

The Mark of Athena

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: agitate, avenge, bronze, centaur, chasm, conveyor belt, decoy, exasperated, immortal, jut, labyrinth, longitude, monstrosity, nevertheless, perish, pi, prophecy, subside (2), tempest



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	C
2	C
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17	B
18	A
19	A
20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Read each prompt. Then choose the best meaning for the bold word.

1. She gets **agitated** whenever the topic comes up.
 - A. calm and thoughtful
 - B. gloomy (sad)
 - C. emotionally disturbed
2. The hero set out to **avenge** the cruel treatment of his village by the bandits.
 - A. kindly forgive
 - B. quietly forget
 - C. take revenge for
3. 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
4. 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
5. We were stopped by an impassable **chasm**.
 - A. steep mountain
 - B. raging river
 - C. steep drop
6. Most luggage **conveyor belts** work at a speed of about 1 meter/second.
 - A. a moving band or belt that transports objects
 - B. parts of a poem or song where each part consists of a fixed number of lines
 - C. things that are lacking which are needed to live in a satisfactory manner
7. The detective used a fake wallet as a **decoy** to distract the thief.
 - A. valuable reward
 - B. careful warning
 - C. misleading attraction
8. My little brother can be **exasperating**. He's always testing his boundaries.
 - A. very active
 - B. endearing (lovable)
 - C. greatly annoying
9. She believes we have an **immortal** soul.
 - A. conflicted
 - B. perfect in every way
 - C. lasting forever
10. She tripped on a thick tree root that **jutted** out across the muddy path.
 - A. washed away
 - B. curled up
 - C. stuck out
11. Old limestone mines and smugglers' tunnels create a **labyrinth** beneath the city of Odessa.
 - A. hazard
 - B. storage area
 - C. maze

12. For a long time, sailors could not accurately determine longitude at sea.
- A. depth of water
 - B. east-west position
 - C. distance to shore
13. The critics described the gaudy hotel as a monstrosity.
- A. a lovely sight
 - B. a tiny gem
 - C. an ugly eyesore
14. She loves him. Nevertheless, she is determined to stop seeing him unless he stops drinking.
- A. also
 - B. despite that
 - C. in addition
15. We can work together or perish separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
16. The value of pi is needed to calculate any circle's area.
- A. a triangle's height
 - B. a square's diagonal
 - C. the circle ratio
17. It was a self-fulfilling prophecy.
- A. profitable enterprise
 - B. prediction
 - C. explanation
18. I couldn't think clearly until the pain subsided.
- A. decreased
 - B. forced focus
 - C. was treated
19. The flood waters have subsided.
- A. settled to a lower level
 - B. risen higher
 - C. created disorder
20. A tempest swept over the island.
- A. darkness
 - B. fear
 - C. storm

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 *If I were at full strength, I would've blasted this flying **monstrosity** out of the sky already!*
 - A. a central open space in a building
 - B. particles emitted by nuclear decay
 - C. something that is big and terrible
- 2 *The idea of a chicken lady issuing **prophecies** was apparently just as ridiculous to Romans as it was to Greeks.*
 - A. interactions or interests
 - B. predictions of the future
 - C. things easily set on fire
- 3 *One thing might bring unity to Olympus again—an old wrong finally **avenged**.*
 - A. concentrated
 - B. not fighting
 - C. took revenge
- 4 *Hazel sighed in **exasperation**.*
 - A. relative amount
 - B. in disagreement
 - C. great annoyance
- 5 *He's so ugly, when he was born his mama thought he was a backward **centaur**—with a horse butt for a face.*
 - 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
- 6 *He was only **immortal** in the territory where he was reborn—Alaska.*
 - 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 *Piper knew what he was doing, but he'd succeeded in summoning **Tempest** only three times since they'd met the storm spirit at the Wolf House last winter.*
 - A. a long and determined effort for a cause that is passionately believed to be important
 - B. to dominate harshly and unfairly OR to deny equal rights to others or make them suffer
 - C. a violent commotion or disturbance -- especially a violent storm or emotional outburst
- 8 *Nevertheless, she accepted Jason's hand and climbed on.*
 - A. in keeping with or in agreement with what was just stated
 - B. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - C. therefore (for that reason)
- 9 *The horses paced in **agitation**.*
 - A. officially telling someone about something; or something that contains the message
 - B. formula (a mathematical expression that describe a relationship between variables)
 - C. the act of stirring up (emotionally or physically); or a state of emotional unrest
- 10 *Instead, we could send out a **decoy** to trick the eagles.*
 - A. point to differences between; or compare to show differences
 - B. provide investment funds for something -- such as a business
 - C. someone or something used for trickery -- especially to lure

