The Odyssey

Chapters 1–2
1 Put the underlined letters in the right order to make a word.
   a The suitors thought Telemachus would put spinoo ………………… in their wine bowl.
   b Helen's abyuet ………………… had caused the Trojan War.
   c The suitors were iriduvne ………………… guests in Telemachus's house.
   d Odysseus was a resinopr ………………… on Calypso's island.
   e Telemachus set sail with twenty strong remonas ………………… .
   f After speaking to Athene, Telemachus was more suflecreuro ………………… .

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

4 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.
   a When Poseidon saw Odysseus's raft he was very worried. …………………
   b Athene spoke to Nausicaa disguised as one of her sisters. …………………
   c Odysseus was protected by Athene's magic coat. …………………
   d Euryalus thought Odysseus was not a good seaman. …………………

Chapters 5–6
5 Write questions for the answers.
   a 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.
   a Something you use to carry things in. (p. 35) ……………………
   b A word meaning something is convenient for you. (p. 36) …………………
   c A type of material used to make shoes, belts and other things. (p. 41) …………………
   d Something that you fill with water or sand (p. 42) …………………
   e Say in a very quiet way. (p. 43) …………………
   f To say something that makes somebody do something they don't want to do or to confuse them. (p. 44) …………………
   g 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
   a ………………… talked to Zeus about the death of his cows.
   b ………………… warned Odysseus about two horrible monsters.
   c ………………… told Odysseus that he would have a long life.
   d ………………… was murdered by his cousin, Aegisthus.
   e ………………… thought the Phaeacians had tricked him.
   f ………………… talked to Odysseus in the Underworld.
8 Put the underlined letters in the right order to make a word.
   a Poseidon was angry about the cruel emetatnr ……………………. of his son.
   b The arms and legs of the sailors moved tuyliplf ……………………. in the air.
   c The skins of the dead animals moved galimacyl ……………………. on the beach.
   d Athene came to Odysseus disguised as a rwafmoker ……………………. 
   e Odysseus and Eumaeus had a niyedrfl ……………………. conversation.
   f Eumaeus slept with his pigs to protect them from etsevih ……………………. 

Chapters 9–10
9 Find words with a similar meaning in Chapters 9–10.
   a desires (p. 64) ………………………………
   b thought to himself (p. 65) …………………..
   c unhappy (p. 67) …………………………….. 
   d not polite (p. 71) ……………………………. 
   e problems (p. 74) …………………………….
   f hurting (p. 75) ………………………………
   g a loud noise (p. 75) ………………………….

10 Finish the sentences.
   a Queen Helen gave Telemachus a dress for his future wife to …………………………….
   b Telemachus thought that a god was playing ………………………………………..
   c Odysseus told Telemachus that he had arrived on Ithaca in ……………………………
   d Melanthius said that Odysseus’s chance of returning was as low as Telemachus’s chance of ……………………………………………
   e Odysseus said they must collect the swords and hide them in ……………………………. 
   f As the servant girl started to wash Odysseus’s feet, she ……………………………….

Chapters 11–12
11 Circle the extra word in the sentences.
   a Penelope had spent the morning thinking sadly for of her situation.
   b The suitors were frightened that the strange old man would have succeed.
1 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 (×)?
   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.