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### Vocabulary - Part I

1. Match the words to their definitions and write their Hebrew translations.

N	English	Answer	Hebrew	Definition
1.	accommodation			a) cloth; fabric.
2.	clean-shaven			b) a small, usually circular window in a ship.
3.	companion			c) almost not; hardly
4.	dismay			d) conforming to standards of conduct and good taste; suitable
5.	exasperating			e) room and board; lodgings.
6.	familiar			f) a private cabin or room on a ship, train, etc
7.	flask			g) act like the master of;
8.	lustrous			h) a person who lives under the rule of a monarch, government, etc.
9.	on board			i) taking undue liberties; presumptuous
10.	piece of drapery			j) a drinking glass, originally with a rounded bottom
11.	portholes			k) healthy, strong, and vigorous, strongly built
12.	to put on airs			l) extremely annoying or displeasing
13.	scarcely			m) lacking or exhibiting a lack of tact; bluntly inconsiderate or indiscreet
14.	seemly			n) (of men) having the facial hair shaved off
15.	to set me at my ease			o) on or in a ship, boat, airplane, or other vehicle
16.	state-room			p) a sudden or complete loss of courage in the face of trouble or danger
17.	sturdy build			q) a large upright rectangular travelling case
18.	subject			r) a flat, relatively thin container for liquor.
19.	tactlessly			s) to quiet; to tranquilize
20.	tumbler (of ice)			t) a person employed to assist, live with, or travel with another.
21.	wardrobe trunk			u) gleaming with or as if with brilliant light; radiant.

מזוודה גדולה, לינה, בקושי, מגולח, כלי עם קוביות קרח, שותף לחדר, בחוסר טקט, יאוש, נתינים, מעצבן, מבנה גוף מוצק, ידידותי מדי, חדר שינה באוניה, בקבוקון, לגרום להרגשה נוחה, מבריק, התנהגות נאותה, על סיפון, חתיכת בד, להתנהג ביהירות, חלונות באוניה

2. Choose the words from the Word Bank to complete the following text:

subject, accommodation, companion, dismay, flask, wardrobe trunk, seemly, familiar

There was not enough 1 \_\_\_\_\_ on the ship so the narrator had to share a cabin with a stranger. He was in 2 \_\_\_\_\_ when he saw his cabin mate's 3 \_\_\_\_\_ and discovered his name, because it meant that he was not English, like himself. When he went up to the smoking- room, his cabin mate introduced himself. He was very chatty, and surprised the narrator by saying that he was English. He showed his passport to prove he was a British 4 \_\_\_\_\_. The narrator was also surprised when Mr. Kelada offered him an alcoholic drink from a 5 \_\_\_\_\_ he had in his pocket. He thought that Mr. Kelada's behavior was not 6 \_\_\_\_\_ and was much too 7 \_\_\_\_\_. He did not like his new 8 \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Match adjectives to nouns to form a description of Max Kelada.

An adjective	A noun	An answer
1. sturdy	a). nose	
2. clean-shaven	b). skin	
3. dark	c). hair	
4. fleshy, hooked	d). build	
5. large, liquid	e). gestures	
6. sleek, curly	f). cheeks	
7. exuberant	g). eyes	



## Part I - Questions

1. Why do you think the narrator would prefer to share a cabin with someone named Smith or Brown?

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2. Why is Mr. Kelada happy about sharing a cabin with the narrator?

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3. Why does the narrator doubt that Mr. Kelada is really British?

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4. Where does the narrator think Mr. Kelada was born?

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5. What kind of topics does Mr. Kelada discuss?

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6. How does Mr. Kelada address the narrator?

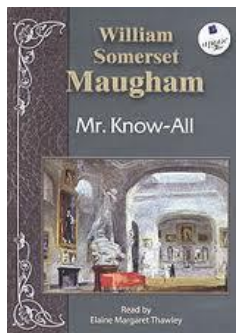
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7. Why was the narrator so annoyed with Mr. Kelada?

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## Vocabulary - Part II

1. Write the following words in the alphabetical order with their Hebrew translation.

An English Word	A Hebrew Translation

1. without the suspicion dawning on him
2. sweeps
3. to resume his post
4. it never occurred to him
5. indifferent
6. distinction
7. compliment
8. to bulge
9. affront
10. vanity
11. to snub him
12. to resent
13. intolerable
14. he had us at his mercy
15. demeanor
16. cocksureness
17. auction

1. יהירות
2. להעמיד אותו במקום
3. להתרעם נגד
4. בלתי נסבל
5. היינו נתונים לחסדיו
6. התנהגות והתנהלות
7. ביטחון עצמי מופרז
8. מכירת פומבית
9. מבלי שיעלה על דעתו ש...
10. הגרלות
11. לחזור למשרתו
12. לא עלה בדעתו
13. אדיש
14. מכובדות
15. מחמאה
16. לבלוט
17. עלבון

2. Find two words or expressions from the list above:

1.	that are similar in the meaning to "he did not realize..."	_____	_____
2.	that show Mr. Kelada had a lot of confidence and pride in himself	_____	_____
3.	that show other people on the ship on the ship did not like Mr. Kelada	_____	_____

3. Write the opposites from the word bank to the following words:

modest	imitation	entirely	Hesitate	triumphantly	intolerable	argumentative	compliment

**be certain, partially, bearable, unsuccessfully, insult, real, boastful, agreeable**

4. Use the words below to complete a summary of the story. Make any necessary changes:

**address, arrange, chatty, compliment, cultured pearls, envelope, examine, expert, faint, familiar, imitation, labels, luggage, magnifying glass, passenger, passport, patriotic, share a cabin, worth**

The narrator of the story was a 1 \_\_\_\_\_ on board a ship sailing to Japan. He had to 2 \_\_\_\_\_ with Mr. Kelada. The narrator did not believe Mr. Kelada was British, even though Mr. Kelada showed his 3 \_\_\_\_\_ to prove it and said that he was a very 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Englishman.

