

The Odyssey

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: accord (2), bard, bronze, cunning, equitable, forthwith, guile, hinder, i.e., illustrate (2), immortal, insolent, mentor, moreover, mortal, perish, yield (2)



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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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. She dresses in **accordance** with the latest fashions.
 - A. opposition
 - B. keeping
 - C. ignorance
2. After the fight, he turned himself in of his own **accord**.
 - A. own fear
 - B. own safety
 - C. own mind
3. He calls himself a **bard** from Brooklyn.
 - A. someone who protects the weak and delivers justice to those who are evil
 - B. someone who composes and shares poems about important events and people
 - C. someone who knows everything about everyone
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 teacher looked for an **equitable** way to divide the supplies among the groups.
 - A. quick
 - B. secret
 - C. fair
7. The resolution calls upon the country to "cease hostilities **forthwith**."
 - A. immediately
 - B. carefully
 - C. publicly
8. She had the **guile** to lie directly to his face.
 - A. necessity
 - B. cunning and deceit
 - C. ambition
9. The brace I have to wear is **hindering** my movements
 - A. helping or assisting
 - B. drawing attention to
 - C. making difficult
10. She is **bullish** (i.e., optimistic) about the stock market.
 - A. instead of
 - B. that is to say
 - C. for example
11. The example **illustrates** the belief.
 - A. disproves
 - B. proves
 - C. makes clear
12. The assembly directions include **illustrations** to identify each part.
 - A. drawings
 - B. coded stickers
 - C. descriptions

13. She believes we have an immortal soul.
- A. conflicted
 - B. perfect in every way
 - C. lasting forever
14. The insolent waiter rolled his eyes when the customer asked for more water.
- A. boldly disrespectful
 - B. kindly helpful
 - C. shyly quiet
15. The famous professor mentored her during her years in graduate school.
- A. graded essays by
 - B. personally advised
 - C. lectured to
16. 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
17. 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
18. We can work together or perish separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
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 I have repeated several of the **illustrations** used in "The Authoress of the Odyssey", and have added two which I hope may bring the outer court of Ulysses' house more vividly before the reader.
 - A. things accepted as true (without proof)
 - B. ways of seeing or thinking about things
 - C. things that help clarify or demonstrate
- 2 For the most part each of the **illustrations** now occupies a page, whereas in the original editions they generally appeared two on the page.
 - A. drawings or photographs
 - B. positively charged ions
 - C. proposed or actual laws
- 3 She held a veil, **moreover**, before her face, and was weeping bitterly.
 - 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 I would obey you, but the Achaeans, and more particularly the wicked suitors, are **hindering** me that I cannot do so.
 - A. suggesting that someone was involved
 - B. walking in an awkward, shuffling way
 - C. slowing down or causing problems for
- 5 They say he has reigned for three generations so that it is like talking to an **immortal**.
 - 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. someone who lives forever
- 6 Every one in that country, whether master or man, has plenty of cheese, meat, and good milk, for the ewes **yield** all the year round.
 - A. produce or give
 - B. stop (something from happening)
 - C. think deeply or carefully about
- 7 So again when Ceres fell in love with Iasion, and **yielded** to him in a thrice-ploughed fallow field, Jove came to hear of it before so very long and killed Iasion with his thunderbolts.
 - A. with rises and falls in pitch
 - B. gave in, gave way, or gave up
 - C. embarrassed or self-conscious
- 8 I alone recognised him and began to question him, but he was too **cunning** for me.
 - A. related to the natural world (life, air, water, land...)
 - B. clever and deceptive
 - C. relating to logical examination to improve understanding
- 9 "Let me tell you," said I, "whichever of the goddesses you may happen to be, that I am not staying here of my **own accord**, but must have offended the gods that live in heaven."
 - A. the achievement of 3 positive feats in a sport
 - B. tropical viral disease transmitted by a mosquito
 - C. own mind (voluntarily)
- 10 Tell me also your country, nation, and city, that our ships may shape their purpose **accordingly** and take you there.
 - A. in spite of that (used to connect contrasting ideas)
 - B. in keeping with what was just stated
 - C. despite that (used to connect contrasting ideas.)

- 11 *We were among the first he counted, and he never suspected any **guile**, but laid himself down to sleep as soon as he had done counting.*
- prepare food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
 - cunning (shrewdness and cleverness) and deceit
 - treat as a particular type that is considered bad
- 12 *I cannot understand it, for I saw **Mentor** here myself yesterday morning, and yet he was then setting out for Pylos.*
- to gradually destroy or change the purpose of something -- such as a government, institution, or rule
 - someone who guides and advises another who is less experienced; or the act of providing such guidance
 - a beam, bracket, or other structure supported only on one side; or to support something in that manner
- 13 ***Forthwith** he bound on his glittering golden sandals with which he could fly like the wind over land and sea.*
- immediately
 - a last name
 - well suited
- 14 *"O queen," he said, "I implore your aid—but tell me, are you a goddess or are you a **mortal** woman?"*
- someone who provides start-up money to new companies
 - someone who combines components into a complex whole
 - human
- 15 *He shall have my sword, which is of **bronze**, all but the hilt, which is of silver.*
- examine in detail to better understand
 - appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - a brownish metal
- 16 *He is evidently in great trouble, so let the **bard** leave off, that we may all enjoy ourselves, hosts and guest alike.*
- of the American Indian civilization of Yucatan and Belize and Guatemala that reached its peak between AD 300 and 900
 - someone who composes and recites or sings poems about important events and people; or (as a proper noun) Shakespeare
 - a hole or dropoff so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply a frightening bottomless pit
- 17 *We took their wives and also much booty, which we divided **equitably** amongst us, so that none might have reason to complain.*
- in a manner that changes
 - in an understated manner
 - in a just or fair manner
- 18 *I am much shocked about what you have said about the **insolent** way in which the suitors are behaving...*
- rude disrespectful behavior or action
 - the characteristic of being excessively unhappy and unsociable
 - the condition of continuing or seeming to continue without end
- 19 *He thought he was going to **avenge** the murder of his son, whereas in truth he was never to return, but was himself to **perish** in his attempt.*
- move into position to work; or start
 - die
 - to spread to other parts of the body
- 20 *Endnote 19: i.e. you have money, and could pay when I got judgment, whereas the suitors are men of straw.*
- an expression used to intensify denial of an idea
 - that is to say or in other words
 - for example

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	illustrate (<i>as in: as illustrated by this example</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
2	A	illustrate (<i>as in: an illustrated children's book</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
3	B	moreover	High-utility academic word; used 34 times in this book.
4	C	hinder (<i>as in: hindered by</i>)	Used 5 times in this book.
5	C	immortal	Used 47 times in this book.
6	A	yield (<i>as in: will yield valuable data</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
7	B	yield (<i>as in: yield to pressure</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
8	B	cunning (<i>as in: a cunning thief</i>)	Used 20 times in this book.
9	C	accord (<i>as in: done of her own accord</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	B	accord (<i>as in: according to, or in accord with</i>)	Used 12 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
11	B	guile	Used 5 times in this book.
12	B	mentor	High-utility academic word; used 21 times in this book.
13	A	forthwith	Used 6 times in this book.
14	C	mortal (<i>as in: mortal body</i>)	Used 26 times in this book.
15	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 30 times in this book.
16	B	bard (<i>as in: written by the bard</i>)	Used 27 times in this book.
17	C	equitable	Used 8 times in this book.
18	A	insolent	Used 26 times in this book.
19	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 28 times in this book.
20	B	i.e.	Used 11 times in this book.