

# 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:** adverse, azure, bestow, brazen, convey, copious, disdain, forbearance, haughty, impetuous, ire, martial, perish, prudent, scarcity, scorn, vengeance, wrath, yield (2)



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# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	A
2	C
3	C
4	C
5	A
6	C
7	A
8	A
9	B
10	A
11	B
12	A
13	B
14	A
15	C
16	A
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. The FDA discovered the problem while reviewing **adverse** events reported in the database.
  - A. harmful
  - B. routine
  - C. minor
2. The children painted the ocean an **azure** shade on the classroom mural.
  - A. dark red
  - B. pale yellow
  - C. bright blue
3. Our organization **bestows** honors, awards, and sometimes cash prizes to promising writers.
  - A. shows
  - B. recommends
  - C. gives
4. The **brazen** thief walked right into the store and stole a diamond necklace in broad daylight.
  - A. silent and smart
  - B. disguised
  - C. bold and improper
5. Please **convey** my gratitude for her hospitality.
  - A. express
  - B. accept
  - C. understand
6. The chef served **copious** amounts of food at the wedding reception.
  - A. small in amount
  - B. rare and unusual
  - C. large in quantity
7. She has nothing but **disdain** for the notion that common people can regulate their own lives better than she can.
  - A. lack of respect
  - B. humility
  - C. intense anger
8. I appreciate your **forbearance**.
  - A. patience or tolerance
  - B. financial loan
  - C. family concerns
9. She has that **haughty**, rich and entitled attitude.
  - A. wealthy
  - B. arrogant
  - C. optimistic
10. She made an **impetuous** purchase, buying the car without test-driving it first.
  - A. impulsive
  - B. cautious
  - C. wealthy
11. She has a way of arousing his **ire**.
  - A. curiosity
  - B. anger
  - C. guilt

12. The army practiced martial drills before the inspection.
- A. related to war
  - B. related to music
  - C. related to farming
13. We can work together or perish separately.
- A. work
  - B. die
  - C. fail
14. Courage is dangerous without prudence.
- A. good sense
  - B. good purpose
  - C. good support
15. Work is scarce in the region.
- A. easily found
  - B. extremely hard
  - C. in short supply
16. That coach scorns students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
  - B. encourages
  - C. trains
17. 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
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 *Chapman has taken the advantage of an immeasurable length of verse, notwithstanding which, there is **scarce** any paraphrase more loose and rambling than his.*
  - A. the state of not being aware or concerned about something
  - B. a state similar to sleep where one is unaware of anything
  - C. in short supply OR barely or hardly (by a small margin)
- 2 *The priest being refused, and insolently dismissed by Agamemnon, entreats for **vengeance** from his god; who inflicts a pestilence on the Greeks.*
  - A. something that stands out
  - B. something made from parts
  - C. the act of taking revenge
- 3 *Achilles heard, with grief and rage oppress'd, His heart swell'd high, and labour'd in his breast; Distracting thoughts by turns his bosom ruled; Now fired by **wrath**, and now by reason cool'd: That prompts his hand to draw the deadly sword, Force through the Greeks, and pierce their haughty lord; This whispers soft his vengeance to control, And calm the rising tempest of his soul.*
  - A. extreme anger
  - B. determination
  - C. use of reason
- 4 *With like **disdain** The raging king return'd his frowns again.*
  - A. a lack of respect
  - B. differ; or change
  - C. influence opinion
- 5 *That **adverse** gods commit to stern debate The best, the bravest, of the Grecian state.*
  - A. working against one's interests
  - B. non-traditional or non-standard
  - C. poor ability to make a decision
- 6 *Patroclus, haste, the fair Briseis bring; Conduct my captive to the **haughty** king.*
  - A. absolute
  - B. arrogant
  - C. pleasing
- 7 *Then will I mount the **brazen** dome, and move The high tribunal of immortal Jove.*
  - A. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
  - B. make one's home in; or live in; or stay (in a place)
  - C. bold and unrestrained by what others consider proper
- 8 *(she said) My words could please thee, or my actions aid, Some marks of honour on my son **bestow**, And pay in glory what in life you owe*
  - A. draw
  - B. quit
  - C. give
- 9 *(102) To these succeed Aspledon's **martial** train, Who plough the spacious Orchomenian plain*
  - A. relating to war, the military, or fighting
  - B. mental activity of which one is self-aware
  - C. without involvement of anything in between
- 10 *how the **scornful** Greeks exult to see Their fears of danger undeceived in thee!*
  - A. full of strong disrespect or rejection
  - B. able to accept as true (without proof)
  - C. able to be protected or kept unchanged
- 11 *Yet hence, O Heaven, **convey** that fatal face, And from destruction save the Trojan race.*
  - A. communicate or express
  - B. create dramatic change
  - C. mirror back (an image)

