

SPEAKERS AND SPEECHES IN HOMER'S ILIAD

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The following is an alphabetical list of all the speakers in Homer's *Iliad*, together with a short description of each speech (location, subject matter, number of lines). This count is based upon Ian Johnston's translation of the *Iliad* (available [here](#)); hence, the length of the speeches is somewhat longer than in the original Greek and will differ a little from a count of other translations. In reckoning the length of each speech, I have considered partial lines equivalent to complete lines.

Note that when a god takes on the form of a mortal and speaks to someone, the speech is assigned to the god, not to the mortal character.

ACAMAS

14.558-566: boasts to the Achaeans after killing Promachus. (9)

ACHAEAN TROOPS:

1.27: shout to release Chryseis (1);

2.321-327: approve of how Odysseus has silenced Thersites (7);

3.334-339: pray to Zeus that the oaths will be kept (6);

3.356-360: pray to Zeus before the single combat between Menelaus and Paris (5);

4.98-100: respond to the appearance of Athena on the battlefield (3);

7.212-214: pray to Zeus that the draw will pick the right warrior to face Hector (3);

7.240-244: pray to Zeus that Ajax will be successful against Hector (5);

17.519-525: tell each other to keep fighting over Patroclus' corpse (7);

22.468-470: talk to each other as they stab Hector's corpse (3).

ACHILLES

1.62-72: suggests the Achaeans consult a prophet about Apollo's anger (11);

1.90-96: agrees to protect Calchas from Agamemnon, if he interprets Apollo's anger (7);

1.131-140: tells Agamemnon they can't give him a new prize now (10);

1.163-188: loses his temper with Agamemnon, says he'll go home (26);

1.219-223: asks Athena why she's come down to the Achaean meeting (5);

1.235-238: tells Athena he'll obey her instructions to curb his temper (4);

1.245-269: insults Agamemnon, tells them he'll withdraw from the war (25);

1.326-339: tells Agamemnon he will kill if they try to take anything else (14);

1.370-381: welcomes Talthibius and Eurybates, tells Patroclus to hand over Briseis. (12);

1.390-396: prays to Thetis for respect from Zeus (7);

1.405-459: tells Thetis what has happened, asks her to intervene with Zeus (55);

9.240-243: welcomes the Achaean leaders who have come from Agamemnon (4);

9.247-250: tells Patroclus to prepare wine for the Achaean leaders (4);

9.384-538: rejects Agamemnon's offer of gifts, says he'll return home (155);

9.766-782: rejects Phoenix's plea to return to battle, tells him stay overnight (17);

9.815-829: responds to the greater Ajax, says he may return (15);

11.685-695: asks Patroclus to find out the name of a wounded man (11);

16.7-24: asks Patroclus why he's crying (18);

16.62-125: tells Patroclus he can go to war, sets conditions (64);

16.154-159: tells Patroclus to go the war, now that the ships are burning (6);

16.238-252: gives a speech to his Myrmidons before they go off the war (15);

