Background: Ulysses is taken to Ithaca by the Phaecians. Ulysses finds his son, Telemachus, who says, “No one believes that you are alive. All the kings and neighboring chiefs have been here for 20 years demanding that mom choose one of them to be her husband, the new king of Ithaca.” Ulysses fashions another trick. Dressed like a beggar, Ulysses makes a journey to his palace and sees the suitors.

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| 1. Proci certamen [pro Penelopa] proposuerunt                             | Pro: use “for”  
Penelopam: Penelope (her name, in accusative case)   
--- this is Ulysses’ wife  
proposuerunt: from “propono, proponere”  
USE THIS WORD ORDER:  
Proci – proposuerunt– certamen– pro – Penelopa |
| 2. Procus, [qui arcum immanem Ulixis stringere potest,] Penelopam [in dulcem matrimonium] ducet. | Procus: careful! Is this singular or plural?  
Qui: relative pronoun referring back to “procus”.   
Review Lesson 1.14  
Ulixis: genitive after “arcum immanem”  
Stringere: goes after “potest”  
Potest: Review Lesson 2.11  
Penelopam: Penelope (her name; it’s accusative here)  
Ducet: watch the tense! (Appendix --> Verbs --> 3rd Conjugation)  
USE THIS WORD ORDER:  
### SENTENCE

3. Audax Telemachus arma omnium procorum intercepit.

### NOTES

**arma**: watch the ending! What does it mean when a nueter noun ends with –a? (Appendix -> Nouns -> Case Endings Charts)

**omnium procorum**: these 2 words go together!


**Portae**: first noun in this sentence – nominative plural

**Regiae divis**: genitive singular after “portae” --- these 2 words go together!

**Ab Telemacho**: these 2 words go together.

Remember that in a passive sentence, “ab” = “by”

**clausae sunt**: verb from “claudo, claudere”. Review passive verbs carefully (Appendix -> Verbs -> Active and Passive Verbs)

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The story’s conclusion: Then the suitors all try to string the bow—but no one can do it! Ulysses – as the beggar asks, “Can I try?” and all the kings and chiefs laugh. But Penelope says, “It is permitted for all to try!” Ulysses easily strings the bow! He reveals his true identity! The suitors, terrified, try to escape. Ulysses and Telemachus kill all the suitors. Penelope welcomes her husband! Ulysses rules in his own kingdom Ithaca in peace and harmony.