- 12 *Soft as the fleeces of descending snows,(117) The **copious** accents fall, with easy art; Melting they fall, and sink into the heart!*
- able to accept as true (without proof)
  - able to be protected or kept unchanged
  - abundant (large in quantity or number)
- 13 *Beside each chief his **azure** armour lay, And round the lists the generous coursers neigh.*
- reporter
  - disorder
  - sky-blue
- 14 *Paris he seeks, impatient to destroy, But seeks in vain along the troops of Troy; Even those had **yielded** to a foe so brave The recreant warrior, hateful as the grave.*
- with rises and falls in pitch
  - gave in, gave way, or gave up
  - embarrassed or self-conscious
- 15 *This from the right to left the herald bears, Held out in order to the Grecian peers; Each to his rival **yields** the mark unknown, Till godlike Ajax finds the lot his own; Surveys the inscription with rejoicing eyes, Then casts before him, and with transport cries: "Warriors!"*
- gives or produces
  - complains or verbally attacks in a loud, excited way
  - formally gives up power, as of monarchs and emperors
- 16 *As torrents roll, increased by numerous rills, With rage **impetuous**, down their echoing hills Rush to the vales, and pour'd along the plain.*
- impulsive (acting suddenly without much thought)
  - most important; or person that is most important
  - tending to have exceedingly unfavorable opinions
- 17 *So **raged** Tydides, boundless in his **ire**, Drove armies back, and made all Troy retire.*
- allow
  - anger
  - quits
- 18 *The mighty Mars in mortal fetters bound,(149) And lodged in brazen dungeons underground, Full thirteen moons imprison'd roar'd in vain; Otus and Ephialtes held the chain: Perhaps had **perish'd** had not Hermes' care Restored the groaning god to upper air.*
- examined in detail to better understand
  - died, was destroyed, or ceased to exist
  - moved into position to work; or started
- 19 *On either hand The squadrons part; the expecting Trojans stand; Great Agamemnon bids the Greeks **forbear**: They breathe, and hush the tumult of the war.*
- refrain (hold back) from acting
  - the ability to take on or adopt
  - where attention is concentrated
- 20 *Kings thou canst blame; a bold but **prudent** youth: And blame even kings with praise, because with truth.*
- sensible and careful
  - not demonstrative of
  - sincerity (realness)

# ANSWER KEY

## Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	scarcity	High-utility academic word; used 49 times in this book.
2	C	vengeance ( <i>as in: vengeance is mine</i> )	Used 62 times in this book.
3	A	wrath	Used 56 times in this book.
4	A	disdain	High-utility academic word; used 32 times in this book.
5	A	adverse	Used 13 times in this book.
6	B	haughty	High-utility academic word; used 34 times in this book.
7	C	brazen	Used 68 times in this book.
8	C	bestow	Used 42 times in this book.
9	A	martial	Used 78 times in this book.
10	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 28 times in this book.
11	A	convey ( <i>as in: convey her thoughts</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 35 times in this book.
12	C	copious	High-utility academic word; used 12 times in this book.
13	C	azure	Used 21 times in this book.
14	B	yield ( <i>as in: yield to pressure</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	A	yield ( <i>as in: will yield valuable data</i> )	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
16	A	impetuous ( <i>as in: an impetuous decision</i> )	High-utility academic word; used 32 times in this book.
17	B	ire	Used 18 times in this book.
18	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 32 times in this book.
19	A	forbearance	Used 23 times in this book.
20	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 25 times in this book.