

War and Peace

by Leo Tolstoy

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: accord (2), animate, anteroom, approach (2), attain, attribute (2), discord (2), impetuous, irony (2), reproach, serf, trifle, trifle with, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. She dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
 - A. opposition
 - B. keeping
 - C. ignorance
2. After the fight, he turned himself in of his own **accord**.
 - A. own fear
 - B. own safety
 - C. own mind
3. She spoke in an **animated** manner.
 - A. silly
 - B. soft
 - C. enthusiastic
4. She kept me waiting an hour in the **anteroom** for my long-scheduled ten-minute appointment.
 - A. the residence of a religious community
 - B. a room leading to a larger or more important room
 - C. a house or shelter in which someone lives
5. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
6. I **approached** three bankers about a loan.
 - A. avoided
 - B. complained to
 - C. asked
7. They hope to **attain** effective law and order in the region before withdrawing troops.
 - A. openly oppose
 - B. carefully describe
 - C. successfully gain
8. She described his physical **attributes**.
 - A. characteristics
 - B. strengths
 - C. weaknesses
9. She **attributes** her success to hard work.
 - A. gives money for
 - B. gives credit for
 - C. gives help for
10. There is too much **discord** in their home.
 - A. conflict
 - B. loud noise
 - C. uncritical agreement
11. She heard the **discordant** clanging of pots in the kitchen.
 - A. unpleasant sound
 - B. attractive sound
 - C. loud sound
12. She made an **impetuous** purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
 - A. impulsive
 - B. cautious
 - C. wealthy

13. Ironically, her strongest supporters undermined her popularity through their extremism.

- A. when what happens is exactly what usually happens
- B. when what happens is very different than what might be expected
- C. when what happens is very fitting for the situation

14. Her voice was dripping with irony as she said, "You look beautiful."

- A. sincerity
- B. sarcasm
- C. kindness

15. Don't reproach yourself for things beyond your control.

- A. congratulate
- B. criticize
- C. accept honor for

16. The serf worked the lord's fields from dawn until dusk for little reward.

- A. wandering hermit
- B. bound peasant
- C. trained knight

17. Don't waste my time with trifling matters.

- A. other's
- B. future
- C. unimportant

18. The European Parliament refuses to be trifled with.

- A. treated without respect
- B. argued with
- C. negotiated with

19. The experiment yielded data that raised a new set of questions.

- A. produced
- B. destroyed
- C. slowed down

20. After the scandal, she yielded to public pressure and resigned her position.

- A. added
- B. gave in
- C. produced

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 elderly lady who had been sitting with the old aunt rose hurriedly and overtook Prince Vasili in the **anteroom**.*
 - A. island (that is made of a coral reef)
 - B. a room leading to a larger or more important room
 - C. dense, rainy forest with many species
- 2 *It will all be wasted on **trifles**.*
 - A. struggles or disagreements
 - B. is attractive or desirable
 - C. things of small importance
- 3 *Of course he was not to be **trifled with** either—in a word, he was a real master!*
 - A. treated thoughtlessly or without respect
 - B. injury to muscles or tendons of the knee
 - C. limit light vibrations to a single plane
- 4 *At the men's end of the table the talk grew more and more **animated**.*
 - A. competed in a contest to knock each other off horses with blunted lances OR competed in any kind of contest
 - B. not happening at the same time or in a coordinated sequence; or (of watches/clocks) not set to show the same time
 - C. lively
- 5 *"We had our hands full last night. However, I think the regiment is not a bad one, eh?"
The battalion commander perceived the jovial **irony** and laughed.*
 - A. soft leather shoe traditionally worn by Native Americans
 - B. saying one thing while meaning the opposite
 - C. belief or opinion formed by viewing things a certain way
- 6 *Napoleon turned to him with a pleasant, though slightly **ironic**, smile. "They tell me this is the room the Emperor Alexander occupied? Strange, isn't it, General?"*
 - A. exceedingly funny (resulting in uncontrollable laughter); or exhibiting excessive, uncontrollable emotion
 - B. as though amused that what happened is very different than what might have been expected
 - C. a mental disorder characterized by alternating episodes of major depression and abnormally elevated mood
- 7 *carefully prepared in **accord** with the modern science of...*
 - A. stop interacting; or stop having interest
 - B. in keeping (or in agreement)
 - C. treating thoughtlessly or without respect
- 8 *the horses began to tug at the reins of their **own accord** and increased their pace.*
 - A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
 - B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
 - C. own mind (without anyone asking)
- 9 *It looked as if by that slight motion the army itself was expressing its joy at the **approach** of the Emperors.*
 - A. coming near
 - B. create dramatic change
 - C. mirror back (an image)
- 10 *But as a youth in love trembles, is unnerved, and dares not utter the thoughts he has dreamed of for nights, but looks around for help or a chance of delay and flight when the longed-for moment comes and he is alone with her, so Rostov, now that he had attained what he had longed for more than anything else in the world, did not know how to **approach** the Emperor, and a thousand reasons occurred to him why it would be inconvenient, unseemly, and impossible to do so.*
 - A. did not find a condition or substance to be present
 - B. to support by providing money or other economic aid
 - C. begin communication with

