

The Odyssey

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Chapters 1–2

1 Put the underlined letters in the right order to make a word.

- The suitors thought Telemachus would put spinoo in their wine bowl.
- Helen's abyuet had caused the Trojan War.
- The suitors were itiduvnne guests in Telemachus's house.
- Odysseus was a resinopr on Calypso's island.
- Telemachus set sail with twenty strong remonas
- After speaking to Athene, Telemachus was more sufilerecuo

2 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.

foolish	present
smooth	pleasant
cruel	rough
tightly	loosely
nasty	kind
absent	wise

Chapters 3–4

3 Number the sentences to make a story.

- ☐ Odysseus got angry with a Phaeacian sportsman.
- ☐ Poseidon caused a storm.
- ☐ A bard sang about the Trojan War.
- ☐ Odysseus made a raft.
- ☐ Hermes arrived at Calypso's island.
- ☐ Nausicaa found Odysseus on a beach.

4 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- When Poseidon saw Odysseus's raft he was very worried.
- Athene spoke to Nausicaa disguised as one of her sisters.
- Odysseus was protected by Athene's magic coat.
- Euryalus thought Odysseus was not a good seaman.

Chapters 5–6

5 Write questions for the answers.

- the men / drive / Cyclops / eye?
.....
A hot stick.

b Cyclops / throw / ship?

.....
Big rocks.

c the men / pigs?

.....
Because they drank Circe's magic drink.

d Hermes / flower / Odysseus?

.....
In a forest, near Circe's house.

e happen / the men / lotus fruit?

.....
They did not want to go home.

6 Find words with a similar meaning in Chapters 5–6.

- Something you use to carry things in. (p. 35)
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- A word meaning something is convenient for you. (p. 36)
- A type of material used to make shoes, belts and other things. (p. 41)
- Something that you fill with water or sand (p. 42)
- Say in a very quiet way. (p. 43)
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- To say something that makes somebody do something they don't want to do or to confuse them. (p. 44)
- It's usually brown and comes from the land. (p. 44)

Chapters 7–8

7 Write the names to finish the sentences.

Teiresias Agamemnon The Sun-god
Odysseus Anticleia Circe

- talked to Zeus about the death of his cows.
- warned Odysseus about two horrible monsters.
- told Odysseus that he would have a long life.
- was murdered by his cousin, Aegisthus.
- thought the Phaeacians had tricked him.
- talked to Odysseus in the Underworld.

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8 Put the underlined letters in the right order to make a word.

- Poseidon was angry about the cruel emetatntr of his son.
- The arms and legs of the sailors moved tuylipifl in the air.
- The skins of the dead animals moved galimacyl on the beach.
- Athene came to Odysseus disguised as a rwafmokrer
- Odysseus and Eumaeus had a niyedrfll conversation.
- Eumaeus slept with his pigs to protect them from etsevih

Chapters 9–10

9 Find words with a similar meaning in Chapters 9–10.

- desires (p. 64)
- thought to himself (p. 65)
- unhappy (p. 67)
- not polite (p. 71)
- problems (p. 74)
- hurting (p. 75)
- a loud noise (p. 75)

10 Finish the sentences.

- Queen Helen gave Telemachus a dress for his future wife to
- Telemachus thought that a god was playing
- Odysseus told Telemachus that he had arrived on Ithaca in
- Melanthius said that Odysseus's chance of returning was as low as Telemachus's chance of
- Odysseus said they must collect the swords and hide them in
- As the servant girl started to wash Odysseus's feet, she

Chapters 11–12

11 Circle the extra word in the sentences.

- Penelope had spent the morning thinking sadly for of her situation.
- The suitors were frightened that the strange old man would have succeed.
- The suitors stared at Antinous's dead body on in shock.

- Penelope thought the gods had driven Eurycleia to mad.
- Penelope did not know how to what greet Odysseus.
- No one knew the a secret of the tree-bed.

