

MAIN LESSON ACTIVITY

Hi Class 5,

Odysseus' crew had to block their hearing from the Siren's song to get through and not be tricked by the song into crashing on the rocks. Odysseus was the only one who didn't block his ears, and he was tied to a post so he couldn't force fall prey to them.

Today for your activity, I would like you to listen to the bookwork instructions and then block off your hearing for the whole time it takes you to finish bookwork. Now, if you forget something you need to do, you can unblock your hearing to listen again to the instructions, but otherwise you are deaf for the whole of bookwork time! You can choose to continue this throughout the day if you like, or family members can be involved too if it works for them and everyone.

To block your hearing, it will depend on what you have in your house. Some options may be:

- Ear muffs
- Ear plugs
- A headband tied tightly or thickly around your head.
- A cloth tied around your head
- Noise cancelling headphones with no music attached.

If you need to get creative with how you block your hearing, please don't stick anything smaller or other than ear plugs inside your ears – ears are very fragile and you don't want to go putting anything inside your ears that is not made to be there like ear plugs are.