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| *Tales from the Odyssey- Part One, Book One* by Mary Pope Osbrne | **Chapter One** |  |  |  |
| desperately | with a sense of urgency or need | frantically | 8-Odysseus glared at the man, trying *desperately* to think of some way to avoid leaving his family. |
| **Chapter Two** |  |  |  |
| mourned | felt very sad because of a great loss | grieved | 13-He *mourned* the separation from his wife and felt terribly sad that he had missed seeing his son grow up. |
| bitterly | with anger | harshly | 18-The Trojans argued *bitterly* about whether or not to trust the captive. |
| scarcely | Just barely | hardly | 19-He and his men *scarcely* breathed as the Trojans heaved the giant horse onto rollers, then pushed it into the city. |
| sleek | shiny | slick, glossy | 21-As a strong wind carried Odysseus and his twelve *sleek* ships away from the shores of joy, *jubilant*. He imagined all of Ithaca rejoicing over his victorious return. |
| jubilant | having or showing great joy | joyful |
| **Chapter Three** |  |  |  |
| bewildered | confused or puzzled | baffled | 23-As his men frantically fought the storm, Odysseus felt *bewildered*. Why was Zeus, god of the skies, hurling his thunderbolts at them? |
| valiantly | bravely or heroically | courageously | 24-The Greeks struggled *valiantly* against the mighty wind and waves. |
| lurked | were hidden or lying in wait | lie in wait | 31-What other wonders *lurked* on these dark, unknown shores? |
| **Chapter Four** |  |  |  |
| eagerly | enthusiastically | excitedly | 33-The hungry Greeks *eagerly* grabbed their bows and spears and slew more than a hundred goats. |
| lingered | remained, slow to leave | stayed | 33-All day, the Greeks *lingered* on the island, feasting on roasted meat and drinking sweet wine. |
| wafted | floated through air or water | drifted | 34-The murmur of deep voices and the bleating of sheep *wafted* through the twilight. |
| **Chapter Five** |  |  |  |
| lumbered | moved in a heavy, clumsy way | trudged | 39-A hideous giant *lumbered* into the clearing. |
| jutted | Stuck out sharply | protruded | 39-His monstrous head jutted from his body like a shaggy mountain peak. |
| ruthless | having no mercy or sympathy | cruel  heartless | 40-The Cyclopes were *ruthless* creatures who were known to capture and devour any sailors who happened near their shores. |
| **Chapter Six** |  |  |  |
| heave | push or pull with great effort | drag | 47-Odysseus watched the Cyclops open his eye, then *heave* himself up from the ground. |
| distraught | anxiously worried | troubled | 50-His men were too *distraught* to think clearly, so Odysseus paced about the cave alone, searching for a way to destroy the giant. |
| peering | looking closely to see something better | staring | 50-*Peering* about the shadowy cave, Odysseus caught sight of the giant’s club. |
| fury | very wild anger | rage | 53-Odysseus himself trembled with *fury.* |
| **Chapter Seven** |  |  |  |
| concealed | kept hidden | covered | 61-When all his men were *concealed* by the curly, white wool of the sheep, Odysseus chose the mightiest ram for himself and hid beneath it. |
| urged | persuaded, strongly encouraged | Impelled | 64-He silently urged them to hurry. |
| jeering | mocking abuse, making fun | sneering | 67-As they moved far beyond the shore of the blind giant, Odysseus could not help *jeering* at the beast again. |
| **Chapter Eight** |  |  |  |
| gleamed | glowed | shone | 72-A huge, bronze fortress *gleamed* beyond its shore. |
| yearning | deep desire or need | longing | 84- And he leaned toward the horizon, *yearning* for home. |