

The Blood of Olympus

by Rick Riordan

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: augur, bronze, camouflage, centaur, chide, direct (2), embedded, immortal, ogre, perimeter, primordial, rampart, serpent, siege, solace, sustain (2), vanquish, waver



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
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10	A
11	C
12	C
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16	B
17	C
18	A
19	A
20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. The early test results **augur** a successful launch for the new vaccine.
 - A. predict and foretell
 - B. delay and postpone
 - C. ignore and forget
2. She approached the impressive **bronze** doors.
 - A. made of a high-quality wood
 - B. notably large and appearing heavy
 - C. made of a type of high-quality metal
3. The lizard **camouflages** itself by changing color to match its surroundings.
 - A. makes more attractive (by changing colors)
 - B. show age of
 - C. hides by blending in with surroundings
4. In Greek mythology, Chiron is probably the most famous of the centaurs. He is known for his wisdom and knowledge of medicine.
 - A. demigod fighters in wars between gods
 - B. winged horses that can fly
 - C. mythical beings that are half man and half horse
5. She gently **chides** her friends who run up credit card debt unnecessarily.
 - A. avoids
 - B. celebrates with
 - C. criticizes
6. I would like to speak **directly** to the manager.
 - A. formally
 - B. personally
 - C. when convenient
7. She is easy to work with. She is **direct** in her communications and expectations.
 - A. straightforward
 - B. considerate
 - C. humble
8. I have cactus needles **embedded** in my shoulder.
 - A. loosely hanging
 - B. firmly stuck into
 - C. slightly touching
9. She believes we have an **immortal** soul.
 - A. conflicted
 - B. perfect in every way
 - C. lasting forever
10. The **ogre** in the story terrorized travelers passing through his forest.
 - A. monster
 - B. princess
 - C. shepherd
11. Build a fence along the **perimeter** of the yard.
 - A. dangerous part
 - B. longest edge
 - C. outer edges

12. Scientists are trying to understand the **primordial** conditions of the universe by studying cosmic background radiation.
- A. world as described by physics
 - B. highly complex
 - C. from the earliest days
13. The **rampant** inflation was making it difficult for people to afford basic necessities.
- A. uncontrolled
 - B. new
 - C. harmful
14. What does the **serpent** represent in the Garden of Eden?
- A. fig leaf
 - B. snake
 - C. apple
15. The castle was under **siege** for months, with the enemy forces relentlessly attacking its walls.
- A. fortified defense
 - B. prolonged attack
 - C. passionate negotiation
16. Those who dislike the President can take **solace** in our system of checks and balances that limits his power.
- A. oversight
 - B. comfort
 - C. offense
17. The donation will **sustain** our efforts to help the homeless.
- A. disrupt
 - B. finalize
 - C. support
18. She started the project with optimism, but she did not **sustain** the effort required to complete it.
- A. continue
 - B. increase
 - C. suffer
19. You need to **vanquish** those negative thoughts and think about good things.
- A. completely defeat
 - B. gently ease
 - C. gently persuade
20. We will never **waver** in our commitment to provide the best education possible.
- A. speak forcefully
 - B. grow rapidly
 - C. be unsteady

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 Besides, Victory runs **rampant** in Olympia.
 - A. something undesired and flourishing in an uncontrolled way
 - B. relating separately to the people or things just mentioned
 - C. in a manner of accepting something as true (without proof)
- 2 Michael Varus had told him that the spirits here were **sustained** by their strongest desires.
 - A. learned, discovered, or decided
 - B. selected (on a computer screen)
 - C. supported (kept in existence)
- 3 My boy Leo built a good ship, but it won't **sustain** that kind of stress.
 - A. continue to survive (with)
 - B. abundant or plentiful
 - C. express strong regret
- 4 Your father could have made me **immortal**.
 - A. (adjective) of low quality, or of lower quality or rank than something else OR (more rarely as a noun) a person of lower rank or status
 - B. relating to existentialism -- a philosophical movement that assumes each person is free to determine what is essential in their existence
 - C. living or existing forever

or:

someone famous throughout history

or:

someone who will never die -- such as a mythological god
- 5 I'm going to line the **perimeter** with alarms and snares.
 - A. a fat compound
 - B. a hooved mamma
 - C. the outer edge
- 6 She mentally **chided** herself.
 - A. gained advantage from
 - B. marked important text
 - C. scolded or criticized
- 7 Just a centurion, an **augur**, and a humble priest doing his best to serve the gods.
 - A. to indicate or predict that something will happen --especially as a sign of what's to come; or in ancient Rome, a religious official who interpreted signs and omens to guide public decisions
 - B. (verb) to intentionally anger, challenge, or upset someone -- especially by mocking them or hurling insults OR (noun) an insult or other action intended to anger, challenge, or upset someone
 - C. treat in a manner that demonstrates a sense of superiority, but is supposed to seem kind OR the actions of a patron (to support someone or something; or to be a customer)
- 8 He was even suspected of **sabotaging** a siege engine and getting his own centurion killed during the war games.
 - A. the act of forcing into an undesired activity or situation -- such as legally sentencing someone to punishment OR the act of finding guilty -- especially in court
 - B. a military tactic in which a fortified place is surrounded and isolated while it is attacked over time

or:

any prolonged attack, effort, or period of trouble

C. a workplace where people do scientific or medical research, or produce drugs or chemicals (also used figuratively) OR (as an adjective) related to such a place

- 9 *He grabbed the last one—from a special sea salt recipe they'd picked up from Aphros the fish centaur at the bottom of the Atlantic.*
- A. the act, process, or instance of telling a story
 - B. a general feeling of not being as good as others
 - C. a mythical being that is half man and half horse
- 10 *Riptide grew into a Celestial bronze sword.*
- A. examine in detail to better understand
 - B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - C. made of a type of high-quality metal
- 11 *Preferably one that doesn't involve embedding my pain in the stones.*
- A. taking on or adopting
 - B. putting firmly within
 - C. suggesting indirectly
- 12 *I vanquished you just fine.*
- A. completely defeated
 - B. excessively excited
 - C. nervous or confused
- 13 *Will Solace, head counselor for the Apollo cabin, put his hand gently on Clarisse's wrist.*
- A. a pardon; or the time period during which the pardon is offered
 - B. comfort felt or given during a time of disappointment or misery
 - C. bad feeling such as embarrassment, disappointment, or annoyance
- 14 *She counted at least twenty, and if that wasn't intimidating enough, around the giants' feet milled a horde of smaller monsters—Cyclopes, ogres, six-armed Earthborn, and serpent-legged dracaenae.*
- A. a frightening giant from fairy tales, especially one who eats people; or a cruel or terrifying person
 - B. aka natural rights -- rights that are naturally due because of human nature and the natural condition
 - C. soccer players who play in the middle third of the field and who assist with both defense and offense
- 15 *He simply emerged from the darkness as if he'd been camouflaged against the wall.*
- A. not having been assigned a value, or not having been considered as to worth
 - B. (verb) drew pictures to accompany OR (adjective) accompanied by pictures
 - C. hid something by making it blend in with its surroundings; or hid the truth
- 16 *Directly in front of Reyna, behind a conference table piled high with reports and bladed weapons, sat a familiar figure.*
- A. in a manner that is appropriate or related in size, amount, or degree
 - B. close
 - C. in a manner that is not sexually attractive, or persuasively tempting
- 17 *Not if we're acting on direct orders from our praetor.*
- A. clear, straightforward, or to the point
 - B. the state or degree of being very large
 - C. meticulousness (care for small details)
- 18 *A dozen serpents swam free—each one lime green with a frilled crown around its head.*
- A. copies
 - B. snakes
 - C. enters
- 19 *A primordial god has been defeated once before.*
- A. marked by a colonnade (series of regularly spaced columns) surrounding a building or enclosing a courtyard
 - B. the quality of being terrible (vile; disgusting) -- worthy of being strongly disliked and looked down upon
 - C. having existed from the beginning or from ancient times
- or:
- a primary or fundamental aspect of something
- 20 *Piper's smile wavered.*
- A. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
 - B. made appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - C. was unsure or weak; or moved back and forth

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	rampant (<i>as in: rampant growth</i>)	Used 3 times in this book.
2	C	sustain (<i>as in: sustained by her faith</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	A	sustain (<i>as in: sustained through the ages</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
4	C	immortal	Used 11 times in this book.
5	C	perimeter	Used 9 times in this book.
6	C	chide	Used 11 times in this book.
7	A	augur	Used 12 times in this book.
8	B	siege	Used 13 times in this book.
9	C	centaur	Used 16 times in this book.
10	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 56 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
11	B	embedded	Used 10 times in this book.
12	A	vanquish	Used 2 times in this book.
13	B	solace	Used 22 times in this book.
14	A	ogre	Used 12 times in this book.
15	C	camouflage	Used 12 times in this book.
16	B	direct (<i>as in: directly above; or buy direct</i>)	Used 10 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
17	A	direct (<i>as in: gave a direct answer</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
18	B	serpent	Used 22 times in this book.
19	C	primordial	Used 3 times in this book.
20	C	waver	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.