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- 16.278-298: prays to Zeus that Patroclus will come safely back from the war (21);
18.6-18: states his worries about what's happened to Patroclus (13);
18.95-116: laments the death of Patroclus, says he has no desire to continue living (22);
18.122-158: speaks to Thetis of his resolve to go back to the fight and then die (37);
18.225-226: asks Iris which god sent her to him (2);
18.233-243: complains to Iris that he has no armour (11);
18.404-428: addresses the Myrmidons, talks about the funeral of Patroclus (25);
19.24-33: acknowledges to Thetis how fine the divine armour is (10);
19.67-90: speaks to Agamemnon and the Achaeans about an end to his anger (24);
19.183-192: tells Agamemnon they should resume the fighting as soon as possible (10);
19.248-266: tells Agamemnon he won't eat until after the fighting (19);
19.329-337: tells Achaeans to eat so that they can start the fighting (19);
19.371-376: tells the Achaeans not to ask him to eat (6);
19.383-411: laments over Patroclus (29);
19.480-485: speaks to his horses about bringing him back safely (6);
19.505-510: replies to his horse (6);
20.211-238: taunts Aeneas on the battlefield, reminding him of their earlier encounter (28);
20.408-419: wonders what's happening to his eyesight and where Aeneas has gone (12);
20.421-434: calls out to his men to fight (14);
20.467-471: boasts aloud and taunts Iphition after killing him (5);
20.508-511: yells when he sees Hector moving up against him (4);
20.513-514: shouts out to Hector to come closer so he can kill him (2);
20.537-545: shouts out to Hector when Hector escapes him on the battlefield (9);
21.62-73: expresses his surprise at seeing Lycaon by the river (12);
21.116-135: answers Lycaon, refuses to spare his life (20);
21.144-163: taunts the corpse of Lycaon as he throws it in the river (20);
21.180-182: asks Asteropaeus who he is (3);
21.220-239: taunts the corpse of Asteropaeus (10);
21.269-273: tells Scamander he'll stop killing men in the river (5);
21.327-343: complains to Zeus about being attacked by the river (17);
22.19-27: expresses his anger to Apollo for tricking him (9);
22.325-341: rejects Hector's attempt to negotiate terms of their fight (17);
22.415-423: shouts in triumph after spearing Hector in the throat (9);
22.424-446: tells dying Hector that he will not respect his corpse (23);
22.459-462: shouts at dead Hector that he will accept his own death (4);
22.474-493: talks to the troops after killing Hector (20);
23.6-12: tells his Myrmidons to go with the horses to mourn Patroclus (7);
23.21-27: laments over Patroclus's corpse (7);
23.48-63: refuses to wash until Patroclus is buried, tells men to eat (16);
23.113-118: asks the ghost of Patroclus to remain (6);
23.123-129: wonders about the ghost of Patroclus (7);
23.172-183: offers up a hair of his head for Patroclus (12);
23.187-193: tells Agamemnon to dismiss the men from the pyre (7);
23.215-222: speaks to Patroclus's corpse, saying he's done everything he promised (8);
23.282-299: tells Agamemnon to arrange to douse the fire and collect Patroclus's bones (18);
23.324-343: invites the Achaean leaders to compete in a chariot race (20);
23.601-609: tells Idomeneus and Oilean Ajax not to continue quarrelling (9);
23.653-656: proposes giving Eumelus the second prize (4);
23.682-688: tells Antilochus that he will give Eumelus a different prize (7);

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23.759-767: offers Nestor a prize in the funeral games (9);
23.813-820: invites competitors to step out for the boxing (8);
23.874: invites competitors for the wrestling contest (1);
23.906-909: tells Ajax and Odysseus they can stop their wrestling contest (4);
23.927-928: invites competitors for the footrace (2);
23.978-980: says he'll give Antilochus an extra prize for a compliment (3);
23.987-998: invite competitors for the armed combat (2);
23.1021-1028: invites competitors for the iron throwing contest (8);
23.1052-1057: sets out prizes for the archery competition (6);
23.1094-1099: offers Agamemnon a prize without a contest (6);
24.171-174: tells Thetis he'll give Hector's body back (4);
24.638-684: talks to Priam of Zeus's two jars (47);
24.694-708: tells Priam not to irritate him (15);
24.732-738: apologizes to Patroclus for returning Hector (7);
24.742-770: tells Priam Hector has been given back, recounts the story of Niobe (29);
24.802-812: asks Priam how many days he needs to bury Hector (11);
24.826-828: agrees to suspend the fighting for Hector's burial (3).

ADRESTUS

6.53-57: begs Menelaus to spare his life and ransom him (5).

AENEAS

5.194-205: tells Pandarus to shoot an arrow at Diomedes (12);
5.256-268: invites Pandarus to join him in an attack on Diomedes (13);
16.716-718: taunts Meriones on the battlefield (3);
17.427-436: shouts out to Hector to attack the Achaeans with him (10);
20.103-122: tells Apollo (in the form of Lycaon), of his encounter with Achilles (20);
20.239-310: tells Achilles his lineage before they begin fighting (72).

