

Uncle Tom's Cabin

by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Pre-Reading Vocabulary Practice

Optional Post-Reading Quiz Included

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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: abundant, adapt, adapted, approach (2), contrast (2), edify, fugitive, hinder, impudent, opulent, pious (2), prudent, reprove, resolve (2), scorn, zeal



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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20	A

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The region has **abundant** natural resources, from oil to fresh water.
 - A. extremely scarce
 - B. highly disputed
 - C. widely available
2. This passage is **adapted** from Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man* ©1952.
 - A. copied
 - B. read
 - C. changed
3. The human spine is not as **well adapted** to walking upright as we would like.
 - A. well suited
 - B. known widely
 - C. insured
4. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
5. We need to **approach** this problem in a new way.
 - A. avoid
 - B. think about
 - C. assign
6. **Contrast** typical underlying beliefs of pro-life and pro-choice supporters.
 - A. study
 - B. compare
 - C. describe
7. There was quite a **contrast** between the styles of the two teachers.
 - A. notable similarity
 - B. covering of all styles
 - C. notable difference
8. She both entertains and **edifies** when she speaks.
 - A. puzzles listeners
 - B. teaches or instructs
 - C. learns from others
9. The **fugitive** fled to Venezuela.
 - A. person on vacation
 - B. rebel
 - C. person running from the law
10. The brace I have to wear is **hindering** my movements
 - A. helping or assisting
 - B. drawing attention to
 - C. making difficult
11. Her **impudent** reply to the manager shocked everyone in the meeting.
 - A. thoughtfully kind
 - B. disrespectfully bold
 - C. extremely quiet
12. The **opulent** hotel lobby had marble floors, crystal lights, and velvet chairs.
 - A. rich and luxurious
 - B. plain and practical
 - C. small and crowded

13. Benjamin Franklin's parents were **pious** Puritans.
- A. non-traditional
 - B. traditional
 - C. highly religious
14. I am tired of listening to the **pious** words of someone who is so cruel.
- A. evil
 - B. dishonest
 - C. self-righteous
15. Courage is dangerous without **prudence**.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
16. I don't want to spoil her, but I don't have the heart to **reprove** her.
- A. criticize
 - B. compliment
 - C. instruct
17. I **resolved** to never drink again.
- A. was forced
 - B. was encouraged
 - C. firmly decided
18. She is testing my **resolve** to keep a good attitude.
- A. determination
 - B. ability
 - C. optimism
19. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
20. We need someone with both **zeal** and ability.
- A. enthusiasm
 - B. patience
 - C. honesty

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 His companion, Mr. Shelby, had the appearance of a gentleman; and the arrangements of the house, and the general air of the housekeeping, indicated easy, and even **opulent** circumstances.
 - A. wealthy (magnificent and luxurious)
 - B. able to be disagreed with
 - C. not able to be translated
- 2 he really seemed somehow or other to fancy that his wife had **piety** and benevolence enough for two
 - A. a substance that stimulates the production of antibodies to protect against a disease
 - B. a shop that offers loans to individuals who use their personal property as collateral
 - C. religious belief
- 3 I can stand most any talk o' yourn but your **pious** talk,—that kills me right up. ... --it's clean, sheer, dog meanness, wanting to cheat the devil and save your own skin;
 - A. not relating to practice or belief that is long-established or was previously long-established
 - B. relating to a residential area located near the outer edge of a city where it isn't as crowded
 - C. appearing highly religious and moral even though it's not true
- 4 And suiting the action to the word, the door flew open, and the light of the tallow candle, which Tom had hastily lighted, fell on the haggard face and dark, wild eyes of the **fugitive**.
 - A. the state or degree of agreeing or approving
 - B. the state of doing something unintentionally
 - C. someone hiding from law enforcement officers
- 5 Mr. and Mrs. Shelby both felt annoyed and degraded by the familiar **impudence** of the trader, and yet both saw the absolute necessity of putting a constraint on their feelings.
 - A. an artists performance of another artist's work that expresses the performer's feelings or ideas about the work
 - B. improperly bold or disrespectful -- especially toward someone who is older or considered to be of higher status
 - C. soccer player who typically play in the middle third of the field and who assists with both defense and offense
- 6 Sam was there new oiled from dinner, with an **abundance** of zealous and ready officiousness.
 - A. sharpness or intenseness
 - B. conflict or disagreement
 - C. large amount or quantity
- 7 we'll have the gal out and out, and you keep quiet, or, ye see, we'll have both,—what's to **hinder**?
 - A. make different; or show difference
 - B. to cause something to move forward
 - C. slowed down or caused problems for
- 8 Mrs. Bird cast a glance at a camphor-bottle, which stood in the half-open closet, and appeared to meditate an **approach** to it, but her husband interposed.
 - A. change the direction of something or the purpose for which it is used
 - B. route (way to get somewhere)
 - C. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others
- 9 The crescent moon, set like a silver signet in the western sky, delayed a little the **approach** of night.
 - A. coming
 - B. create dramatic change
 - C. mirror back (an image)
- 10 "That is a parting proof of Mr. Harris' regard," he said, **scornfully**.
 - A. in a disrespectful or rejecting manner
 - B. in a manner that is not easily noticed
 - C. with grace of movement and flexibility

