

The Last Olympian

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: bronze, centaur, empathy, focus (2), gossamer, immortal, invincible, invulnerable, lenient, mortal, neutral (2), pavilion, prophecy, scythe, serpent, wither (2), yield



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	C
2	C
3	B
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10	C
11	C
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16	C
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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 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
2. 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
3. The teacher's **empathy** helped her connect with students facing difficulties at home.
 - A. ability to control emotional outbursts
 - B. understanding and sharing others' feelings
 - C. common sense and wise advice
4. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
5. The discussion brought into **focus** an important difference of opinion.
 - A. hiding
 - B. conflict
 - C. view
6. A **gossamer** curtain softened the sunlight in the room.
 - A. thick and heavy
 - B. brightly colored
 - C. thin and delicate
7. She believes we have an **immortal** soul.
 - A. conflicted
 - B. perfect in every way
 - C. lasting forever
8. She has an **invincible** spirit.
 - A. impossible to overcome
 - B. not capable of being understood
 - C. misleading or not trustworthy
9. The hilltop fortress looked **invulnerable** behind its cliffs and thick walls.
 - A. easy to attack
 - B. likely to surrender
 - C. unable to be harmed
10. Her parents were too **lenient**.
 - A. authoritarian (overly strict)
 - B. concerned or worried
 - C. permissive (not strict)
11. In the story, she was neither a **mortal** nor a god. She was a demi-god.
 - A. type of bird
 - B. lucky survivor
 - C. human

12. The game will not be played at either school. Instead, it will be played at a **neutral** site.
- A. professional
 - B. not favoring either side
 - C. close
13. When the car is in **neutral**, I hear a whistling noise.
- A. with the gears unengaged
 - B. with the engine working hard
 - C. moving fast
14. We ate lunch under the open-sided **pavilion** near the lake.
- A. freestanding shelter
 - B. tall stone monument
 - C. narrow garden path
15. It was a **self-fulfilling prophecy**.
- A. profitable enterprise
 - B. prediction
 - C. explanation
16. The painting is called *Peasant Woman with a Scythe*.
- A. (noun) a strip of hair made lighter in color OR (verb) making strips of hair lighter in color
 - B. to mix different things that maintain their difference in the mixture; or the resulting mixture
 - C. grass-cutting tool
17. What does the **serpent** represent in the Garden of Eden?
- A. fig leaf
 - B. snake
 - C. apple
18. Without water, the plants in the garden began to **wither** and die.
- A. become dormant
 - B. dry out
 - C. grow stronger
19. As the disease progressed, her once strong muscles began to **wither** and she struggled to even lift a glass of water.
- A. hurt
 - B. weaken
 - C. lose feeling
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 *The edge of the **scythe** shaved off my shirtsleeve and grazed my arm.*
 - A. (noun) a strip of hair made lighter in color OR (verb) making strips of hair lighter in color
 - B. to mix different things that maintain their difference in the mixture; or the resulting mixture
 - C. a tool for cutting grass that has a curved blade and a long handle that is held with both hands
- 2 *I sat up, and a **gossamer** sheet floated away.*
 - A. dreamlike state of altered consciousness
 - B. characteristic (of something or someone)
 - C. characterized by unusual lightness and delicacy
- 3 *The palace was as big as the city on Mount Olympus, with wide courtyards, gardens, and columned pavilions.*
 - A. a large building or section of a building that stands apart in function or design -- often used for gatherings, exhibitions, or specialized purposes
 - B. (noun) things that are lighter and draw attention -- such as areas of a painting OR (verb) making some things lighter -- such as areas of a painting
 - C. items characterized by narrower parallel folds when closed and wider when open -- such as a door or musical instrument with that characteristic
- 4 *"But you're **immortal**," I said quietly.*
 - 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 *A huge sea **serpent** appeared from above us and spiraled down toward the roof.*
 - A. skill
 - B. snake
 - C. story
- 6 *He was **neutral** in the first war of gods and Titans.*
 - A. relating to classical music plays in which most of the dialogue is sung
 - B. not favoring either side
 - C. rude or unfriendly because of using too few words or moving too quickly
- 7 *"We'll put the car in **neutral**," I said.*
 - A. a state where the gears are unengaged
 - B. the degree to which something is able to change or is different
 - C. capable of being better understood through detailed examination
- 8 *I had an **empathy** link with Grover, so I hoped I would know if anything bad happened to him.*
 - A. a place where conditions are kept as they were to protect wildlife
 - B. the ability or tendency to understand or share in others' feelings
 - C. someone who believes that all knowledge is derived from experience
- 9 *"Percy," she said, her voice tight, "Rachel is just a **mortal**."*
 - A. someone who provides start-up money to new companies
 - B. someone who combines components into a complex whole
 - C. human (especially merely human)

- 10 *His belly would've made him an **invincible** bumper car.*
A. impossible to defeat or overcome
B. the condition of being different
C. indicating approval or agreement
- 11 *I thought about what Hestia had said, about how hard it was to **yield**, and I figured maybe my mom was finding that out.*
A. select (on a computer screen)
B. give in (or give what is asked)
C. an involuntary vomiting spasm
- 12 *Luke carried a **bronze** knife.*
A. examine in detail to better understand
B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
C. made of a type of high-quality metal
- 13 *When it came into **focus** again, I saw Hades kneeling in the ruins, holding the broken form of Maria di Angelo.*
A. software that stops unwanted software from spreading between computers and causing damage to data and software
B. a condition where the body cannot properly regulate blood sugar levels because it produces little or no insulin
C. view (a state where something can be seen clearly)
- 14 *There was a broken spear in his belly, and his furry goat legs were twisted at a painful **angle**. He tried to focus on us, but I don't think he saw us.*
A. look
B. make one's home in; or live in; or stay (in a place)
C. a real estate loan; or pledging something for a loan
- 15 *Your body will **wither** and die, and still the Oracle's spirit will be locked inside you.*
A. started (a fire)
B. weaken
C. restart (a fire)
- 16 *The **withered** mummy shuffled forward in her rainbow dress.*
A. not accepted as true
B. dried out
C. began fighting again
- 17 *I promise Kronos will be **lenient**.*
A. the state of being unaware of one's mental activity
B. increasing reason or general desire to do something
C. less strict or more tolerant than might be expected
- 18 *If it hadn't been for my new **invulnerability**, I would've broken every bone in my body.*
A. restarted (a fire)
B. wrongly translates
C. impossible to harm
- 19 *She didn't look at all surprised that Chiron was a **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
- 20 *You have the gift of **prophecy**.*
A. social event or ceremony
B. prediction of the future
C. a positively charged ion

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	scythe	Used 36 times in this book.
2	C	gossamer	Used 2 times in this book.
3	A	pavilion	Used 8 times in this book.
4	C	immortal	Used 12 times in this book.
5	B	serpent	Used 17 times in this book.
6	B	neutral (<i>as in: played at a neutral site</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	A	neutral (<i>as in: Put the car in neutral.</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
8	B	empathy	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
9	C	mortal (<i>as in: mortal body</i>)	Used 62 times in this book.
10	A	invincible	Used 6 times in this book.
11	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; used 3 times in this book.
12	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 41 times in this book.
13	C	focus (<i>as in: bring into focus; or out of focus</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
14	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
15	B	wither (<i>as in: her confidence withered</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
16	B	wither (<i>as in: wither on the vine</i>)	Used 4 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
17	C	lenient	Used 2 times in this book.
18	C	invulnerable	Used 7 times in this book.
19	C	centaur	Used 27 times in this book.
20	B	prophecy	Used 54 times in this book.