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Level 0 – 23rd July 2026

'The Odyssey' breaks records at the box office

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The movie 'The Odyssey' has broken cinema records. The film made \$290,000 from just one London cinema. The movie is doing well in the US. It had the biggest opening weekend of the year for a non-animated film. The world's largest cinema group showed the movie at 2 am and 3 am in some cities. Almost all tickets were sold.

'The Odyssey' is an action fantasy film. It is based on a 2,700-year-old poem by the Greek poet Homer. It is about a king called Odysseus. He goes on a ten-year journey to get home after the Trojan War. He meets many strange people. The movie's director got a lot of praise. He took an old story and made it modern.

Sources: <https://variety.com/2026/film/box-office/the-odyssey-uk-ireland-box-office-1236816591/>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/07/19/business/media/the-odyssey-box-office-christopher-nolan.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The film | a. at 2 am |
| 2. The movie is doing | b. film |
| 3. the biggest opening weekend | c. made \$290,000 |
| 4. a non-animated | d. were sold |
| 5. The world's largest cinema | e. of the year |
| 6. showed the movie | f. cities |
| 7. in some | g. group |
| 8. Almost all tickets | h. well in the US |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. 'The Odyssey' is an action | a. journey |
| 2. It is based on a 2,700-year- | b. called Odysseus |
| 3. It is about a king | c. Trojan War |
| 4. He goes on a ten-year | d. made it modern |
| 5. get home after the | e. fantasy film |
| 6. He meets many strange | f. director |
| 7. The movie's | g. old poem |
| 8. He took an old story and | h. people |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The movie 'The Odyssey' (1) _____ records.

The film made \$290,000 (2) _____ London

cinema. The movie is (3) _____ the US. It

had the biggest (4) _____ the year for a

non-animated film. The world's (5) _____

showed the movie at 2 am and 3 am in some cities. Almost all

(6) _____.

'The Odyssey' (7) _____ fantasy film. It is

based on a 2,700-year-old (8) _____ Greek

poet Homer. It is (9) _____ called Odysseus.

He goes on a ten-year journey to (10) _____

the Trojan War. He (11) _____ people. The

movie's director got a lot of praise. He took an old story and

(12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE ODYSSEY

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Write five GOOD questions about The Odyssey in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **The Odyssey** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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