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# Vocabulary:

## *Hercules the Mighty*

1. **arduous (AHR-JOO-US)** *adjective*; Something that is arduous is very difficult. It requires a lot of physical or mental effort.
2. **deftly (DEFT-lee)** *adjective*; To do something deftly is to do it easily and skillfully. If Jake deftly changes the subject, he changes the subject smoothly.
3. **dejected (dih-JEK-tid)** *adjective*; To be dejected is to be sad and depressed—to have given up hope.
4. **destined (DES-tind)** *adjective*; *Destined* can mean “meant to be” or “certain to happen.” If Rob says, “I know I’m destined for a life of adventure,” he is saying that adventure is in his future, with a sense that he was born to have such a life. *Destined* can also just mean “heading toward,” as in “The plane is destined for California.”  
  
*Destined* is a form of the word *destiny*, which means “fate.” Your destiny is what is likely to happen to you in the future.
5. **fawn (fawn)** *noun or verb*; The noun *fawn* means “a young deer.” Fawn can also be a verb. If Ella is fawning over Zendaya, Ella is giving Zendaya loads of attention and praise. Often, *fawn* is used to mean “to flatter someone or treat them as superior in order to get something you want from them.” A salesperson might fawn over a customer in hopes of making a sale.
6. **loathe (lohth)** *verb*; To loathe something is to hate it—to find it disgusting and horrible.
7. **lyre (lahyuhr)** *noun*; A lyre is a stringed instrument that looks like a small harp and was used by the ancient Greeks.
8. **renown (ree-NOWN)** *noun*; Someone or something with renown is famous, highly respected, or admired. An actor who is well-known and admired for her talent has renown. A scientist who is known for making an important discovery has renown, as does a restaurant with a great reputation. LeBron James is a basketball player of great renown.
9. **subdue(suhb-DOO)** *verb*; To subdue someone or something is to overpower it, hold it back, or bring it under control. If a dog is acting crazy, running around and barking, you might be able

to subdue her by giving her a bone to chew on. You might try to subdue your fears, or you might subdue your opinion if it doesn't seem like the right time to express it.

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**Directions:** In the space below or on the back of this page, list any other words from the play whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the primary meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence using the word.