

The Son of Neptune

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, augur, aura, bronze, centaur, conveyor belt, endure (2), focus (2), immortal, legacy, mortal, ogre, omen, patron, prophecy, quiver, reprieve, sentry



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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16	B
17	B
18	A
19	B
20	B

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. The early test results **augur** a successful launch for the new vaccine.
 - A. predict and foretell
 - B. delay and postpone
 - C. ignore and forget
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. 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. As a soldier, she was prepared to **endure** hardship and even to sacrifice her life for others.
 - A. risk
 - B. suffer through
 - C. cause
8. Over the years, the stories my grandmother told me have **endured** as a source of wisdom in my life.
 - A. stopped acting
 - B. brought suffering
 - C. continued to exist
9. This week, I'm **focusing** on finishing my research paper.
 - A. concentrating
 - B. depending
 - C. getting help
10. The discussion brought into focus an important difference of opinion.
 - A. hiding
 - B. conflict
 - C. view
11. She believes we have an **immortal** soul.
 - A. conflicted
 - B. perfect in every way
 - C. lasting forever

12. Her parents left her a small legacy.
A. inheritance
B. meal
C. "todo" list
13. 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
14. The ogre in the story terrorized travelers passing through his forest.
A. monster
B. princess
C. shepherd
15. The appearance of Halley's comet in 1066, was seen by many as an omen that the Norman Conquest would be successful.
A. a scientific explanation
B. the cause (of an important event)
C. a sign (of what would happen)
16. A wealthy patron donated millions to fund young artists in the city.
A. critic
B. supporter
C. neighbor
17. It was a self-fulfilling prophecy.
A. profitable enterprise
B. prediction
C. explanation
18. Her hands began to quiver as she opened the envelope.
A. slightly shake
B. tightly grip
C. quickly move
19. Unrest continues with no reprieve of the violence in sight.
A. disapproval
B. relief
C. strengthening
20. The sentry challenged anyone who tried to enter the camp after dark.
A. kitchen helper
B. watchful guard
C. village healer

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 *Wooden watchtowers rose at each corner, manned by **sentries** with oversized, mounted crossbows.*
 - A. things that stand out
 - B. people standing guard
 - C. shows or demonstrates
- 2 ***Amnesiac** demigods who had gotten on Reyna's bad side?*
 - A. someone who expels or gets rid of
 - B. someone who has lost their memory
 - C. someone who mocks or makes fun of
- 3 *Plus, a lot of the campers are **legacies**—second or third generation.*
 - A. people whose parents or grandparents preceded them in the organization
 - B. jobs, reservations, bookings, or activities
 - C. males, females, or various trans categories
- 4 *The camp **augur** we're going to meet, Octavian, he's a legacy, descendant of Apollo.*
 - A. to indicate or predict that something will happen --especially as a sign of what's to come; or in ancient Rome, a religious official who interpreted signs and omens to guide public decisions
 - B. (verb) to intentionally anger, challenge, or upset someone -- especially by mocking them or hurling insults OR (noun) an insult or other action intended to anger, challenge, or upset someone
 - C. treat in a manner that demonstrates a sense of superiority, but is supposed to seem kind OR the actions of a patron (to support someone or something; or to be a customer)
- 5 *He's got the gift of **prophecy**, supposedly.*
 - A. social event or ceremony
 - B. (ability of) prediction of the future
 - C. a positively charged ion
- 6 *Even though he was beat up, dirty, and stooped with exhaustion, he'd had an **aura** of power.*
 - 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 but intangible quality surrounding a person or thing
 - 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
- 7 *He'd turned a pen into a **bronze** sword.*
 - A. examine in detail to better understand
 - B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 - C. made of a type of high-quality metal
- 8 *"Um, thanks," Percy said, but his attention was **focused** on Nico.*
 - A. concentrating
 - B. thought carefully and made a judgment about
 - C. began speaking with someone about something
- 9 *She came into **focus**, looking down at him from the bed.*
 - 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. a state where something has come into view or can be seen clearly
- 10 *Most **omens** are not as dramatic as a chicken, of course.*
 - A. examines in detail to better understand
 - B. protects something or keeps it as it is
 - C. signs of what will happen in the future
- 11 *You will **endure**, Fai.*
 - A. differ; or change
 - B. influence opinion
 - C. continue to exist

- 12 *The past four years, I've wanted to kill Percy Jackson for what he made us endure.*
- A. call -- typically to come nearer by using a hand gesture or a nod
 - B. suffer through (or put up with something difficult or unpleasant)
 - C. communication through gestures and body movements (without words)
- 13 *He thought about Grandmother's silly gold statues of Chinese immortals, her superstitions about putting furniture in certain places and avoiding unlucky numbers.*
- A. tiles designed to affect noise -- typically to decrease noise
 - B. instances of taking on or adopting of power or responsibility
 - C. people who live forever OR people famous throughout history
- 14 *The quest has been issued by Mars Ultor, patron of Rome.*
- A. someone who speaks in an ambiguous manner that does not clearly express an opinion or decision
 - B. someone who supports (helps)
 - C. someone with delusions of grandeur (the belief that they are much more important than they are)
- 15 *I know why she gave you a reprieve.*
- A. present something to treat as true in order to advance a discussion or to further investigation even though it might not be true
 - B. temporary relief from something difficult or unpleasant; can also refer to a delay in punishment -- especially the death penalty
 - C. the act of hiding something by making it blend in with its surroundings; or hiding the truth; or something that hides or deceives
- 16 *Conveyor belts wound through the room like waterslides, carrying boxes in every direction.*
- A. a moving band or belt that transports objects -- such as goods in a factory
 - B. things exclusive to (someone or some group) -- such as an activity or place
 - C. artists who created medieval European art associated with Gothic cathedrals
- 17 *Shields, spears, and quivers of arrows hung along one wall--almost as many as in the Camp Jupiter armory.*
- A. to shake or tremble slightly
 - B. not working or not operating
 - C. calculates or judges too low
- 18 *Ella, it's not safe here with the ogres.*
- A. frightening giants that like to eat people
 - 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 *She wondered if this was what it was like to be a centaur.*
- 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
- 20 *You mortals and your short lives.*
- 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)

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	B	sentry	Used 9 times in this book.
2	B	amnesia	Used 3 times in this book.
3	A	legacy	High-utility academic word; used 7 times in this book.
4	A	augur	Used 9 times in this book.
5	B	prophecy	Used 58 times in this book.
6	B	aura	Used 13 times in this book.
7	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 24 times in this book.
8	A	focus (<i>as in: Turn your focus to question #2.</i>)	High-utility academic word; 2 meanings in this book.
9	C	focus (<i>as in: bring into focus; or out of focus</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
10	C	omen	Used 9 times in this book.
11	C	endure (<i>as in: endure through the ages</i>)	2 meanings in this book.
12	B	endure (<i>as in: endured the pain</i>)	Used 3 times in this book; 2 meanings in this book.
13	C	immortal	Used 9 times in this book.
14	B	patron (<i>as in: a patron of the arts</i>)	Used 8 times in this book.
15	B	reprieve	Used 2 times in this book.
16	A	conveyor belt	Used 3 times in this book.
17	A	quiver	Used 17 times in this book.
18	A	ogre	Used 56 times in this book.
19	C	centaur	Used 17 times in this book.
20	C	mortal (<i>as in: mortal body</i>)	Used 37 times in this book.