- 11 *Anyone who helps Rome must **perish**.*
A. move into position to work; or start
B. die, be destroyed, or cease to exist
C. to spread to other parts of the body
- 12 *When the wall of seawater **subsided**, the three Romans were in the bay, spluttering and frantically trying to stay afloat in their armor.*
A. settled to a lower level
B. not found, sought, or researched
C. played cheerful and lively music
- 13 *She lay as still as possible until the pain **subsided** from absolute torture to just horrible throbbing.*
A. became less severe
B. not interacting or having interest; or stopped interacting or having interest
C. campaigned or worked for a cause that was passionately believed to be important
- 14 *Can you input latitude and **longitude** in this thing?*
A. relating to logical examination of something to better understand it
B. a measure of east/west (relative to the Prime Meridian) on the earth
C. lack of interest; or the process of stopping interaction or interest
- 15 *Percy wore pajama pants and a **bronze** breastplate, which was an interesting fashion statement.*
A. examine in detail to better understand
B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
C. made of a type of high-quality metal
- 16 *Unfortunately, between Annabeth and that exit, the floor was bisected by a **chasm** fifty feet across.*
A. long eventful journey
B. a nerve or brain cell
C. a large gap or divide
- 17 *He ignored the zodiac signs and letters, lining up the correct numbers so they made the value of **pi**.*
A. radically new and experimental; or people who practice radically new and experimental ideas -- especially in the arts
B. drugs that causes temporary loss of bodily sensations in a limited region of the body while maintaining consciousness
C. mathematics: an important constant representing the circumference of any circle divided by its diameter (about 3.14)
- 18 *It clicked and whirred along a **conveyor belt**, got hooked on a rope, and ascended through a slot in the roof.*
A. a moving band or belt that transports objects -- such as goods in a factory
B. the four-dimensional combination of space and time where everything happens
C. a connection or relationship by being equivalent, proportionate, or matched
- 19 *He remembered how many times he'd almost died in the **labyrinth** a few years ago.*
A. a math value that tells how many times a number is multiplied by itself to reach another number -- often used to describe very big or very small quantities
B. a melody that, after a short interval, is exactly repeated by a different instrument or voice to create competing melodic lines (a strict counterpoint)
C. a complex system of paths or tunnels in which it is easy to get lost
- 20 *She imagined the Athena Parthenos **jutting** from their trireme with a sign across her pedestal that read: WIDE LOAD.*
A. expressed strong hatred or loathing for
B. expresses strong hatred or loathing for
C. to stick out; or a part that sticks out

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	monstrosity	Used 2 times in this book.
2	B	prophecy	Used 37 times in this book.
3	C	avenge	Used 7 times in this book.
4	C	exasperated	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
5	C	centaur	Used 19 times in this book.
6	C	immortal	Used 7 times in this book.
7	C	tempest	Used 12 times in this book.
8	B	nevertheless	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
9	C	agitate	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
10	C	decoy	Used 3 times in this book.
11	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 4 times in this book.
12	A	subside (<i>as in: the ground subsided</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
13	A	subside (<i>as in: her anger subsided</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
14	B	longitude	Used 3 times in this book.
15	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 124 times in this book.
16	C	chasm	Used 12 times in this book.
17	C	pi	Used 6 times in this book.
18	A	conveyor belt	Used 4 times in this book.
19	C	labyrinth	Used 8 times in this book.
20	C	jut	Used 6 times in this book.