12 Match the name with what they probably thought or said.

Alcinous Melanthius Telemachus Penelope
Athene Eurycleia

- 'I saw Odysseus surrounded by dead bodies. He has come back.'
- 'I will return the suitors' swords to them.'
- 'Take the bed from the bedroom.'
- 'I am a much weaker man than my father.'
- 'We will try and bend the bow tomorrow.'
- 'You do not need my help to fight the suitors.'

After reading

13 Answer the questions in your notebook.

- Do you think Athene loved Odysseus, or was she just a friend, who wanted to help him to return to his homeland? Could she have any other reasons for helping him?
- Why do you think Circe turned some of Odysseus's men into pigs and not another animal? Do you know any other stories in which people are turned into animals? What animals are they? If you were turned into an animal, which animal would you prefer to be and why?
- The Ancient Greeks believed in many gods. Today, religions generally only believe in one God, or only a limited number of gods. How are the two beliefs similar and how are they different?
- Who is your favourite female character in the story and why? Include both humans and goddesses.

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I What happened first in the book? Number the sentences.

- a ☐ Odysseus showed the Phaeacians that he was a good sportsman.
- b ☐ Teiresia said that Odysseus will kill the suitors.
- c ☐ Penelope realised that her husband had really returned.
- d ☐ Athene, disguised as Telemachus, looked for a ship and a crew.
- e ☐ Calypso asked Odysseus to stay with her.
- f ☐ The god Proteus told Telemachus the news of his father.
- g ☐ Circe gave Odysseus a magic drink.
- h ☐ Odysseus slept in the pig farmer's hut.
- i ☐ Telemachus and Odysseus were reunited.
- j ☐ Odysseus and his men escaped from the Cyclops.

2 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Telemachus told the servant girl to tell Penelope of his plans to look for his father. ☐
- b The god Proteus slept on the beach with sheep. ☐
- c Hermes told Calypso that she should release Odysseus. ☐
- d Circe turned Odysseus into a pig. ☐
- e Odysseus arrived on Calypso's island after his adventure with Charybdis. ☐
- f Athene changed Odysseus into an old man. ☐
- g The suitors attacked Telemachus in his boat. ☐
- h The dog Argus died before Odysseus saw it. ☐
- i Telemachus bent the bow of Odysseus. ☐
- j Odysseus and Penelope's bed could not be moved easily. ☐

3 Write the names to finish the sentences.

- Teiresias Antinous King Alcinous King Menelaus
Agamemnon Calypso The Cyclops
Eumaeus (pig farmer) The Sirens Melanthius
- a had a beautiful wife called Helen.
 - b was a beautiful goddess who lived in a cave and was in love with Odysseus.
 - c wanted Odysseus to marry his daughter, Nausicaa.
 - d lived in a cave full of baskets of cheese and sheep.

- e told Odysseus that he mustn't harm the Sun-god's cows.
- f had fought with Odysseus in the Trojan War, and was later murdered.
- g had human faces but the bodies of birds.
- h was bought by Laertes, Odysseus's father.
- i was shot in the neck by an arrow from Odysseus.
- j tried to help the suitors and was killed.

4 Write the name of a place to finish the sentences.

- Phaeacia the Palace Sparta Mount Olympus
the Underworld Egypt Ithaca Aeaea Pylos
Calypso's island
- a Athene talked to Zeus on
 - b Telemachus met King Nestor and his family in
 - c Telemachus took a chariot to see King Menelaus in
 - d Proteus told Menelaus about Odysseus in
 - e Odysseus left on a raft.
 - f Odysseus threw a disc a long way in
 - g Odysseus's men were turned into pigs on
 - h Odysseus heard Teiresias's prophecy in
 - i Athene turned Odysseus into an old man on
 - j Odysseus killed the suitors in

5 Circle to right word or words.

- a Proteus slept *in a tree / on the beach*.
- b Odysseus and his men hid in a wooden *horse / cow* to enter the city of Troy.
- c The Lotus eaters were *violent / peaceful* people.
- d The bag Aeolus gave Odysseus contained *winds / food*.
- e Elpenor, Odysseus's friend, fell and broke his *leg / neck*.
- f Penelope's father told her to marry Eurymachus, because he was the *richest / bravest* suitor.