

Unit 4

Sentence Combining: Odysseus

New Directions: Use what you have learned about combining subjects and making sure that the verbs agree with them. The first four sets will form the first paragraph about Odysseus. Sets five through nine form the second; sets 10 through 13 form the last paragraph.

1. **Odysseus has many adventures.** His men have many adventures. (and) Their adventures are unusual.
2. **Their first adventure happens.** The first adventure is important. It happens in the land. It is the land of the Lotus-eaters.
3. **Some members eat the lotus.** They are members of Odysseus's crew. They lose their memory. (,) They want to remain forever. (, and) They want to remain forever with the Louts-eaters.
4. **These men have to be carried.** These men are foolish. They have to be carried to their ships. They have to be carried by force.

(Indent here and begin the second paragraph.)

5. **The land provides the next adventure.** It is the land of the Cyclopes. The adventure is exciting. The adventure is strange.
6. **The Cyclopes are a tribe.** They are a tribe of giants. The giants are ugly. The giants are barbaric. (,) The giants are one-eyed. (, and)
7. **One Cyclops finds Odysseus.** The Cyclops find his men. (and) He finds them in a cave. **The Cyclops closes the mouth of the cave.** (, so) He closes the mouth with a rock. The rock is huge.
8. **The Cyclops kills two men.** He kills them then. He eats them. (and) He eats them for dinner.
9. **Odysseus must make a plan.** It is a plan of escape. **The Cyclops will eat them all.** (, or) The Cyclops is hungry.

(Indent here and begin the last paragraph)

10. **Odysseus calls himself "Noman."** **He wants to hide his identity.** (, for) That identity is real.
11. **He puts out the Cyclops's eye.** He puts it out with the point. It is the point of a stake. The stake is burning. The puts it out that night.
12. **The Cyclops yells.** He yells to his friends. **He says "Noman" has blinded him.** (, but) **They think the Cyclops has gone mad.** (, so)
13. **The Cyclops tries to catch Odysseus.** The Cyclops is blind. The Cyclops tries hard. The Cyclops tries to catch some of his men. (or) **They escape.** (, but) They escape under the bellies. They are the bellies of sheep.