

Twelve Angry Men

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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: acquit, arrogant, avenge, defendant, diverge, foreman, forgery, hobbled, mandatory, monopoly, motive, positive, precede, prejudice, refute, simulate, testify, testimony, unanimous, vigor



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	C
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5	C
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7	C
8	A
9	A
10	C
11	C
12	C
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14	C
15	C
16	A
17	A
18	B
19	A
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 was **acquitted** of all charges.
 - A. accused
 - B. cleared
 - C. convicted
2. I'm not worried that she might appear insecure. I'm worried that she might appear **arrogant**.
 - A. warm and welcoming
 - B. shy and uncertain
 - C. overly self-important
3. 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
4. The jury did not know the **defendant** had a long criminal history.
 - A. person who is on trial
 - B. person who is a witness
 - C. person filing a complaint
5. We had a lot in common when we were younger, but then our interests began to **diverge**.
 - A. get weaker or less enthusiastic
 - B. move in opposition to each other
 - C. move apart or become different
6. If you want to leave early, you have to ask the **foreman**.
 - A. supervisor
 - B. owner
 - C. customer
7. Experts proved the painting was a clever **forgery**, not the real masterpiece.
 - A. original work of art
 - B. early rough draft
 - C. fake passed off as real
8. She **hobbled** onto the court, determined to help her team win.
 - A. walked with difficulty
 - B. walked quickly
 - C. showed enthusiasm
9. Safety training is **mandatory** for all new employees.
 - A. required
 - B. optional
 - C. unexpected
10. Critics warned that the tech giant's **monopoly** over online search could limit innovation and competition.
 - A. minor stake
 - B. shared market
 - C. complete control
11. A desire for religious freedom was their **motive** for leaving England.
 - A. excuse
 - B. technique
 - C. reason
12. I'm **positive** our team will win on Friday.
 - A. happy
 - B. pretty sure
 - C. certain

13. In English, most adjectives precede the noun they modify.
- A. follow
 - B. describe
 - C. go before
14. Seeing the defendant wear prison clothes may prejudice the jury against the defendant.
- A. create a sympathetic belief in
 - B. create a serious attitude in
 - C. create an unfair belief in
15. He refuted the argument.
- A. avoided
 - B. complained about
 - C. argued against
16. Our police are tested in conditions that simulate gunfire exchange with criminals in the presence of innocent bystanders.
- A. imitate
 - B. train
 - C. defend against
17. She testified that he struck her.
- A. said
 - B. hid
 - C. lied
18. Before your testimony, they will have you solemnly swear to tell *the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth*.
- A. job interview
 - B. statements at a trial
 - C. confession
19. The jury reached a unanimous decision after just two hours of deliberation.
- A. agreed on by all
 - B. made by just one juror
 - C. split nearly evenly
20. The scientist pursued her research with vigor, determined to make a breakthrough discovery.
- A. outside help
 - B. energy and strength
 - C. persistent patience

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 *However you decide, your verdict must be **unanimous**.*
 - A. with everyone in agreement
 - B. able to meet and talk with
 - C. the quality of disagreeing
- 2 *The death sentence is **mandatory** in this case.*
 - A. required by rule or law
 - B. interaction or interest
 - C. a subtle characteristic
- 3 *5TH JUROR [to the **FOREMAN**, hesitantly]: Are we going to sit in order?*
 - A. a juror in a court case who is selected by other jurors to head the jury
 - B. someone who roughly calculates or guesses a value, quantity, or extent of something
 - C. someone responsible for making a judgment after thinking carefully about something
- 4 *The 10TH JUROR blows his nose **vigorously**.*
 - A. the ability to take on or adopt
 - B. in a strong or energetic manner
 - C. where attention is concentrated
- 5 *He spent a year and a half in an orphanage while his father served a jail term for **forgery**.*
 - A. any of the Scandinavian people who raided the coasts of Europe from the 8th to the 11th centuries
 - B. a compound consisting of large molecules made up of a linked series of repeated smaller molecules
 - C. making a copy of something and saying it is the original
- 6 *Do you think you have a **monopoly** on the truth?*
 - A. in a manner that tries to obtain a result through gentle and careful effort -- often gently persuading
 - B. in the manner of someone who consumes more than they should -- especially eating and drinking too much
 - C. a situation where there is only supplier of a good or service
- 7 *You can't **refute** facts.*
 - A. find, search, or research
 - B. being a boundary or limit
 - C. disprove (prove that something is false)
- 8 *Well, I was looking for the **motive**.*
 - A. small quantity or indication
 - B. the sacred writings of Islam
 - C. reason (for doing something)
- 9 *Everybody sounded so **positive** that I started to get a peculiar feeling about this trial.*
 - A. outside
 - B. various
 - C. certain
- 10 *Now this is where the stories offered by the boy and the State begin to **diverge** slightly.*
 - A. hold together (connect or unite) or wrap
 - B. the difference between tones of an image
 - C. to move apart; or be or become different
- 11 *And it kills me, I mean it's the weirdest thing sometimes the way they **precede** the idea with some kind of phrase.*
 - A. notable difference
 - B. come to terms with
 - C. to go or do before
- 12 *Well, I think that **testimony** that could put a human being into the electric chair should be that accurate.*
 - A. an atom that has acquired an electrical charge by the loss or gain of an electron
 - B. a statement that serves as evidence
 - C. an organ attached to the wall of the uterus to nourish the fetus during pregnancy

