

The Throne of Fire

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: abyss, banish, breach, bronze, combustion, dais, debris, infirmary, initiate, invoke, malice, narrate, patron, pavilion, primordial, senile, serpent, stealth, talisman, writhe



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ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Preview

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1	B
2	C
3	A
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10	B
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16	C
17	B
18	C
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20	C

Vocabulary Preview

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

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

1. Our foot is stuck on the accelerator, and we are headed towards an **abyss**.
 - A. turning point
 - B. dangerous situation
 - C. major opportunity
2. I tried to **banish** the thought from my mind.
 - A. understand
 - B. collect
 - C. send away
3. Telling everyone's secret was a **breach** of trust, and her friends were really upset.
 - A. breaking
 - B. requirement
 - C. duty
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. Unlike electric cars, gasoline-powered cars have an internal combustion engine that burns gasoline.
 - A. fuel burning
 - B. low-tech
 - C. high-tech
6. A bomb was planted under the **dais**.
 - A. park bench
 - B. raised platform
 - C. large truck
7. Crews spent hours clearing **debris** from the highway after the crash.
 - A. intact structures
 - B. valuable items
 - C. scattered wreckage
8. I walked her to the campus **infirmary**.
 - A. security office
 - B. health service
 - C. library
9. Please fill out the new **initiate** information form.
 - A. personal information to be entered into a computer database
 - B. someone who is entering a contest
 - C. someone who has formally started in an organization
10. In the midst of the storm, the sailors began to **invoke** the ancient sea gods, hoping for their protection and a safe journey home.
 - A. sail towards
 - B. call upon
 - C. ignore completely
11. Words can be like baseball bats when used **maliciously** against someone who is sensitive.
 - A. carelessly
 - B. mockingly
 - C. evilly

12. She avoided eye contact as she narrated the story of how she ended up in prison.
- A. told (a story)
 - B. discouraged
 - C. urged strongly
13. A wealthy patron donated millions to fund young artists in the city.
- A. critic
 - B. supporter
 - C. neighbor
14. We ate lunch under the open-sided pavilion near the lake.
- A. freestanding shelter
 - B. tall stone monument
 - C. narrow garden path
15. Scientists are trying to understand the primordial conditions of the universe by studying cosmic background radiation.
- A. world as described by physics
 - B. highly complex
 - C. from the earliest days
16. About 10% of Americans between the ages of 65 and 75 suffer from senility.
- A. loneliness most days of the week
 - B. a poor sense of smell
 - C. mental weakness caused by old age
17. What does the serpent represent in the Garden of Eden?
- A. fig leaf
 - B. snake
 - C. apple
18. The soldiers are trained to move through the night with stealth.
- A. a manner that is considered safe
 - B. a manner that is very fast
 - C. a manner that is hard to detect
19. The witch wore a talisman around her neck which she believed protected her from evil.
- A. garlic necklace thought to have magical power
 - B. object thought to have magical power
 - C. chain thought to have magical power
20. She writhed on the sidewalk begging that someone call an ambulance.
- A. cried and whimpered
 - B. yelled loudly
 - C. twisted and turned

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 *Fun with Spontaneous **Combustion**.*
 - A. the act of burning
 - B. wrongly translates
 - C. restarted (a fire)
- 2 *Her blond hair was streaked with red highlights —very subtle for a **stealth** mission.*
 - A. not trustworthy with secrets, and/or conspicuous or obtrusive
 - B. the state or degree of being able to be taken on as one's own
 - C. hard to see or detect; or done in a manner to avoid detection
- 3 *On his head was a Frisbee-shaped crown—a sun disk, braided with **serpents**.*
 - A. copies
 - B. snakes
 - C. enters
- 4 *Others were stuck under piles of **debris**.*
 - A. the act of treating or preparing food in a way that keeps it from spoiling
 - B. passages food and drink follow between the back of mouths and the stomachs
 - C. pieces of something that has been destroyed; or trash that is lying around
- 5 *I floated to the end of the room, just above the **dais** with the pharaoh's throne.*
 - A. dramatic change
 - B. raised platform
 - C. in disagreement
- 6 *Amos had told me she was still in the **infirmary**, no change.*
 - A. people who do not believe in the existence of god
 - B. a small facility where patients receive treatment
 - C. a state in which there is little ability to think
- 7 *Thousands of years ago, Ra got **senile** and retreated into the heavens, leaving Osiris in charge.*
 - A. relating to a government, country, or ruling family of a country ruled by a king of queen
 - B. in the dark (figuratively) due to a lack of knowledge, advantages, or moral understanding
 - C. mental weakness caused by old age; or describing a medical condition as caused by old age
- 8 *I shivered, remembering the apparition that had appeared in the sky over Washington, D.C.—a **writhing** giant snake.*
 - A. opposing (struggling against each other)
 - B. examining in detail to better understand
 - C. moving in a twisting or contorted motion
- 9 *During our last adventure I'd read a scroll to **banish** Set, and it had worked much the same way.*
 - A. gain advantage from
 - B. influence or effect
 - C. expel or get rid of
- 10 *In the middle, a tattered **pavilion** covered an empty dais where a throne might once have sat.*
 - A. a large structure separate from a main structure or temporary
 - B. make something more attractive or interesting by adding to it
 - C. a small group of people who plot in secret and exercise power
- 11 *It would've been quite weak after **breaching** our defenses.*
 - A. breaking or penetrating
 - B. attractive or desirable
 - C. predicting or revealing
- 12 *Her image changed back to the black-feathered hag, her horrible melted face grinning **maliciously**.*
 - A. in a manner that makes someone excited about getting something
 - B. in a brave manner -- especially when adventurous or determined
 - C. with a desire to see others suffer; or in a threatening manner

