The Lost Hero

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: amnesia, assortment, aura, bronze, centaur, focus (3), hypothermia, immortal, mortal, nucleus, ogre, patron, pavilion, prophecy, solace, tempest, vengeance, with a vengeance

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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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#	KEY
1	B
2	B
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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. **Amnesia** is much more common in the movies than it is in life.
   A. a minor gunshot wound
   B. loss of memory
   C. love at first sight

2. An **assortment** of students gathered after school—some studying, others just chatting.
   A. small group
   B. variety
   C. large group

3. The old theater had an **aura** of mystery.
   A. written rule
   B. distinctive atmosphere
   C. loud announcement

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. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
   A. concentrating
   B. depending
   C. getting help

7. The discussion brought into **focus** an important difference of opinion.
   A. hiding
   B. conflict
   C. view

8. The satellite **focuses** the signal into a narrow beam.
   A. spreads
   B. concentrates
   C. pulses

9. After hours in the icy water, she showed signs of **hypothermia**.
   A. dangerously low body heat
   B. severe hunger
   C. temporary blindness

10. She believes we have an **immortal** soul.
    A. conflicted
    B. perfect in every way
    C. lasting forever

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

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12. The small reading group became the **nucleus** of a schoolwide book club.
   A. ending
   B. critics
   C. center

13. The **ogre** in the story terrorized travelers passing through his forest.
   A. monster
   B. princess
   C. shepherd

14. A wealthy **patron** donated millions to fund young artists in the city.
   A. critic
   B. supporter
   C. neighbor

15. We ate lunch under the open-sided **pavilion** near the lake.
   A. freestanding shelter
   B. tall stone monument
   C. narrow garden path

16. It was a self-fulfilling **prophecy**.
   A. profitable enterprise
   B. prediction
   C. explanation

17. Those who dislike the President can take **solace** in our system of checks and balances that limits his power.
   A. oversight
   B. comfort
   C. offense

18. A **tempest** swept over the island.
   A. darkness
   B. fear
   C. storm

19. 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

20. She threw herself into work **with a vengeance**.
   A. with reluctance
   B. with intensity
   C. with careful thought

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 *"So, a crash course for the* amnesiac*," Leo said, in a helpful tone that made Jason think this was not going to be helpful.*

A. someone who expels or gets rid of
B. someone who has lost their memory
C. someone who mocks or makes fun of

2 *The wind picked up* with a vengeance*.*

A. available cash
B. with intensity
C. very important

3 *We will not be denied our* vengeance*—not this time.*

A. something that stands out
B. something made from parts
C. the act of taking revenge

4 *She pointed out the open-air dining* pavilion *that overlooked Long Island Sound.*

A. a large structure separate from a main structure or temporary
B. make something more attractive or interesting by adding to it
C. a small group of people who plot in secret and exercise power

5 *Piper gazed at the crazy* assortment *of cabins in the valley.*

A. any substance that tends to increase the flow of urine
B. a collection containing a variety of a sort of a thing
C. an electronic component that acts like a one-way valve

6 *They're not the children of Artemis, but they're her handmaidens—this band of* immortal *teenage girls who adventure together and hunt monsters and stuff.*

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

7 *The archer dude, Will* Solace*, seemed pretty cool.*

A. a pardon; or the time period during which the pardon is offered
B. comfort felt or given during a time of disappointment or misery
C. bad feeling such as embarrassment, disappointment, or annoyance

8 *"Would you attack your* patron*?" the woman chided.*

A. parent
B. supporter
C. friend

9 *She muttered something in Greek, and Jason got the feeling it wasn't complimentary toward* centaurs*.*

A. images (seen on a mirror or other shiny surface)
B. electronic components that act as one-way valves
C. mythical beings that are half man and half horse

10 *It was about sixty feet long, snout to tail, its body made of interlocking* bronze *plates.*

A. a gold-colored metal that is made of copper and (usually) tin
B. a silver-colored metal that is made of copper and (usually) tin
C. a type of metal

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11 *New dress, new makeup, glowing pink* aura, *and boom: suddenly people liked her.*

A. treatment with extra kindness or tolerance OR (more rarely) a special pleasure (typically something done in excess of what is thought good -- such as eating too much cake, or being too lazy)
B. A distinctive quality, mood, or feeling that seems to surround a person, place, or thing; or, more literally, a glowing light shown around someone's head or body in spiritual or artistic images
C. a person with or something related to an eating disorder in which overeating is followed by guilt and unhealthy attempts at correction -- especially self-induced vomiting

12 *Even if you succeeded, you heard the* prophecy: *unleashing Hera's rage would mean your destruction.*

A. plan
B. prediction
C. assessment or evaluation of the situation

13 *He'd never tried to do anything so* focused *and intense —but he shot a bolt of white-hot flames at the chain suspending the engine block above the Cyclops's head—aiming for the link that looked weaker than rest.*

A. changed a letter from lower to upper case -- especially the first letter of a word
B. concentrated at a single point
C. coated with a reddish-brown or yellowish-brown metal that is made mostly of copper

14 *Then Hephaestus came back into* focus.

A. software that stops uninvited 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)

15 *Jason blinked, trying to get his bearings. He* focused *on Piper and made a little choking sound. "What are you wearing?"*

A. looked
B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
C. began speaking with someone about something

16 *Gods are different from* mortals, *boy.*

A. half-gods
B. inanimate objects
C. humans

17 *Piper kept glancing back, worried, as if he were the one who'd almost died of* hypothermia *rather than she.*

A. an illness caused by too low a body temperature
B. an illness caused by lack of water
C. an illness caused by a tropical virus spread by mosquitoes

18 *The* ogres *shuffled forward.*

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

19 *Just outside, a blue mushroom cloud billowed up, raining snowflakes and ice like a* nuclear *blast made of cold instead of heat.*

A. the quality of inappropriateness in size, amount, or degree
B. the condition of being exclusive to (someone or some group)
C. relating to the central or most important part of something

20 *Its mane flickered as it circled around the empty pool, its hooves causing miniature thunderstorms—* tempests*—whenever they touched.*

A. things or characteristics that are critical or express disagreement or answers of "no"
B. changes one's mind back and forth between conflicting ideas OR sways back and forth
C. a violent commotion or disturbance -- especially a violent storm or emotional outburst

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	amnesia	Used 11 times in this book.
2	B	with a vengeance *(as in: with a vengeance)*	2 meanings in this book.
3	C	vengeance *(as in: vengeance is mine)*	2 meanings in this book.
4	A	pavilion	Used 8 times in this book.
5	B	assortment	Used 8 times in this book.
6	C	immortal	Used 16 times in this book.
7	B	solace	Used 7 times in this book.
8	B	patron *(as in: a patron of the arts)*	Used 21 times in this book.
9	C	centaur	Used 24 times in this book.
10	C	bronze *(as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water)*	Used 58 times in this book.
11	B	aura	Used 10 times in this book.
12	B	prophecy	Used 47 times in this book.
13	B	focus *(as with technical usage)*	3 meanings in this book.
14	C	focus *(as in: bring into focus; or out of focus)*	3 meanings in this book.
15	A	focus *(as in: Turn your focus to question #2.)*	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
16	C	mortal *(as in: mortal body)*	Used 59 times in this book.
17	A	hypothermia	Used 5 times in this book.
18	A	ogre	Used 17 times in this book.
19	C	nucleus	Used 7 times in this book.
20	C	tempest	Used 8 times in this book.

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