

Treasure Island

by Robert Louis Stevenson

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: abominable, anecdote, bland, contrast (2), ebb, feasible, longitude, mutiny, narrative, peril, perish, pious, scarcity, scoundrel, sentry, taut, vary, vengeance, with a vengeance



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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2	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. That was before she was trained, when her work was **abominable**.
 - A. showing early promise
 - B. incomplete
 - C. exceptionally bad
2. She is good at making a point in an interesting and memorable way with an **anecdote**.
 - A. short true story
 - B. long boring lecture
 - C. detailed research report
3. The sauce tasted **bland** until she added garlic and pepper.
 - A. overly sweet
 - B. lacking flavor
 - C. full of color
4. **Contrast** typical underlying beliefs of pro-life and pro-choice supporters.
 - A. study
 - B. compare
 - C. describe
5. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
6. After the incident, support for the policy **ebbed**.
 - A. increased
 - B. disappeared
 - C. declined
7. The goal is good, but the plan doesn't seem very **feasible**.
 - A. profitable
 - B. practical
 - C. impressive
8. For a long time, sailors could not accurately determine **longitude** at sea.
 - A. depth of water
 - B. east-west position
 - C. distance to shore
9. The largest **mutiny** in modern military history occurred during the first world war when an estimated 40,000 French soldiers, probably wisely, ignored the command to advance on German troops entrenched in hilltop positions.
 - A. open rebellion against authority
 - B. turnaround in a battle
 - C. defeat in battle
10. It's an interesting **narrative** about her first year in college.
 - A. story
 - B. joke
 - C. theatrical play
11. The journalist's investigation put her in great **peril**.
 - A. fame
 - B. danger
 - C. weariness

12. We can work together or **perish** separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
13. Benjamin Franklin's parents were **pious** Puritans.
- A. non-traditional
 - B. traditional
 - C. highly religious
14. Work is **scarce** in the region.
- A. easily found
 - B. extremely hard
 - C. in short supply
15. He is the most intolerable **scoundrel** on the face of the earth.
- A. person without moral principles
 - B. apparently reasonable, but unproven
 - C. without pattern or planning
16. The **sentry** challenged anyone who tried to enter the camp after dark.
- A. kitchen helper
 - B. watchful guard
 - C. village healer
17. The clothesline was **taut** between the two trees in the yard.
- A. shiny
 - B. tight
 - C. noisy
18. McDonald's menu options **vary** by location.
- A. are consistent
 - B. are different
 - C. are known
19. Her evolutionary benefit theory of **vengeance** is supported by studies showing that a person's desire for revenge increases when others see their mistreatment.
- A. fairness
 - B. status
 - C. revenge
20. She threw herself into work with a **vengeance**.
- A. with reluctance
 - B. with intensity
 - C. with careful thought

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 *And altogether I paid pretty dear for my monthly fourpenny piece, in the shape of these **abominable** fancies.*
 - A. poor ability to make a decision
 - B. non-traditional or non-standard
 - C. exceptionally bad or detestable
- 2 *There was a date at one end of the line and at the other a sum of money, as in common account-books, but instead of explanatory writing, only a **varying** number of crosses between the two.*
 - A. gaining advantage from
 - B. differing; or changing
 - C. taking on as one's own
- 3 *In a few cases, to be sure, the name of a place would be added, as "Offe Caraccas," or a mere entry of latitude and **longitude**, as "62o 17' 20", 19o 2' 40".*
 - A. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
 - B. a measure of east/west (relative to the Prime Meridian) on the earth
 - C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 4 *The sums are the **scoundrel's** share, and where he feared an ambiguity, you see he added something clearer.*
 - A. someone without moral principles
 - B. the condition of being different
 - C. important, serious, or dangerous
- 5 *I got her through my old friend, **Blandly**, who has proved himself throughout the most surprising trump.*
 - A. in a manner that is not easily identified
 - B. in a manner that is dull or uninteresting
 - C. in a way that is good at solving problems
- 6 *On our little walk along the quays, he made himself the most interesting companion, telling me about the different ships that we passed by, their rig, tonnage, and nationality, explaining the work that was going forward—how one was discharging, another taking in cargo, and a third making ready for sea—and every now and then telling me some little **anecdote** of ships or seamen or repeating a nautical phrase till I had learned it perfectly.*
 - A. a short story that is true -- often told for amusement or to make a point
 - B. a feeling of anger or unhappiness at having to accept something not liked
 - C. Hitler's fanatical and oppressive political party in World War II Germany
- 7 *In other words, you fear a **mutiny**.*
 - A. open rebellion against authority -- especially by seamen or soldiers against their officers
 - B. a legal order requiring witnesses to appear, or documents related to an appeal be provided
 - C. utter obscenities or profanities; or to speak disrespectfully of something considered sacred
- 8 *But good did come of the apple barrel, as you shall hear, for if it had not been for that, we should have had no note of warning and might all have **perished** by the hand of treachery.*
 - A. examined in detail to better understand
 - B. died, was destroyed, or ceased to exist
 - C. moved into position to work; or started
- 9 *He did not know, to be sure, that I had overheard his council from the apple barrel, and yet I had by this time taken such a horror of his cruelty, duplicity, and power that I could **scarce** conceal a shudder when he laid his hand upon my arm.*
 - A. the state of not being aware or concerned about something
 - B. a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything
 - C. in short supply OR barely or hardly (by a small margin)
- 10 *Silver himself appeared less terrible in **contrast** with this creature of the woods, and I turned on my heel, and looking sharply behind me over my shoulder, began to retrace my steps in the direction of the boats.*
 - A. beyond the permitted boundary or limit
 - B. in a comparison that shows differences
 - C. injured muscles or tendons in the back

