

WORDS
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RINGS



Avocabo Word List 18

BECKON, BILLOWS, BRAZEN, BURDEN, DEFILE, DRAUGHTS, FORD, FORSAKEN, GULLY, HEIRLOOM, HOLLOW, LADEN, PLAITS, PRECIOUS, REDOUBLED, SCOURING, SPASM, STALK, STATURE, TWILIGHT, WELLED

Prologue

*Three Rings for the Elven-Kings under the sky
Seven for the Dwarf-Lords in their halls of stone
Nine for the Mortal Men doomed to die,
One for the Dark Lord on his dark throne
In the Land of Mordor where the shadows lie
One Ring to Rule them all, One Ring to find them
One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them
In the Land of Mordor where the shadows lie.*

Exercise 18-1 Fill-in-the-blanks

Choose the best list word (or variation of) to complete each of the following sentences: (20marks)

1. 'Smeagol,' said Gollum suddenly and clearly, opening his wide eyes and staring at Frodo with a strange light. 'Smeagol will swear on the _____.' *Highly esteemed; cherished.*

2. When at last he came to the bottom of the gorge they found that evening had fallen in the deep places. The sun was gone. _____ lay upon the waterfalls. *A state of ambiguity or obscurity.*

3. And the shadow departed, and the sun was unveiled, and light leaped forth; and the waters of Anduin shone light silver, and in all the houses of the City men sang for the joy that _____ up in their hearts from what source they could not tell. *To rise to the surface, ready to flow.*

4. Then shouldering their _____, they set off seeking a path that would bring them over the grey hills of the Emyrn Muil, and down into the land of shadow. *Something that is emotionally difficult to bear.*

5. As it bent sharply round the tower it entered a narrow _____ and passed not far below the hollow where he stood. *A narrow gorge or pass that restricts lateral movement, as of troops.*

6. Gollum sniffed at the leaf and his face changed: a _____ of disgust came over it, and a hint of his old malice. *A sudden, involuntary contraction of a muscle or group of muscles.*

7. 'That, I guess, is the language of the Rohirrim,' said Legolas; 'For it is like to this land itself; rich and rolling in part, and else hard and stern as the mountains. But I cannot guess what it means, save that it is _____ with the sadness of Mortal Men.' *Weighed down with a load; heavy.*

8. '...It has been treasured by his heirs when all other _____ were lost; for it was spoken of old among us that it should be made again when the Ring, Isildur's Bane, was found...' *A valued possession passed down in a family through succeeding generations.*

9. Tall and white and fair she walked beneath the trees. She spoke no word, but _____ to them. *A gesture of summons.*

10. His scarlet robes were tattered, his corslet of overlapping _____ plates was rent and hewn, his black _____ of hair braided with gold were drenched with blood. *1 Marked by flagrant and insolent audacity. 2 A braid, especially of hair.*

11. The assault on the gates was _____. *To become twice as great.*

12. '...But you have not _____ your companions, and the least reward that you shall have is that the memory of Lothlorien shall remain ever clear and unstained in your heart, and shall neither fade nor grow stale.' *To give up (something formerly held dear); renounce.*

13. The _____ turned eastward and as they went on it broadened and got gradually shallower. *A deep ditch or channel cut in the earth by running water after a prolonged downpour.*

14. 'Maybe a light helm might be found to fit him; but we have no mail or sword for one of his _____.' *The natural height of a human or animal in an upright position.*

15. So great an army had never issued from that vale since the days of Isildur's might; no host so fell and strong in arms had yet assailed the _____ of Anduin; and yet it was but one and not the greatest of the hosts that Mordor now sent forth. *A shallow place in a body of water, such as a river, where one can cross by walking or riding on an animal or in a vehicle.*

16. The _____ of the Shire. *To clear an area.*

17. Every now and then the waters found their way down into some shaft of spouthole. Great white steams hissed up. Smoke rose in _____. There were explosions and gusts of fire. *A great swell, surge, or undulating mass, as of smoke or sound.*

18. They turned away and went down into a stony _____. The westering sun was caught into clouds, and night came swiftly. They slept as well as they could for the cold, turn and turn about, in a nook among great jagged pinnacles of weathered rock; at least they were sheltered from the easterly wind. *Having a cavity, gap or space within.*

19. They dreaded the dark hours, and kept watch in pairs by night, expecting at any time to see black shapes _____ in the grey night, dimly lit by the cloud-veiled moon; but they saw nothing, and heard no sound but the sigh of withered leaves and grass. *To move threateningly or menacingly.*

Exercise 18-2 Synonyms

From the three choices, circle the one that is closest in meaning to the list word (in boldface) in the context shown. (20 marks)

1. beckon
a) attract b) summon c) repel
2. billows
a) wafts b) supports c) smokey
3. brazen
a) audacious b) fiery c) coupled
4. burden
a) spikey plant b) weight c) wait
5. defile
a) debase b) destroy c) denude
6. draughts
a) game of chess b) attempts c) pints of beer
7. ford
a) stone bridge b) advance c) cross (of river)
8. forsaken
a) spoken b) left c) right
9. gully
a) league b) throat c) ditch
10. heirloom
a) machine for knitting hair b) distaff c) inheritance
11. hollow
a) hello b) vacuous c) praise
12. laden
a) heavy b) oppressed c) laid in
13. plaits
a) braids b) twist c) twerps
14. precious
a) before the sea b) stressful c) valuable
15. scouring
a) cleaning b) clearing c) scowling

16. spasm
a) fit b) twitch c) seizure

17. stalk
a) stem b) follow c) bird

18. stature
a) monument b) height c) refutation

19. twilight
a) gloaming b) romance c) blade

20. welled
a) anneal b) dug for water c) bubbled up

Exercise 18-3 Making Connections

In a few sentences, describe the relationship between each pair of words. Use a good dictionary to clarify unclear words. (optional activity for those who have read the trilogy) (5 x 2 marks)



1. DEFILE URUK-HAI FORCES

2. BURDEN THE RING

3. PRECIOUS GOLLUM

4. FORSAKEN MERRY AND PIPPIN

5. PLAITS LEGOLAS

Exercise 18-4 Antonyms

Provide an antonym for each of the following words. (10 x 1 marks)

1. Beckon _____

2. Brazen _____

3. Burden _____

4. Defile _____

5. Forsaken _____

6. Precious _____

7. Hollow _____

8. Laden _____

9. Stalk _____

10. Welled _____

Exercise 18-5 Etymologies (5 x 1 marks)

1. Which word comes from the Middle English meaning *successor's implement*? _____

2. Which word comes from the Old French meaning *to clean out*? _____

3. Which word comes from the Middle English meaning *the act of pulling*? _____

4. Which word comes from the Latin meaning *to fold*? _____

5. Which word comes from the Old Norse meaning *a wave*? _____

Exercise 18-6 Making Connections

*In a few sentences, describe the relationship between each pair of words.
Use a good dictionary to clarify unclear words. (5 x 2 marks)*

1. BURDEN ENCUMBRANCE

2. DEFILE SMUT

3. GULLY WADI

4. HOLLOW SITZMARK

5. TWILIGHT EVENFALL