AGAMEMNON

1.28-35: refuses to return Chryseis (8);
1.113-129: agrees to return Chryseis but demands another prize (17);
1.142-161: says he'll take someone else's prize, since Chryseis is to be returned (20);
1.190-204: tells Achilles he'll take Briseis (15);
1.318-324: asks Nestor why they should let Achilles say such insulting things (7);
1.357-361: instructs Talthibius and Eurybates to collect Briseis from Achilles (5);
2.65-91: tells Achaeans about his dream; proposes his scheme to order the men home (27);
2.128-164: tells the army they're going home, since the expedition has failed (17);
2.440-468: responds favourably to Nestor's suggestion for a group display (29);
2.485-494: prays on behalf the army for success in the coming battles (10);
3.91-92: yells at the army to settle down and listen to Hector's proposal (2);
3.307-326: prays to Zeus that the armies will respect each other's oaths (20);
3.513-517: tells the Trojan army to give compensation (5);
4.181-215: tells of his distress, now that Menelaus has been hit by Pandarus's arrow (35);
4.222-224: tells Menelaus that healers must inspect his wound (3);
4.226-231: orders Talthibius to fetch Machaon to inspect Menelaus's wound (6);
4.273-279: encourages Argive troops to fight (7);
4.282-291: tries to shame soldiers holding back from the battle (10);
4.301-311: encourages Idomeneus before the fight (11);
4.334-342: compliments the two Ajaxes as they get ready for battle (9);

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- 4.365-371: praises Nestor for his fighting spirit, wishes he were younger (7);
4.396-408: chides Menestheus and Odysseus for not moving into battle (13);
4.420-427: apologizes to Odysseus for criticising him (8);
4.433-469: rebukes Diomedes and Sthenelus for not moving into battle (37);
5.625-629: encourages the troops, telling them to recall their honour (5);
6.63-72: criticizes Menelaus for wanting to spare Adrestus, tells him to kill all Trojans (10);
7.126-140: talks Menelaus out of accepting Hector's challenge for single combat (15);
7.476-483: informs Idaios that they reject Paris' offer but accept the truce (8);
8.266-285: chastises the Argives for not standing up to Hector, prays to Zeus for help (20);
8.328-340: congratulates Teucer on his archery, promises him a reward (13);
9.18-33: tells the counsellors they should go back, since they're not going to succeed (16);
9.137-198: lists the presents he's prepared to give Achilles if he will return to battle (62);
9.848-852: asks Odysseus how Achilles responded to his offer of gifts (5);
10.48-70: tells Menelaus they need advice, sends him to summon Ajax and Idomeneus (23);
10.77-85: instructs Menelaus where to stay so the leaders can meet (9);
10.102-121: identifies himself to Nestor, suggests they walk to the sentries (20);
10.144-154: defends Menelaus to Nestor (who has just criticized him) (11);
10.277-285: tells Diomedes he should choose someone to go with him (9);
11.153-159: denies mercy to the sons of Antimachus (7);
11.314-317: shouts to the troops to guard the ships (4);
14.47-58: greets Nestor at the ships, tells him how worried he is (12);
14.75-98: proposes to leaders that they get the ships ready to leave for home (24);
14.128-134: accepts Odysseus's criticism of him, asks if anyone has a plan (7);
19.94-181: speaks to the Achaeans about how he was deluded by Ate (88);
19.229-246: tells Odysseus to select the men to fetch the presents for Achilles (18);
19.316-325: swears an oath he has not touched Briseis (10).

AGENOR

- 21.665-687: wonders about what to do when confronted by Achilles (23);
21.700-708: challenges Achilles before they fight (9).

