

The Sea of Monsters

by Rick Riordan

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: approach (2), bronze, carnivorous, centaur, chasm, chide, empathy, expel, focus (2), hubris, immortal, longitude, morose, mortal, prophecy, taunt, tempest, treacherous



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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. I grow more nervous as the test **approaches**.
 - A. gets nearer
 - B. is remembered
 - C. continues
2. We need to **approach** this problem in a new way.
 - A. avoid
 - B. think about
 - C. assign
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. Most bear species are omnivorous, but individuals' diets can range from almost exclusively herbivorous to almost exclusively **carnivorous** depending on what food sources are available locally and seasonally.
 - A. meat-eating
 - B. plant-eating
 - C. both meat-eating and plant-eating
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. We were stopped by an impassable **chasm**.
 - A. steep mountain
 - B. raging river
 - C. steep drop
7. She gently **chides** her friends who run up credit card debt unnecessarily.
 - A. avoids
 - B. celebrates with
 - C. criticizes
8. 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
9. If her behavior does not improve, she could face **expulsion** from school.
 - A. having to repeat a grade
 - B. serious punishment
 - C. being forcing to leave
10. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
11. The discussion brought into **focus** an important difference of opinion.
 - A. hiding
 - B. conflict
 - C. view

12. Her **hubris** led to the collapse of the company.
- A. excessive confidence
 - B. tendency to fight
 - C. excessive ambition
13. She believes we have an **immortal** soul.
- A. conflicted
 - B. perfect in every way
 - C. lasting forever
14. For a long time, sailors could not accurately determine **longitude** at sea.
- A. depth of water
 - B. east-west position
 - C. distance to shore
15. She's been **morose** and unsociable.
- A. angry
 - B. frustrated
 - C. unhappy
16. 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
17. It was a self-fulfilling **prophecy**.
- A. profitable enterprise
 - B. prediction
 - C. explanation
18. They **taunted** her until she responded physically, and then they beat her up.
- A. followed
 - B. insulted
 - C. surrounded
19. A **tempest** swept over the island.
- A. darkness
 - B. fear
 - C. storm
20. It was a **treacherous** act.
- A. betraying trust
 - B. especially cruel
 - C. highly moral

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 *For the first time in my life, I'd almost made it an entire year without getting **expelled**.*
 - A. translated
 - B. subtracted
 - C. kicked out of school
- 2 *In social studies, while we were drawing latitude/**longitude** maps, I opened my notebook and stared at the photo inside—my friend Annabeth on vacation in Washington, D.C. She was wearing jeans and a denim jacket over her orange Camp Half-Blood T-shirt.*
 - 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
- 3 *I was under strict orders from Chiron never to take my anger out on regular **mortals**,*
 - A. acts of being in a working position; or the acts of starting
 - B. things or characteristics that express agreement or approval
 - C. humans (especially merely humans)
- 4 *He **focused** on me with a look of terror.*
 - A. looked
 - B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - C. began speaking with someone about something
- 5 *After a few more minutes, the dark splotches ahead of us came into **focus**.*
 - 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)
- 6 *The middle one, **Tempest**, screamed, "Red light!"*
 - 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
- 7 *She **taunted** one of the bulls into chasing her, then turned invis-ible, completely confusing the monster.*
 - A. made appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - B. intentionally angered, challenged, or upset
 - C. concentrated, look at, or paid attention to
- 8 *You told me the gods made you **immortal** only so long as you were needed to train heroes.*
 - 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
- 9 *Cyclopes are the most deceitful, **treacherous**—*
 - A. likely to betray
 - B. likely to laugh at another's misery
 - C. likely to make others suffer
- 10 *The problem was that Tyson wanted to ride the "chicken ponies," too, but the pegasi got skittish whenever he **approached**.*
 - A. got near
 - B. made possible
 - C. not satisfied
- 11 *You tried the diplomatic **approach**.*
 - A. change the direction of something or the purpose for which it is used
 - B. technique (way of doing something)
 - C. to stick out, attract more attention than desired, or impose on others

- 12 *"Never question a gift," Hermes chided.*
A. gained advantage from
B. marked important text
C. gently corrected (told him it is wrong to ask the question)
- 13 *Has Chiron even told you the prophecy?*
A. social event or ceremony
B. prediction of the future
C. a positively charged ion
- 14 *Annabeth's bronze knife lay on the deck.*
A. examine in detail to better understand
B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
C. made of a brownish metal
- 15 *My fatal flaw. That's what the Sirens showed me. My fatal flaw is hubris.*
A. excessive confidence or arrogance
B. ability to accept as true (without proof)
C. characterized by having multiple purposes
- 16 *...it had a rope bridge across a chasm,*
A. long eventful journey
B. a nerve or brain cell
C. a large and deep and steep-sided opening on the earth's surface
- 17 *I hoped that Polyphemus did not also keep carnivorous mountain goats.*
A. meat-eating
B. intentional
C. not sincere
- 18 *Annabeth and Grover shook their heads morosely.*
A. in a manner that is not attractive or desirable
B. in an excessively unhappy and unsociable manner
C. unhappily
- 19 *The centaurs shall carry you.*
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
- 20 *I didn't need an empathy link with the plants to know how they felt about it.*
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

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	C	expel	Used 8 times in this book.
2	B	longitude	Used 2 times in this book.
3	C	mortal (<i>as in: mortal body</i>)	Used 18 times in this book.
4	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
5	C	focus (<i>as in: bring into focus; or out of focus</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
6	C	tempest	Used 10 times in this book.
7	B	taunt	Used 6 times in this book.
8	C	immortal	Used 8 times in this book.
9	A	treacherous (<i>as in: a scheming, treacherous assistant</i>)	High-utility academic word
10	A	approach (<i>as in: approached the city</i>)	Used 8 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
11	B	approach (<i>as in: use the best approach</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
12	C	chide	Used 6 times in this book.
13	B	prophecy	Used 22 times in this book.
14	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 41 times in this book.
15	A	hubris	Used 4 times in this book.
16	C	chasm	Used 6 times in this book.
17	A	carnivorous	Used 2 times in this book.
18	C	morose	Used about 2 times per 10 books in our high school library.
19	C	centaur	Used 24 times in this book.
20	B	empathy	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.