- 11 *There are a perfect host of Clarksons and Wilberforces* risen up among us on that subject, most edifying to hear and behold.*
A. disagreeing
B. instructive
C. translating
- 12 *...she showed a depth of firmness and steady resolve that was never there in her earlier and happier days.*
A. determinaton (firmness of purpose)
B. wrongly translating
C. difficult situation
- 13 *with his money in his pocket, our hero took steamboat for Red river, resolving to find out and re-purchase his old friend.*
A. fighting
B. changing
C. definitely deciding
- 14 *Her father and female guardian were incessantly busy in pursuit of her,—but, when caught, she melted from them again like a summer cloud; and as no word of chiding or reproof ever fell on her ear for whatever she chose to do, she pursued her own way all over the boat.*
A. criticism
B. main road
C. hard work
- 15 *The End of the Wicked contrasted with that of the Righteous.*
A. very surprised -- often too surprised to know what to say or do
B. compared to show differences
C. legally ordered to provide documents, or to appear as a witness
- 16 *It was tied up with an evident eye to the contrast of color, and the arrangement of every leaf had carefully been studied.*
A. come to terms with
B. block or interfere
C. difference
- 17 *As Tom had informed them that their party would be looked for in Sandusky, it was thought prudent to divide them.*
A. sensible and careful
B. not demonstrative of
C. sincerity (realness)
- 18 *All these thoughts were rolling and seething in George's breast, as he was pensively leaning his head on his hand, watching his wife, as she was adapting to her slender and pretty form the articles of man's attire, in which it was deemed safest she should make her escape.*
A. strongly desiring; or a strong desire
B. charging (with having broken the law)
C. changing to fit a different situation
- 19 *To that mission its stern, inflexible, energetic elements, were well adapted; but, as a Christian, I look for another era to arise.*
A. well suited
B. restraining
C. surrendered
- 20 *The same zeal for self-improvement, which led him to steal the much coveted arts of reading and writing, amid all the toil and discouragements of his early life, still led him to devote all his leisure time to self-cultivation.*
A. active interest and enthusiasm
B. made by taking on as one's own
C. relating to the chest (thorax)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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1	A	opulent	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
2	C	pious (<i>as in: a good, pious woman</i>)	Used 36 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	C	pious (<i>as in: a pious hypocrite</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
4	C	fugitive (<i>as in: she is a fugitive</i>)	Used 25 times in this book.
5	B	impudent	Used 11 times in this book.
6	C	abundant	High-utility academic word; used 19 times in this book.
7	C	hinder (<i>as in: hindered by</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
8	B	approach (<i>as in: use the best approach</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 23 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
10	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 21 times in this book.
11	B	edify	Used 7 times in this book.
12	A	resolve (<i>as in: Her resolve weakened.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	resolve (<i>as in: I resolved to stop drinking.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	reprove	Used 5 times in this book.
15	B	contrast (<i>as in: contrast their writing styles</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	C	contrast (<i>as in: there is a contrast</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 18 times in this book.
18	C	adapt (<i>as in: adapted to the new rules</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	A	adapted (<i>as in: the species is well adapted for</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	A	zeal	Used 18 times in this book.