- 11 *Then came a cart, and behind that walked an old, bandy-legged domestic serf in a peaked cap and sheepskin coat.*
A. a person who uses seemingly believable, but invalid arguments that display ingenuity in reasoning
B. Middle Ages Europe: a person who is bound to the land and owned with the land by the feudal lord
C. a person who tries to flatter or please someone in authority in order to gain personal advantage
- 12 *You were not right, not quite in the right, you were impetuous.*
A. impulsive (acting without adequate thought)
B. most important; or person that is most important
C. tending to have exceedingly unfavorable opinions
- 13 *didst thou, and why did the whole world, conceive the idea of the existence of such an incomprehensible Being, a Being all-powerful, eternal, and infinite in all His attributes?*
A. characteristics (of something or someone)
B. dreamlike states of altered consciousness
C. piles of wood or other burnable materials
- 14 *That spring a new disease broke out among the soldiers, a swelling of the arms, legs, and face, which the doctors attributed to eating this root.*
A. not made different; or shown to be different
B. credited (pointed to as the cause of something)
C. not changed directly from a solid to a vapor
- 15 *Have you sought for means of attaining your aim in religion?*
A. moving into position to work; or starting
B. saying (or making a sound) with the voice
C. gaining or reaching something with effort
- 16 *Let others—the young—yield afresh to that fraud, but we know life, our life is finished!*
A. produce or give
B. stop (something from happening)
C. think deeply or carefully about
- 17 *But the latter's good-natured naivete was so boundless that sometimes even he involuntarily yielded to Nicholas' good humor.*
A. with rises and falls in pitch
B. gave in, gave way, or gave up
C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 18 *diverse discordant sounds of disorder*
A. sounds that don't sound right together
B. able to be found
C. likely to change
- 19 *It would be too painful to me to think that I might be a cause of sorrow or discord in the family that has been so good to me...*
A. conflict
B. characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open
C. design based on alphabetic letters; or adding such a design to something
- 20 *Well, I don't think you need reproach yourself on his account.*
A. move into position to work; or start
B. criticize
C. to spread to other parts of the body

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	anteroom	Used 36 times in this book.
2	C	trifle (<i>as in: a trifling matter</i>)	Used 24 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	trifle with (<i>as in: trifle with her affections</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
4	C	animate (<i>as in: animated by her strong belief</i>)	Used 95 times in this book.
5	B	irony (<i>as in: verbal irony</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	B	irony (<i>as in: situational irony</i>)	Used 57 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
7	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 80 times in this book; 4 meanings in this book.
8	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	Used 10 times in this book; 4 meanings in this book.
9	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 159 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
10	C	approach (<i>as in: approached her with the proposal</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
11	B	serf	Used 93 times in this book.
12	A	impetuous (<i>as in: an impetuous decision</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
13	A	attribute (<i>as in: It is an attribute of...</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
14	B	attribute (<i>as in: I attribute it to...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	C	attain	High-utility academic word; used 52 times in this book.
16	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
18	A	discord (<i>as in: discordant music</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
19	A	discord (<i>as in: discord amongst the group</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
20	B	reproach	Used 88 times in this book.