

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: aloof, beguile, beseech, bronze, cunning, deemed, discord, envoy, forthwith, heed, immortal, lament, moreover, perish, portent, satiate, valor, vanquish, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
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10	C
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12	C
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16	B
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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 missed their warm relationship and was saddened by his **aloofness**.
 - A. lack of respect
 - B. lack of concentration
 - C. lack of interest
2. She was wined, dined, and **beguiled** into signing the contract.
 - A. forced
 - B. tricked
 - C. encouraged
3. She closed the prayer by **beseeking** God to grant them wisdom and patience.
 - A. asking
 - B. demanding
 - C. instructing
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. The worst mix -- **greedy, cunning,** and without morals.
 - A. stupid and impatient
 - B. clever and deceitful
 - C. strong and cruel
6. The chemical was **deemed** unsafe to use in children's products.
 - A. judged
 - B. manufactured
 - C. tested
7. There is too much **discord** in their home.
 - A. conflict
 - B. loud noise
 - C. uncritical agreement
8. Iran's top **envoy** to the United Nations nuclear agency dismissed the accusation.
 - A. scientist
 - B. representative
 - C. translator
9. The resolution calls upon the country to "cease hostilities **forthwith**."
 - A. immediately
 - B. carefully
 - C. publicly
10. She didn't **heed** the storm warnings and got caught in the heavy rain.
 - A. pass through
 - B. tell others of
 - C. pay attention to
11. She believes we have an **immortal** soul.
 - A. conflicted
 - B. perfect in every way
 - C. lasting forever
12. We **lamented** our sad circumstances.
 - A. made worse
 - B. improved
 - C. expressed grief about

13. 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
14. We can work together or perish separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
15. The sudden appearance of dark clouds served as a portent of the impending storm.
- A. darkness
 - B. sign
 - C. beginning
16. We visited every art museum in New York City, and she still wasn't satiated.
- A. tired
 - B. satisfied
 - C. knowledgeable
17. She has served her country with valor.
- A. wisdom
 - B. enthusiasm
 - C. courage
18. You need to vanquish those negative thoughts and think about good things.
- A. completely defeat
 - B. gently ease
 - C. gently persuade
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 Many a brave soul did it send hurrying down to Hades, and many a hero did it **yield** a prey to dogs and vultures, for so were the counsels of Jove fulfilled from the day on which the son of Atreus, king of men, and great Achilles, first fell out with one another.
 - A. produce or give
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 2 I was blinded with passion and **yielded** to my worser mind; therefore I will make amends, and will give him great gifts by way of atonement.
 - A. with rises and falls in pitch
 - B. gave in, gave way, or gave up
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 3 **Moreover** I have been the familiar friend of men even greater than you are, and they did not disregard my counsels.
 - 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
- 4 Now after twelve days the **immortal** gods came back in a body to Olympus, and Jove led the way.
 - 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 With these words he moved the hearts of the multitude, so many of them as knew not the **cunning** counsel of Agamemnon.
 - A. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
 - B. good at achieving goals through cleverness and deception
 - C. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
- 6 The serpent ate the poor cheeping things, while the old bird flew about **lamenting** her little ones; but the serpent threw his coils about her and caught her by the wing as she was screaming.
 - A. stopping a battle or fight
 - B. changing through evolution
 - C. expressing grief or regret
- 7 Seeing, then, that such a fearful **portent** had broken in upon our hecatombs, Calchas forthwith declared to us the oracles of heaven.
 - A. a basic building block for proteins
 - B. a sign of something about to happen
 - C. someone who believe in a single God
- 8 Seeing, then, that such a fearful portent had broken in upon our hecatombs, Calchas **forthwith** declared to us the oracles of heaven.
 - A. immediately
 - B. a last name
 - C. well suited

- 9 *Thus did he speak, and Agamemnon **heeded** his words.*
- prepared food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
 - supported by providing money or other economic aid
 - paid close attention to; or did what was suggested
- 10 *Even thus was Menelaus glad when his eyes caught sight of Alexandrus, for he **deemed** that now he should be revenged.*
- believed or judged
 - wrongly understood
 - not disagreed with
- 11 *Ulysses once came here as **envoy** about yourself, and Menelaus with him.*
- someone who approves or supports
 - representative sent on a mission
 - one who precedes another in time
- 12 *Menelaus has just **vanquished** Alexandrus, and is to take my hateful self back with him.*
- completely defeated
 - excessively excited
 - nervous or confused
- 13 *Therefore let us acquit ourselves with **valour**.*
- 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
- 14 *It struck the shield of the son of Tydeus; the **bronze** point pierced it and passed on till it reached the breastplate.*
- examine in detail to better understand
 - appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - made of a type of high-quality metal
- 15 *Keep this before your mind night and day, and **beseech** the captains of your allies to hold on without flinching, and thus put away their reproaches from you.*
- to ask strongly or beg for something
 - move into position to work; or start
 - to spread to other parts of the body
- 16 *...the Trojans held a council, angry and full of **discord**,*
- conflict or disagreement -- especially among those expected to cooperate
 - characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open
 - design based on alphabetic letters; or adding such a design to something
- 17 *We know how great your power is, nevertheless we have compassion upon the Danaan warriors who are **perishing** and coming to a bad end.*
- protecting something or keeping it as it is
 - dying or being destroyed; or extremely cold
 - compensating for a loss; or paying a reward
- 18 *All things pall after a while—sleep, love, sweet song, and stately dance—still these are things of which a man would surely have his fill rather than of battle, whereas it is of battle that the Trojans are **insatiate**.*
- gradually add or remove
 - not possible to satisfy
 - feel sadness and regret
- 19 *I should hold **aloof** from battle on any day rather than this, for my mother bore me with nothing of the coward about me.*
- not clear or easily identifiable
 - indicating approval or agreement
 - socially distant or uninterested
- 20 *I have sent him into a sweet slumber, and Juno has **beguiled** him into going to bed with her.*
- protected or kept something as it was
 - deceived through charm or enchantment
 - controlled (how something turned out)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
3	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 57 times in this book.
4	C	immortal	Used 76 times in this book.
5	B	cunning (<i>as in: a cunning thief</i>)	Used 24 times in this book.
6	C	lament	High-utility academic word; used 26 times in this book.
7	B	portent	Used 7 times in this book.
8	A	forthwith	Used 40 times in this book.
9	C	heed	Used 28 times in this book.
10	A	deemed	Used 29 times in this book.
11	B	envoy	Used 7 times in this book.
12	A	vanquish	Used 20 times in this book.
13	C	valor	Used 25 times in this book.
14	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 127 times in this book.
15	A	beseech	Used 24 times in this book.
16	A	discord (<i>as in: discord amongst the group</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
17	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 37 times in this book.
18	B	satiate	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
19	C	aloof	Used 21 times in this book.
20	B	beguile	Used 7 times in this book.