

The Iliad

by Homer

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: assail, bronze, deemed, devise, forthwith, grievous, harangue, hinder, immortal, impetuous, lament, moreover, perish, recompense, rouse, strife, valor, wrath, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	C
3	A
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5	A
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7	B
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9	C
10	A
11	C
12	B
13	B
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17	C
18	A
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 took every opportunity to **assail** the policy.
 - A. study
 - B. attack
 - C. understand
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 chemical was **deemed** unsafe to use in children's products.
 - A. judged
 - B. manufactured
 - C. tested
4. This may be our last chance to **devise** a compromise that will save the peace.
 - A. consider
 - B. create
 - C. save
5. The resolution calls upon the country to "cease hostilities **forthwith**."
 - A. immediately
 - B. carefully
 - C. publicly
6. It is a **grievous** offense against morality.
 - A. serious
 - B. minor
 - C. foolish
7. The class was subjected to a ten-minute **harangue** for not taking their homework more seriously.
 - A. assignment
 - B. lecture
 - C. delay
8. The brace I have to wear is **hindering** my movements
 - A. helping or assisting
 - B. drawing attention to
 - C. making difficult
9. She believes we have an **immortal** soul.
 - A. conflicted
 - B. perfect in every way
 - C. lasting forever
10. She made an **impetuous** purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
 - A. impulsive
 - B. cautious
 - C. wealthy
11. We **lamented** our sad circumstances.
 - A. made worse
 - B. improved
 - C. expressed grief about
12. Many graduates have high college debt. **Moreover**, too many of them haven't found good-paying jobs.
 - A. in contrast to that
 - B. in addition to that
 - C. as a result of that

13. We can work together or **perish** separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
14. The criminal was ordered to pay **recompense** to his victims as part of his sentence.
- A. compensation for loss
 - B. a penalty fine
 - C. an apology
15. The smell of freshly brewed coffee **roused** her from her sleep.
- A. interrupted
 - B. deepened
 - C. awakened
16. Civil **strife** tore the country apart for nearly a decade before reform began.
- A. joyful celebration
 - B. violent conflict
 - C. quiet agreement
17. She has served her country with **valor**.
- A. wisdom
 - B. enthusiasm
 - C. courage
18. She fears the **wrath** of God.
- A. angry punishment
 - B. power
 - C. unpredictable moods
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 Who among the gods set the twain at **strife** and variance?
 - A. thing that affects a result or outcome
 - B. violent conflict or angry disagreement
 - C. job, reservation, booking, or activity
- 2 And the arrows clanged upon his shoulders in **wrath**, as the god moved; and he descended like to night.
 - A. extreme anger
 - B. determination
 - C. use of reason
- 3 Yet for all this will I give her back, if that is better; rather would I see my folk whole than **perishing**.
 - A. protecting something or keeping it as it is
 - B. dying or being destroyed; or extremely cold
 - C. compensating for a loss; or paying a reward
- 4 Though the **immortal** gods made him a spearman, do they therefore put revilings in his mouth for him to utter?
 - 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 This, **moreover**, will I say to thee, and do thou lay it to thy heart.
 - A. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in addition to what has just been said
 - C. even though -- used to connect contrasting ideas
- 6 Yea, go to now, make trial, that all these may see; **forthwith** thy dark blood shall gush about my spear.
 - A. immediately
 - B. a last name
 - C. well suited
- 7 But honour thou him, Zeus of Olympus, lord of counsel; grant thou victory to the Trojans the while until the Achaians do my son honour and exalt him with **recompense**.
 - A. compensate for a loss; or pay a reward
 - B. examine in detail to better understand
 - C. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
- 8 So spake the Dream, and departed and left him there, **deeming** in his mind things that were not to be fulfilled.
 - A. believing or judging
 - B. working or operating
 - C. trying or attempting
- 9 Now fleet Iris the wind-footed went to the Trojans, a messenger from aegis-bearing Zeus, with a **grievous** message.
 - A. very serious; or very bad
 - B. not tending to find fault
 - C. not able to be translated

- 10 *So said he, but Athene and Hera murmured thereat, who were sitting by him and **devising** ills for the Trojans.*
- making strips of hair lighter in color
 - coming up with (inventing or creating)
 - requiring (obligating) to do something
- 11 *So spake he, and **roused** Athene that already was set thereon; and from Olympus' heights she darted down.*
- beyond the permitted boundary or limit
 - explains something in a particular way
 - to awaken, make more active, or excite
- 12 *Why stand ye thus dazed like fawns that are weary with running over the long plain and so stand still, and no **valour** is found in their hearts at all?*
- exceedingly powerful bomb whose energy comes from the splitting of atoms
 - a long race that is shorter than the typical long race of about 26 miles
 - exceptional or heroic courage when facing danger -- especially in battle
- 13 *Such was Tydeus of Aitolia; but he begat a son that in battle is worse than he; only in **harangue** is he the better.*
- removal of false belief that something is better than it is; or the disappointment from removal of such a belief
 - to try to persuade, or to criticize in an impassioned and often annoying manner; or a speech with such an intent
 - a deal where the accused pleads guilty to a lesser crime in return for a lighter punishment or dropped charges
- 14 *Go to now, let us too bethink us of **impetuous** valour.*
- impulsive (acting suddenly without much thought)
 - most important; or person that is most important
 - tending to have exceedingly unfavorable opinions
- 15 *She now cast common discord in their midst, as she fared through the throng and made the **lamentation** of men to wax.*
- dreamlike state of altered consciousness
 - a range of things between two boundaries
 - passionate expression of grief or sorrow
- 16 *These separated themselves and **assailed** him face to face, they setting on him from their car and he on foot upon the ground.*
- gradually added or removed
 - to attack or cause trouble
 - limited or with boundaries
- 17 *He spake and poised and hurled his far-shadowing spear, and smote upon Tydeides' shield; right through it sped the point of **bronze** and reached the breastplate.*
- examine in detail to better understand
 - appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - made of a type of high-quality metal
- 18 *Not by reason so much of the Trojans, for wrath and indignation, sate I me in my chamber, but fain would I yield me to my sorrow.*
- give
 - stop (something from happening)
 - think deeply or carefully about
- 19 *But seeing I was a fool in that I **yielded** to my sorry passion, I will make amends and give a recompense beyond telling.*
- with rises and falls in pitch
 - gave in, gave way, or gave up
 - embarrassed or self-conscious
- 20 *And without let us dig a deep foss hard by, to be about it and to **hinder** horses and footmen, lest the battle of the lordly Trojans be heavy on us hereafter.*
- make different; or show difference
 - to cause something to move forward
 - slowed down or caused problems for

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	strife	Used 57 times in this book.
2	A	wrath	Used 72 times in this book.
3	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 57 times in this book.
4	C	immortal	Used 103 times in this book.
5	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 24 times in this book.
6	A	forthwith	Used 39 times in this book.
7	A	recompense	Used 14 times in this book.
8	A	deemed	Used 57 times in this book.
9	A	grievous	Used 52 times in this book.
10	B	devise (<i>as in: devise a plan</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 31 times in this book.
11	C	rouse	Used 40 times in this book.
12	C	valor	Used 48 times in this book.
13	B	harangue	Used 17 times in this book.
14	A	impetuous (<i>as in: an impetuous decision</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 31 times in this book.
15	C	lament	High-utility academic word; used 41 times in this book.
16	B	assail	Used 16 times in this book.
17	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 195 times in this book.
18	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
19	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
20	C	hinder (<i>as in: hindered by</i>)	Used 11 times in this book.