Gladiator: A Hero Will Rise

GRAMMAR DISCUSSION, PRACTICE AND REVIEW



Sit with a partner and discuss this question:

What is the difference between these two sentences?

a) Millions of people have seen the movie *Gladiator*.
b) The movie *Gladiato*r has been seen by millions of people.

A. PASSIVE VOICE

Complete the sentences using the passive voice. **_____/ 20 points**

Verb to be (2B) + past participle (v3) (+ by).

Ex. The role of Maximus __*was played by*___ the actor Russell Crowe.

1. The movie *Gladiator* _____ Ridley Scott. (direct)

2. The screenplay _____ Daniel P. Mannix's 1958 book *Those About to Die.* (inspire)

3. It _____ Dreamworks and Universal Pictures. (co-produce)

4. The movie _____ in cinemas on May 1st, 2000. (release)

5. The book _____ after the movie became a blockbuster hit. (write)

6. The book _____ for English learners ____ Dewey Gram. (adapt)

7. In both the movie's first scene and the book's first chapter, an epic battle between the Roman and German legions _____. (depict)

8. After the battle, Maximus _____ to speak with Marcus Aurelius. (call)

9. Shortly thereafter, Marcus Aurelius _____ his son, Commodus. (kill)

10. Maximus' wife and son _____brutally_____ Commodus' hitmen. (slay)

11. His house and farm _____ to the ground. (burn)

12. Maximus _____ slave-traders and sent to Morocco. (capture)

13. There, Maximus _____ several other slaves. (join)

14. They _____ all _____ Proximo to become gladiators. (train)

15. Maximus _____ _____ a man named Juba. (befriend)

16. The gladiators _____ repeatedly _____ not to kill their enemies quickly. If they stretched out the drama, the crowd would be more entertained. (tell)

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17. Soon, the new gladiators _____ thousands of spectators in the Moroccan arena. (adore)

18. After winning the hearts of Moroccans, Maximus and the other surviving gladiators _____ Proximo that they would be going to Rome to fight in the Colosseum. (tell)

19. Over the course of events, many gladiators _____ fatally _____. (wound)

20. For more than 20 years, millions of readers and viewers _____ _____ the powerful ending of this epic story. (move)

B. PAST PERFECT **_____ / 10 pts**



1. Read these sentences from the introduction to the book *Gladiator*.

As the horse came closer, the other men could see what ***had happened.***
The Roman messenger ***was tied*** *to his horse. His head* ***had been cut off****.*

Which event happened <u>first</u>? Why?

a) The Roman messenger was tied to his horse.
b) His head had been cut off.

2. Now, look at this sentence from the introduction.

British actor Oliver Reed (Proximo) died before the movie was finished, although almost all his scenes had been completed.

Which event happened <u>first</u>? Why?

a) Oliver Reed died.
b) Most of his scenes had been completed.

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Choose the correct verb form for these excerpts from the book.

1. Maximus was not dressed in farmer's clothes, as he_____, but in the proud armor of the Roman army.

   a) imagines b) had to imagine c) had imagined d) will be imagined

2. Maximus had no strength left to pull the sword out again. The battle _____.
   a) ended b) was ended c) had ended d) will end

3. Before Maximus became a famous gladiator, he _____ a general in the army.
   a) is b) has been c) would be d) had been

4. By the time Commodus and Lucilla arrived in Germania, the battle _____.

   a) ends b) already ended c) had already ended d) would have ended already

5. Before he was killed, Marcus Aurelius ___ Maximus to be the protector or Rome.

   a) asks b) was asking c) has to ask d) had asked

6. Near the end of the story, Maximus and Lucilla secretly met in private. At that point, it became clear that many years before, the two _____ more than close friends.
   a) are b) is c) have been d) had been

7. Commodus and Lucilla were dressed in rich, warm clothes. They _____ Rome two weeks before. (leave)

8. Maximus bent down from his horse and took some earth in his hands, as he did before every battle. Then he let it fall through his fingers. It was a sign his men _____ many times before and they knew what it meant. (see)

9. As he looked at the dead around him, he could only think that his men _____, (win) and he _____. (live)

10. He came to a low hill where the bodies of Roman soldiers _____ , side by side. (place (passive))

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C. Mixed Conditional Tenses **_____ / 30 points**

1. If water reaches 100 degrees Celsius, it ___. (zero conditional)

   a) boil
   b) boils
   c) is going to be boiled
   d) will have been boiling

2. If an emperor points his thumb down, the gladiator ____. (zero conditional)

   a) die
   b) dead
   c) died
   d) dies

3. Before Maximus fights, he always __ sand fall between his fingers. (zero conditional)

   a) let
   b) lets
   c) will let
   d) would have let

4. If tigers are hungry, they _____ humans quickly. (zero conditional)

   a) attack
   b) would attack
   c) are attacking
   d) would have attacked

Complete these sentences using the zero conditional.

5. If I don't sleep well, I……..……..

6. If I drink too much coffee, …….,,,,…..

7. If you don't pay a traffic fine on time, ……..

8. If the weather is nice at the weekend, ……

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11. Commodus said, "If you turn your back on me again, I ____ you." (first conditional)

a) kill
b) kills
c) will kill
d) would have killed

12. If they make another Gladiator movie, I ____ definitely go see it. (first conditional)

a) am
b) will
c) would
d) would have

Write these next two sentences using the first conditional.

13. If I get a good score on this test, ……

14. If ……,……

15. Proximo looked at the men and said, "If I were you, I ____ win their hearts." (second conditional)

a) go
b) will
c) would
d) am going to

16. If you ____ a gladiator, what would your strategy be? (second conditional)

a) are
b) were
c) will be
d) would be

17. If Lucilla's husband were still alive, _____ he support Commodus? (second conditional)

a) will
b) did
c) does
d) would

18. If I ___ ask the writers one question, it would be "Is Lucius Maximus' son?"

(second conditional)

a) can
b) did
c) may
d) could

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19. If I could interview any character, I ____ interview Maximus. (second conditional)

a) can
b) will
c) would
d) am going to

Complete the next two sentences using the second conditional.

20. If I had a million riyals, ……

21. ……

22. If Commodus had not killed his father, Maximus _____ Protector of Rome.

(third conditional)

a) becomes
b) will become
c) would be coming
d) would have become

23. If I had only watched the film, I probably ____ all the details. (third conditional)

a) don't catch
b) won't catch
c) wouldn't have caught
d) would have not catched

24. If the Greek _____ stronger, he _____ survived. (third conditional)

a) is / may
b) were / maybe
c) has been / might
d) had been / might have

25. If I ____ to every class, I _____ understood the story better. (third conditional)

a) come / would
b) am coming / will
c) had come / would have
d) had been coming / will be going to

26. If you had not come to class today, what ____? (third conditional)

a) will you do
b) you would do
c) would have you done
d) would you have done

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27. In the lines below answer question 26. Write at least two full sentences using the third conditional. Begin the first sentence with the word "If".

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28. _____ different if Maximus had killed Commodus in Germania?

a) how does the story be
b) how will the story be
c) how would the story be
d) how would the story have been

29. In the lines below, answer question 28. Write at least three full sentences. Make sure to use the word "if".

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30. If you had been living in Rome at the time of the gladiator fights, would you have gone to the Colosseum to see your new emperor, Commodus, fight the Spaniard? Why or why not? If you had stayed home, what would you have done? Why? If you had gone to the Colosseum, would you have cheered? For whom? What else would you have seen and felt? Would you have cried? For whom? Would you have been surprised by the outcome? Why or why not? Write between five and ten complete and descriptive sentences. Make sure to use the proper verbs using the third conditional.

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