

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: abide, assail, attire, azure, bard, brazen, deemed, discrete, dwell, dwelling, illustrious, inure, mentor, nuptial, perish, prudent, regale, satiate, scorn, wrath



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
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18	B
19	A
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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. The song is called "Abide With Me."
A. tolerate
B. live
C. grow
2. She took every opportunity to **assail** the policy.
A. study
B. attack
C. understand
3. The wedding invitation specified formal **attire** in white and gold.
A. music played at events
B. decorations for a room
C. clothing for an occasion
4. The children painted the ocean an **azure** shade on the classroom mural.
A. dark red
B. pale yellow
C. bright blue
5. 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
6. 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
7. The chemical was **deemed** unsafe to use in children's products.
A. judged
B. manufactured
C. tested
8. Scientists study cells as **discrete** units within the body.
A. merged together
B. loosely linked
C. individually separate
9. Their family has **dwelled** in that valley for ten generations.
A. visited
B. looked
C. lived
10. We searched the entire valley and did not find her **dwelling**.
A. home
B. deep well
C. horse
11. The **illustrious** scientist received another prestigious award for her research.
A. famous and admired
B. unknown and ordinary
C. controversial but rich
12. I thought I was **inured** to her insults, but I cried as I drove home.
A. desensitized
B. wise
C. already destroyed

13. The famous professor mentored her during her years in graduate school.
- A. graded essays by
 - B. personally advised
 - C. lectured to
14. After months of planning, the day of their nuptials finally arrived.
- A. wedding
 - B. vacation
 - C. move
15. We can work together or **perish** separately.
- A. work
 - B. die
 - C. fail
16. Courage is dangerous without **prudence**.
- A. good sense
 - B. good purpose
 - C. good support
17. She loves to **regale** out-of-towners with amusing stories about the city.
- A. entertain
 - B. annoy
 - C. confuse
18. We visited every art museum in New York City, and she still wasn't **satiated**.
- A. tired
 - B. satisfied
 - C. knowledgeable
19. That coach **scorns** students who don't have natural ability.
- A. disrespects
 - B. encourages
 - C. trains
20. She fears the **wrath** of God.
- A. angry punishment
 - B. power
 - C. unpredictable moods

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 Yet all the Gods, with pity moved, beheld His woes, save Neptune; He alone with **wrath** Unceasing and implacable pursued Godlike Ulysses to his native shores.
A. extreme anger
B. determination
C. use of reason
- 2 And well he merited the death he found; 60 So **perish** all, who shall, like him, offend.
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
- 3 100 To whom Minerva, Goddess **azure-eyed**.
A. reporter
B. disorder
C. sky-blue
- 4 To whom Telemachus, **discrete**, replied.
A. not demonstrative of
B. sincerity (realness)
C. separate or distinct
- 5 But now, report Proclaims me his, whom I of all mankind Unhappiest **deem**.
A. believe or judge
B. take on or adopt
C. make more varied
- 6 She heard astonish'd; and the **prudent** speech Reposing of her son deep in her heart, Again with her attendant maidens sought Her upper chamber.
A. sensible and careful
B. not demonstrative of
C. sincerity (realness)
- 7 He is refused, but is afterwards furnished with what he wants by Minerva, in the form of **Mentor**.
A. to gradually destroy or change the purpose of something -- such as a government, institution, or rule
B. someone who guides and advises another who is less experienced; or the act of providing such guidance
C. a beam, bracket, or other structure supported only on one side; or to support something in that manner
- 8 Eurymachus, and ye the suitor train **Illustrious**, I have spoken: ye shall hear No more this supplication urged by me.
A. famous and admired; or worthy of admiration
B. the state or degree of being bad or harmful
C. able to be taken up or received into heaven
- 9 And now (the banquet from the spits withdrawn) They next distributed sufficient share To each, and all were sumptuously **regaled**.
A. entertained
B. hired again
C. briefly saw
- 10 Yet while, sequester'd here, I frequent mourn My slaughter'd friends, by turns I sooth my soul 130 With tears shed for them, and by turns again I cease; for grief soon **satiates** free indulged.
A. recommends or requires what should be done OR (of a medical doctor) gives medical instructions -- such as writing that a patient should take antibiotics
B. to satisfy a hunger; or fill to satisfaction (typically said of hunger for food, but can be said of anything desired--such as of knowledge or sensual pleasure)
C. (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

