

The House of Hades

by Rick Riordan

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: abyss, agitate, augur, bronze, centaur, chasm, flammable, focus (2), gist, horde, immortal, jut, narrator, ogre, prophecy, talon, vengeance, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	C
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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. Our foot is stuck on the accelerator, and we are headed towards an **abyss**.
 - A. turning point
 - B. dangerous situation
 - C. major opportunity
2. She gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
 - A. calm and thoughtful
 - B. gloomy (sad)
 - C. emotionally disturbed
3. The early test results **augur** a successful launch for the new vaccine.
 - A. predict and foretell
 - B. delay and postpone
 - C. ignore and forget
4. 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
5. 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
6. We were stopped by an impassable **chasm**.
 - A. steep mountain
 - B. raging river
 - C. steep drop
7. Nothing **flammable** should be stored near the hot water heater.
 - A. attractive to insects
 - B. easily set on fire
 - C. easily damaged by water
8. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
9. The **focus** of this class is classic American Literature.
 - A. hardest part
 - B. area where attention is concentrated
 - C. prerequisite (understanding required to enroll)
10. It's a 300-page report, but the **gist** of it is that the plan won't work.
 - A. concern
 - B. problem
 - C. main point
11. A **horde** of excited fans rushed toward the stage when the band made their surprise appearance.
 - A. tiny group
 - B. huge crowd
 - C. single person

12. She believes we have an **immortal** soul.
- A. conflicted
 - B. perfect in every way
 - C. lasting forever
13. She tripped on a thick tree root that **jutted out** across the muddy path.
- A. washed away
 - B. curled up
 - C. stuck out
14. One of the more popular **narrators** in movie history is Morgan Freeman. I especially liked him in *The Shawshank Redemption* where in addition to playing a major role, he narrated the film.
- A. producer who works closest with the actors
 - B. actor who talks directly to the audience
 - C. script writer
15. The **ogre** in the story terrorized travelers passing through his forest.
- A. monster
 - B. princess
 - C. shepherd
16. It was a self-fulfilling **prophecy**.
- A. profitable enterprise
 - B. prediction
 - C. explanation
17. Bird **talons** are similar to a dog's nails.
- A. beaks
 - B. teeth
 - C. claws
18. 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
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 *And he seemed so **agitated**....Anything that could make a fearless horse skittish should have terrified Hazel.*
 - A. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
 - B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - C. not calm; or stirred up (often emotionally)
- 2 *They'd been holding hands ever since they dropped into the **chasm**.*
 - A. long eventful journey
 - B. a nerve or brain cell
 - C. a large gap or divide
- 3 *To Annabeth's left, the ground dropped off in a series of cliffs, like colossal steps leading deeper into the **abyss**.*
 - A. of the American Indian civilization of Yucatan and Belize and Guatemala that reached its peak between AD 300 and 900
 - B. a hole or dropoff so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply a frightening bottomless pit
 - C. removal and examination of tissues or liquids from the living body to determine the existence or cause of a disease
- 4 *It was that freak Octavian, the **augur** from Camp Jupiter, who was always screaming for war.*
 - A. a character whose job is based upon that of an augur from ancient Roman -- 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)
- 5 *You are no threat, but I suppose my **vengeance** must start somewhere.*
 - A. something that stands out
 - B. something made from parts
 - C. the act of taking revenge
- 6 *He didn't think much of fates and **prophecies**, but he did believe in one thing: Annabeth and he were supposed to be together.*
 - A. interactions or interests
 - B. predictions of the future
 - C. things easily set on fire
- 7 *Kelli's fingernails grew into long black **talons**.*
 - A. unties or releases
 - B. rules for behavior
 - C. sharp hooked claws
- 8 *Frank wasn't sure what scared him more: shaggy-cow monsters, **hordes** of restless ghosts, or going somewhere alone with Nico di Angelo.*
 - A. psychiatrists
 - B. large numbers
 - C. fat compounds
- 9 *He'd been so **focused** on Hazel, he'd forgotten what Leo had told them about the guy they were looking for.*
 - A. concentrating (on one thing and not paying attention to other things)
 - B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - C. began speaking with someone about something
- 10 *His **focus** narrowed to the ground in front of him.*
 - A. calculating or judging too high
 - B. place where attention is directed
 - C. the ability to take on or adopt

- 11 *They couldn't be caught by six or seven hostile **immortals**.*
A. tiles designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
B. instances of taking on or adopting of power or responsibility
C. people who live forever OR people famous throughout history
- 12 *The voice simply floated overhead like a movie **narrator's**, as if a single mind controlled all the creatures.*
A. translation
B. storyteller
C. quiet voice
- 13 *The **gist** of it: she's here to see how it goes.*
A. the act of taking something on as one's own
B. something that helps clarify or demonstrate
C. the main point(s) of a more detailed matter
- 14 *Like the **centaur**?*
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
- 15 *She was so **anxious**, the ground rumbled beneath her and immediately **yielded** a bumper crop—precious metals popping to the surface as though the dirt was anxious to expel them.*
A. produced
B. was attractive or desirable
C. not wanting to do something
- 16 **YIELD!**
A. select (on a computer screen)
B. surrender (give up)
C. an involuntary vomiting spasm
- 17 *At his side, the angel carried the same kind of jagged **bronze sword** the Boreads had, and Jason's last encounter with them hadn't gone so well.*
A. examine in detail to better understand
B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
C. made of a type of high-quality metal
- 18 *The fog dissipated, and they found themselves on a peninsula that **jutted out** over a pitch-black void.*
A. dangerous
B. bent down
C. stuck out
- 19 *You keep burning through the clothes I give you, so I thought I would weave something less **flammable**.*
A. untied or released
B. easily set on fire
C. logical conclusion
- 20 *The line of javelins chewed through the enemy like a set of giant teeth, felling **ogres** and snake women and hellhounds.*
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

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	agitate	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
2	C	chasm	Used 17 times in this book.
3	B	abyss	Used 9 times in this book.
4	A	augur	Used 6 times in this book.
5	C	vengeance (<i>as in: vengeance is mine</i>)	Used 8 times in this book.
6	B	prophecy	Used 20 times in this book.
7	C	talon	Used 8 times in this book.
8	B	horde	Used 9 times in this book.
9	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
10	B	focus (<i>as in: The focus of our study is...</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
11	C	immortal	Used 12 times in this book.
12	B	narrator	High-utility academic word
13	C	gist	Used 2 times in this book.
14	C	centaur	Used 5 times in this book.
15	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 63 times in this book.
18	C	jut	Used 9 times in this book.
19	B	flammable	Used 2 times in this book.
20	A	ogre	Used 4 times in this book.