

Greek Prose Composition

Exercise 78

After this the Trojans came at sunset the land of the Cyclops. Here they met a Greek who had been left behind by Ulysses. Aeneas bade him tell who he was and what had befallen him. The man replied that he was one of the sailors returning home from Troy after the war, and that when his comrades escaped he alone had been left in the cave of the Cyclops. He begged Aeneas not to leave him in the island, where he ran the risk of being killed or dying of hunger. While he was speaking, the Trojans saw the shepherd Polyphemus coming down to the shore, and taking the suppliant, they speedily embarked on their ship and sailed away.

Vocabulary

Troy	Τροία, ἡ	escape	ἐκφεύγω, ἐκφεύξομαι, ἐξέφυγον
Trojans	Τρῶες, -ων	alone	μόνος
at sunset	ἄμ' ἡλίῳ καταδύντι	cavern, cave	σπήλαιον, τό
land	γῆ, ἡ	beg, entreat	παραιτέομαι, παραιτήσομαι παρητήσαμην
native land	πατρίς, -ίδος, ἡ	island	νῆσος, ἡ
Cyclops	Κύκλωψ, -ωπος	run the risk of	κινδυνεύω, inf
meet	ἐντυγχάνω, Dat. ἐντεύξομαι, ἐνέτυχον	kill	ἀποκτείνω; fīr Passive use ἀποθνήσκω
Greek	Ἕλλην, -νος, ὁ	die	ἀποθνήσκω, ἀποθανοῦμαι, ἀπέθανον, τελευτάω
leave behind	λείπω, καταλείπω	hunger, famine	λιμός, ὁ
Ulysses	Ὀδυσσεύς, -έως	speak	λέγω, ἐρῶ, εἶπον
Aeneas	Αἰνείας, ου, ὁ	shepherd	ποιμήν, -ένος, ὁ
bade	κελεύω	Polyphemus	Πολύφημος
what had befallen him = what he had suffered	ἃ ἔπαθε	come down	κατέρχομαι, κατεῖμι, κατήλθον
reply	ἀποκρίνομαι, ἀποκρινοῦμαι, ἀπεκρινόμην	shore	αἰγιαλός, ὁ
sailors	ναύτης, -ου, ὁ	take	λαμβάνω, λήψομαι, ἔλαβον

returning	ἐπανέρχομαι, κατέρχομαι	suppliant	ἰκέτης, -ου, ὁ
home	οἶκος	speedily	ταχέως
homewards	οἴκαδε	embark	ἐμβαίνω, εἰς
war	πόλεμος, -ου, ὁ	ship	ναῦς, ναῦν, νεώς
comrade, companion	ἐταῖρος	sail away	ἀποπλέω, ἀποπλεύσομαι, ἀπέπλευσα

Composition notes

After this – use μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα

Here they met – use ὅπου as an indirect command and combine the first two sentences.

Aeneas bade him tell – what grammatical construction is this?

who he **was** and what **had befallen** – what tenses should be used here?

He begged – what grammatical construction is this?

While he was speaking – what grammatical construction should this be?

the Trojans saw the shepherd Polyphemus coming down – obviously indirect speech dependent on ‘saw’ but what sort of construction?