

The Odyssey ~ KEY

Vocabulary #2 Worksheet

1. **Insatiable** – ADJ ~~ Incapable of being satisfied; unquenchable; ravenous

Cronus is known for his insatiable appetite; after all he did eat all of his children.

2. **Courtesy** – NOUN ~~ Excellence of manners or social conduct; polite; a considerate act; generosity

Our host was beyond courteous; he gave us pajamas to sleep in while we were visiting.

**Used in this sentence in its adjective form.

3. **Whim** – NOUN ~~ An odd and sudden desire; a sudden or freakish fancy; a sudden idea
I decided to go to Europe on a whim. It was the best decision of my life.

4. **Slander** – NOUN or VERB ~~ A scandalous remark; a spoken defamation of one's character; to make a scandalous remark; to attack and bad-mouth

Susan and Tonya got in a fight because Tonya had been slandering Susan's sister's good name. She had been saying awful things about her and Susan wasn't going to put up with it anymore.

**Used in this sentence as a verb (conjugated)

5. **Forfeit** – VERB ~~ To give something up in sacrifice; to relinquish; to yield

When we didn't have enough players, we had to forfeit our football game.

6. **Unbridled** – ADJ ~~ Not controlled or restrained; wild; unmanageable

Her unbridled temper kept her in ISS.

7. **Crevice** – NOUN ~~ A crack; an opening; a fissure

There was a tiny crevice in the wood of our front door. You could only see it when the light would hit it right from the outside.

8. **Cordial** – ADJ ~~ Friendly; warm; gracious; sincere; heartfelt; sociable; agreeable

Staci has a cordial way about her. She is always making those around her feel welcome.

9. **Barren** – ADJ ~~ Unable to support growth; depleted; unproductive; not producing or incapable of producing offspring

The barren land forced the migrant workers to relocate.

10. **Tactics** – NOUN ~~ Strategic maneuvers; any mode of procedure for gaining advantage or success; a plan, procedure, or expedient for promoting a desired end or result

Ulysses S. Grant was known for planning excellent military tactics. Many of his battle plans helped to win territory for the Northern states.

11. **Ogre** – NOUN ~~ A hideously ugly creature, usually found in fairy tales; a monstrously ugly, cruel, or barbarous person

My little brother often acts like an ogre. He is always drooling, snoring, or picking his nose in public. His behavior is just gross.

12. **Scarce** – ADJ ~~ Insufficient to satisfy the need or the demand; not abundant
During the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, many of the pilgrims did not get enough to eat. Food was scarce.

13. **Foreboding** – NOUN ~~ A strong inner feeling or notion of a future misfortune

The foreboding weather seemed to indicate that a bad storm was coming to town.

14. **Somber** – ADJ ~~ Gloomy; depressing; dismal

It is hard to hang out with Amber. Her somber personality brings us all down.

15. **Gullet** – NOUN ~~ A channel for water; a ravine, a gully; the esophagus/the throat

Max recently found out that his brother has cancer of the gullet.