- 13 *The 8TH JUROR hobbles, dragging one leg, toward the chair that serves as the bedroom door.*
A. walked with difficulty (as though with an injury or physical impediment)
B. atones (demonstrates sorrow for a wrong either by doing something good in return for the wrong, or by accepting punishment)
C. presents something to treat as true in order to advance a discussion or to further investigation even though it might not be true
- 14 *Ever since we walked into this room you've been behaving like a self-appointed public avenger.*
A. one who repays or returns
B. someone who gets involved
C. someone who takes revenge
- 15 *The arrogance of the guy!*
A. the branch of geology that studies rocks
B. "fight or flight" stimulating hormone
C. having an excessive sense of superiority
- 16 *The 12TH JUROR crosses to the 8TH JUROR and using his closed hand, simulates stabbing the 8TH JUROR in the chest.*
A. makes an imitation or representation of
B. examines in detail to better understand
C. protects something or keeps it as it is
- 17 *And no matter where you run into it, prejudice obscures the truth.*
A. fear, or anticipate with worry (commonly only seen in the forms "apprehensive" and "apprehension," but seen in this form in classic literature)
B. to expression feelings or thoughts enthusiastically OR to squirt or give off (typically under pressure such as blood or leaking gas)
C. unreasonable and unfair beliefs or feelings -- especially against members of a race, religion, or other group
- 18 *Nine of us now seem to feel that the defendant is innocent, but we're just gambling on probabilities.*
A. a person legally accused in court
B. soft leather shoe traditionally worn by Native Americans
C. belief or opinion formed by viewing things a certain way
- 19 *Frankly, I don't see how we can vote for acquittal.*
A. another battle with the same foe
B. an official finding of "not guilty"
C. describing someone as antisocial
- 20 *The woman testified in court.*
A. provided evidence of something -- especially oral evidence in court
B. showed something -- such as demonstrated, expressed, or represented
C. suffered through (or put up with) something difficult or unpleasant

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	unanimous	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
2	A	mandatory (<i>as in: it is mandatory</i>)	Used 2 times in this play.
3	A	foreman	Used 130 times in this play.
4	B	vigor	Used 2 times in this play.
5	C	forgery	Used about once per 10 books in our high school library
6	C	monopoly	High-utility academic word; used 2 times in this play.
7	C	refute	High-utility academic word
8	C	motive (<i>as in: What is her motive?</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 13 times in this play.
9	C	positive (<i>as in: I'm absolutely positive!</i>)	Used 5 times in this play.
10	C	diverge	High-utility academic word
11	C	precede	High-utility academic word
12	B	testimony	Used 14 times in this play.
13	A	hobbled (<i>as in: she hobbled up the hill</i>)	Used 3 times in this play.
14	C	avenge	Used 2 times in this play.
15	C	arrogant	Used 3 times in this play.
16	A	simulate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this play.
17	C	prejudice	Used 2 times in this play.
18	A	defendant	Used 2 times in this play.
19	B	acquit (<i>as in: she was acquitted</i>)	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
20	A	testify	Used 5 times in this play.