- 13 *Sadie stared the **talisman** glittering in her palm.*
 A. a collection of things on public display OR a detailed explanation or background of a specific topic
 B. a small object or piece of jewelry thought to have magical power -- especially to protect against evil
 C. the process of assigning a value on or judging the worth of something; or the result of such a process
- 14 *Oh, I know it won't destroy you completely, but with your secret name I can send you into the **abyss** for eons, and it will be very, very painful.*
 A. of the American Indian civilization of Yucatan and Belize and Guatemala that reached its peak between AD 300 and 900
 B. a hole or dropoff so deep the bottom cannot be seen -- often used figuratively to imply a frightening bottomless pit
 C. removal and examination of tissues or liquids from the living body to determine the existence or cause of a disease
- 15 *Have me **narrate** the most painful part.*
 A. tell (a story)
 B. begin fighting
 C. lie or mislead
- 16 *In one corner stood a fountain with a life-size statue of the lion goddess Sekhmet, **patron** of healers.*
 A. someone who speaks in an ambiguous manner that does not clearly express an opinion or decision
 B. a regular customer; or someone who gives money or support to an organization, cause, or person
 C. someone with delusions of grandeur (the belief that they are much more important than they are)
- 17 *I'd used that simple connection to **invoke** a spell and break the chains.*
 A. suppress
 B. bring forth
 C. avoid
- 18 *I'd spent three months teaching and turning our **initiates** into a team.*
 A. that emit radiation
 B. people who act as a judges
 C. potential new members
- 19 *At the far end of the hall, the huge **bronze** doors opened.*
 A. examine in detail to better understand
 B. appropriate in size, amount, or degree
 C. made of a type of high-quality metal
- 20 *I recalled his light shining on the **primordial** land of Egypt, bringing life to the Nile Valley.*
 A. marked by a colonnade (series of regularly spaced columns) surrounding a building or enclosing a courtyard
 B. the quality of being terrible (vile; disgusting) -- worthy of being strongly disliked and looked down upon
 C. having existed from the beginning or from ancient times

or:

a primary or fundamental aspect of something

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary in Context

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#	KEY	WORD	NOTE
1	A	combustion	Used 2 times in this book.
2	C	stealth	Used 2 times in this book.
3	B	serpent	Used 37 times in this book.
4	C	debris	Used 6 times in this book.
5	B	dais	Used 11 times in this book.
6	B	infirmary	Used 10 times in this book.
7	C	senile	Used 9 times in this book.
8	C	writhe	Used 6 times in this book.
9	C	banish	Used 5 times in this book.
10	A	pavilion	Used 10 times in this book.
11	A	breach	Used 6 times in this book.
12	C	malice	High-utility academic word; used 5 times in this book.
13	B	talisman	Used 3 times in this book.
14	B	abyss	Used 6 times in this book.
15	A	narrate	Used 2 times in this book.
16	B	patron (<i>as in: a patron of the arts</i>)	Used 6 times in this book.
17	B	invoke	High-utility academic word; used 6 times in this book.
18	C	initiate (<i>as in: She is a new initiate.</i>)	Used 12 times in this book.
19	C	bronze (<i>as in: bronze won't corrode in salt water</i>)	Used 9 times in this book.
20	C	primordial	Used 2 times in this book.