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Underline the incorrect homophones in this passage.

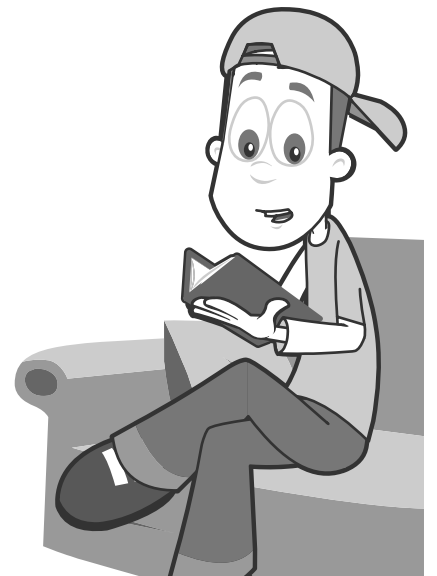
Odysseus and the Cyclops

Odysseus was sailing home from Troy with 12 of his men, when, after many adventures, he came upon an island. The island was beautiful and green, but what Odysseus didn't no, was that the island was inhabited by vicious, one-eyed giants, the cyclopes.

They landed and discovered a cave with baskets of food in it. Their was also a herd of sheep living in the cave. The men wanted to eat, but Odysseus didn't want to steel the food, and said they should wait to meat the owner of the cave to ask permission from whoever it was that dwelled there. Unfortunately, the cave belonged to a vicious, man-eating cyclops called Polyphemus.

When Polyphemus returned, the men fled too the back of the cave, and the cyclops rolled a huge boulder across the entrance of the cave, trapping the men inside. On finding the men, the cyclops became enraged, and immediately ate two of them, and then fell asleep. Odysseus didn't dare do anything to the cyclops, since only the huge cyclops was strong enough to move the stone away from the mouth of the cave.

The next morning, the cyclops woke and eight two more men for breakfast. He then tuck the stone away from the entrance of the cave, and drove his heard of sheep out to graze, and rolled the stone back, leaving the other men still imprisoned.





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Odysseus devised a plan. Odysseus and his men, then took a large piece of timber, and carved the end to a sharp point. Later that night, when the cyclops returned, Odysseus offered the cyclops some strong wine he had brought with him. Thanking Odysseus, Polyphemus asked him his name. Odysseus told him his name was “No man”.

Polyphemus, who had never drunk wine before, drank it and very quickly fell into a deep sleep. Odysseus heated the end of the long piece of wood in the fire, and with all their strength, the men pushed the red-hot poker into the eye of the cyclops. The cyclops woke up and bled with pain, but he was now blind. The other cyclopes, who lived on the island, came running, but when they asked Polyphemus who had done this to him, he replied “No man!” and the other cyclopes all returned home laughing.

In the morning, the cyclops let the sheep out of the cave to graze, but he hadn't seen that Odysseus had tied each of his men to the underneath of the sheep. As the sheep passed through the entrance of the cave, the cyclops felt them to make sure it wasn't the men leaving. Odysseus grabbed onto the fleece of the last sheep's belly, and escaped through the mouth of the cave. When Polyphemus realised what had happened, he chased after the men.

Odysseus and his men made their way back to their ship and hurriedly pushed out to sea. As they sailed away from the harbour, Odysseus, couldn't believe his luck and called out to Polyphemus, laughing at him and telling him that it was not “No Man”, but he, Odysseus, who had blinded him and fooled him.