemn	Used 5 times in this book.
17	C	diligent (<i>as in: she is diligent</i>)	High-utility academic word
18	B	vex	Used 4 times in this book.
19	A	consequence (<i>as in: a direct consequence of</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
20	C	despair (<i>as in: she felt despair</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this book.