- 11 *On the other side of the house an immense fire had burned itself into clear embers and shed a steady, red reverberation, **contrasted** strongly with the mellow paleness of the moon.*
- not said
 - collided
 - differed
- 12 *I've thought it all out in this here lonely island, and I'm back on **piety**. ... I'm bound I'll be good, and I see the way to.*
- a substance that stimulates the production of antibodies to protect against a disease
 - a shop that offers loans to individuals who use their personal property as collateral
 - highly moral behavior
- 13 *By this time the tide was beginning to **ebb**, and the ship was swinging round to her anchor.*
- a large structure separate from a main structure or temporary
 - make something more attractive or interesting by adding to it
 - gradually fall
- 14 *17 Narrative Continued by the Doctor: The Jolly-boat's Last Trip THIS fifth trip was quite different from any of the others.*
- story
 - snake
 - skill
- 15 *We'll have to do **sentry-go** and ease off a point or so on the rum.*
- social event or ceremony
 - someone who stands guard
 - a positively charged ion
- 16 *The hawser was as **taut** as a bowstring, and the current so strong she pulled upon her anchor.*
- relating to logical examination to improve understanding
 - pulled or drawn tight;
or: subjected to great tension
 - the state or degree of being pessimistic or disagreeable
- 17 *Soon after, with a drink all round, we lay down to sleep, and the outside of Silver's **vengeance** was to put George Merry up for sentinel and threaten him with death if he should prove unfaithful.*
- something that stands out
 - something made from parts
 - the act of taking revenge
- 18 *"Drink and the devil had done for the rest," **with a vengeance**, although, to be sure, we were not quite in so bad a case as that other ship they sang about: With one man of her crew alive, What put to sea with seventy-five.*
- available cash
 - with intensity
 - very important
- 19 *He himself slept peacefully and snored aloud, yet my heart was sore for him, wicked as he was, to think on the dark **perils** that environed and the shameful gibbet that awaited him.*
- allowed
 - dangers
 - attacks
- 20 *Should the scheme he had now sketched prove **feasible**, Silver, already doubly a traitor, would not hesitate to adopt it.*
- not easily identified
 - possible or practical
 - able to be translated

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	abominable	Used 4 times in this book.
2	B	vary	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
3	B	longitude	Used 3 times in this book.
4	A	scoundrel	Used 3 times in this book.
5	B	bland	Used 8 times in this book.
6	A	anecdote	High-utility academic word
7	A	mutiny	Used 6 times in this book.
8	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
9	C	scarcity	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this book.
10	B	contrast (<i>as in: contrast their writing styles</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
11	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	pious (<i>as in: a good, pious woman</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
13	C	ebb	Used 10 times in this book.
14	A	narrative (<i>as in: Narrative of the Life of...</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
15	B	sentry	Used 5 times in this book.
16	B	taut	Used 4 times in this book.
17	C	vengeance (<i>as in: vengeance is mine</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
18	B	with a vengeance (<i>as in: with a vengeance</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
19	B	peril	Used 5 times in this book.
20	B	feasible	High-utility academic word