The narrator was prejudiced against Mr. Kelada before he even met him. He thought that his 5 \_\_\_\_\_ was too big and there were too many 6 \_\_\_\_\_ on the suitcases. He didn't like the 7 \_\_\_\_\_ way in which Kelada behaved – Mr. Kelada 8 \_\_\_\_\_ the narrator without "Mr" before his name. Mr. Kelada 9 \_\_\_\_\_ all the social events on the ship and was very 10 \_\_\_\_\_ with the passengers. He became known as Mr. Know-All, which he took as a 11 \_\_\_\_\_.

One evening at dinner, the conversation turned to the subject of 12 \_\_\_\_\_. Mr. Kelada said he was an 13 \_\_\_\_\_ and he had a bet with Mr. Ramsay about whether Mrs. Ramsay's pearls were real or 14 \_\_\_\_\_. Kelada took out a 15 \_\_\_\_\_ to 16 \_\_\_\_\_ the pearls and said they were 17 \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money. Kelada noticed Mrs. Ramsay turn white and she looked as if she were about to 18 \_\_\_\_\_. He said he was mistaken and paid Mr. Ramsay 100 dollars for losing the bet. The next day a 100-dollar-bill was returned to Mr. Kelada in an 19 \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Part II - Questions**

1. Why did the passengers call Mr. Kelada "Mr. Know-All"?

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2. Why was Mr. Kelada "most intolerable" at meal times?

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3. Describe the atmosphere around the table at mealtimes.

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4. Where is Mr. Ramsay from? Where does he work?

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5. Why did Mr. Ramsay go to New York?

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6. What is the narrator's opinion of Mr. Ramsay and of Mrs. Ramsay?

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7. What subject is discussed at the table?

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8. Why is Mr. Kelada traveling to Japan?

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9. Why is Mr. Kelada so certain that he is right?

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10. What does Mr. Kelada boast about?

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11. What does he say about Mrs. Ramsay's necklace? What does he mean by this remark?

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12. How does Mrs. Ramsay react?

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13. Why does Mr. Kelada smile in triumph?

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14. Why did Mr. Kelada say he was mistaken? Was he really mistaken?

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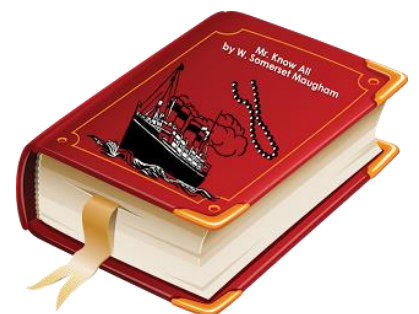
18. Were the pearls real? How do you know?

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19. What is the narrator's opinion of Mr. Kelada at the end of the story? Explain.

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## Analysis and Interpretation

### Explaining Patterns

1. Why do the other passengers on the ship call Mr. Kelada “Mr. Know-All”? What has he done to deserve this name? Do you think his name is meant as a compliment? Why or why not?

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2. Why do you think that Mr. Kelada behaves this way?

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3. How does the narrator typically react to Mr. Kelada’s attempts to be friendly? Give at list two examples.

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4. Why do you think that the narrator behaves this way?

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### Uncovering Motives

1. Why did Ramsay challenge Mr. Kelada to a bet about his wife’s pearls? What did he hope to achieve?

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2. Mr. Kelada was about to announce that the pearls were real. What made him change his mind and say “I was mistaken? Do you think it was easy for him to do this?

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3. What motivated Mrs. Ramsay to leave a hundred- dollar bill under Mr. Kelada’s cabin door?

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## Inferring

1. What can we understand about the narrator by the way he judges Mr. Kelada at the beginning of the story?

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2. Mrs. Ramsay didn't want Mr. Kelada to examine her necklace. She said, "I can't undo it." What can we infer about from her behavior? What secret was Mrs. Ramsay hiding?

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3. What can we infer about the narrator when he says at the end of the story "At that moment, I did not entirely dislike Mr. Kelada"?

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## Literary Terms

1. The narrator is a person telling the story. Is the narrator of "Mr. Know-All" one of the characters of the story or an observer outside the story? Explain your answer.

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2. Find examples of the following stereotypes in the story.

The narrator	A typical upper-class Englishman	<hr/> <hr/>
Max Kalada	A typical Levantine	<hr/> <hr/>
Mrs. Ramsay	A sweet, modest woman	<hr/> <hr/>

3. Setting

*Place*

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*Time*

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How does the setting of the story contribute to the events that take place? Give one example.

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4. Symbolism. Which character shows traits of the real pearl? Which character shows traits of the cultured one?

An item	An idea	Character
The real pearls	Compassion and kindness	
The cultured pearls	Being fake and dishonest	

5. Theme. How does the saying “Don’t judge a book by its cover” relate to the theme of “Mr. Know-All”?

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