- 11 270 He ended; then, Asphalion, at his word, Servant of glorious Menelaus, poured Pure water on their hands, and they the feast Before them with keen appetite assail'd.
- A. gradually added or removed
 - B. to attack or cause trouble
 - C. limited or with boundaries
- 12 Short life and bitter nuptials should be theirs.
- A. wedding ceremony and festivities
 - B. measures of general intelligence
 - C. animals that feed only on plants
- 13 Then, bathed and fresh attired, Penelope ascended with her train The upper palace, and a basket stored With hallow'd cakes off'ring, to Pallas pray'd.
- A. (verb) drew pictures to accompany OR (adjective) accompanied by pictures
 - B. not justified or explained as an understandable reaction to another action
 - C. clothing -- especially of a distinctive style or for a particular occasion
- 14 Or if, already dead, he dwell below.
- A. to concentrate, look at; or the act of concentration
 - B. enter another's property without right or permission
 - C. live (makes his home)
- 15 Thenceforth thou may'st expect thy friends to see, Thy dwelling, and thy native soil again.
- A. home
 - B. island (that is made of a coral reef)
 - C. dense, rainy forest with many species
- 16 Hermes, Heav'n's messenger, admiring stood That sight, and having all survey'd, at length Enter'd the grotto; nor the lovely nymph 90 Him knew not soon as seen, for not unknown Each to the other the Immortals are, How far soever sep'rate their abodes.
- A. dark, suspenseful stories that often include mystery or the supernatural
 - B. to live in a place
- or more rarely: to live with someone or something
- C. non-doctors who practice the profession of assisting women in childbirth
- 17 Then ate the Hero toil-inured, and drank, 220 And to his herald thus Alcinoues spake.
- A. desensitized or hardened
 - B. mirrored back (an image)
 - C. quoted (to make a point)
- 18 As for the rest, I none refuse, scorn none, But wish for trial of you, and to match 260 In opposition fair my force with yours.
- A. disrespect or reject as not good enough
 - B. not answer questions; or block progress
 - C. move from more general to more specific
- 19 He said, and in the brazen-floor'd abode Of Jove the Gods assembled.
- 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
- 20 640 So sang the bard illustrious, at whose song Ulysses melted, and tear after tear Fell on his cheeks.
- A. of the American Indian civilization of Yucatan and Belize and Guatemala that reached its peak between AD 300 and 900
 - B. someone who composes and recites or sings poems about important events and people; or (as a proper noun) Shakespeare
 - C. a hole or dropoff so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply a frightening bottomless pit

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	wrath	Used 28 times in this book.
2	B	perish	High-utility academic word; used 55 times in this book.
3	C	azure	Used 27 times in this book.
4	C	discrete	Used 70 times in this book.
5	A	deemed	Used 25 times in this book.
6	A	prudent	High-utility academic word; used 34 times in this book.
7	B	mentor	High-utility academic word; used 21 times in this book.
8	A	illustrious	Used 74 times in this book.
9	A	regale	Used 33 times in this book.
10	B	satiate	High-utility academic word; used 11 times in this book.
11	B	assail	Used 25 times in this book.
12	A	nuptial	Used 28 times in this book.
13	C	attire	Used 28 times in this book.
14	C	dwelt (<i>as in: It dwells in the forest.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
15	A	dwelling (<i>as in: a modest dwelling</i>)	High-utility academic word; 3 meanings in this book.
16	B	abide (<i>as in: abide in the forest</i>)	Used 58 times in this book; 3 meanings in this book.
17	A	inure	Used 15 times in this book.
18	A	scorn	High-utility academic word; used 15 times in this book.
19	C	brazen	Used 21 times in this book.
20	B	bard (<i>as in: written by the bard</i>)	Used 41 times in this book.