AJAX (Greater)

- 7.227-237: accepts the lot to fight Hector, tells the Achaeans to pray for success (11).
7.268-275: speaks to Hector before their single combat (8);
7.332-334: tells Idaios to ask Hector if he wants to stop fighting (3);
9.787-813: urges Achilles to think of his comrades (27);
12.289-299: with Oilean Ajax encourages the troops not to run back to the ships (11);
12.401-405: tells Oilean Ajax to stay where he is, while he goes to help Menestheus (5);
13.88-92: tells Oilean Ajax that he feels the power Poseidon has just given him (5);
13.948-961: challenges Hector in the middle of the fighting (14);
14.546-552: shouts in triumph to Polydamas after killing Archelochus (7);
15.510-516: tells Teucer that Lycophron has been killed, asks him where his bow is (7).
15.554-561: tells Teucer to forget about his bow and to get a spear (8);
15.590-605: shouts encouragement to the Achaean troops (16);
15.658-661: shouts out encouragement to the troops, tells to remember shame (4);
15.846-858: shouts to the troops that there's no way out, they have to fight (13);
17.307-317: tells Menelaus to shout out to Achaean leaders to defend Patroclus's corpse (11);

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17.767-789: tells Menelaus their situation is desperate, as they defend Patroclus's corpse (13);

17.794-799: tells Menelaus to find Antilochus and send him to Achilles (6);

17.873-881: suggests to Menelaus that he and Meriones lift Patroclus's corpse (9);

23.891-894: tells Odysseus to try lifting him (4).

AJAX (Oilean or Lesser)

12.289-299: with Telamonian Ajax encourages the troops not to run back to the ships (11);

13.75-86: tells Telamonian Ajax that they've just been talking to a god (12);

23.578-588: ridicules Idomeneus for being old and having poor eyesight (11);

23.963-965: comments on how Athena is always helping Odysseus (3).

ALCIMEDON

17.581-587: asks Automedon what he's doing alone in Achilles's chariot (7) .

ANDROMACHE

6.498-538: asks Hector to pity her and stay within the walls of Troy (41);

22.561-574: tells her servants her worries about Hector (14);

22.593-641: laments at the sight of Hector's corpse (49);

24.891-919: laments over the body of Hector (29).

ANTENOR

3.223-246: tells his impressions of Menelaus and Odysseus in an earlier encounter (24);

7.405-412: proposes in council that the Trojans give back Helen and her possessions (8).

ANTILOCHUS

18.21-26: informs Achilles of the death of Patroclus (6)

23.487-506: urges his horses to catch Menelaus' team. (20);

23.662-679: objects to Achilles giving away the second prize to Eumelus (18);

23.721-731: gives the prize to Menelaus and says he doesn't want to offend (11);

23.968-976: comments on how fast Odysseus and Achilles can run (9).

APHRODITE

3.435-440: in the form of a wool carder, tells Helen that Paris is in their bedroom (6);

3.463-467: threatens to punish Helen for disobedience (5);

5.424-428: begs Ares for his horses so she can go back to Olympus (5);

5.443-448: tells Dione that it was Diomedes who wounded her (6);

14.231-235: tells Hera she will do what Hera asks (5);

14.256-258: tells Hera it would be inappropriate to refuse Hera's request (3);

14.265-268: instructs Hera in how to wear her erotic charms (4).

APOLLO

4.588-593: orders the Trojan to attack the Argives, tells them Achilles is not in the battle (6);

5.522-525: shouts at Diomedes to retreat from his attack on Aeneas (4);

5.539-545: asks Ares to get Diomedes away from the battle (7);

5.550-556: tells Priam's sons to come to the help of Aeneas, under attack from Diomedes (7);

7.26-36: asks Athena why she's visiting the battle, proposes they stop the fighting for the day (11);

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- 7.44-49: proposes to Athena that they get Hector to challenge the Argives to single combat (6);
- 15.293-295: asks Hector why he's having fainting spells (3);
- 15.306-314: reassures Hector, tells him he'll smooth the horses path across the ditch (9);
- 16.824-828: shouts at Patroclus, telling him to get back from the city (5);
- 16.840-847: in form of Asius, tells Hector to attack Patroclus (8);
- 17.93-102: in the form of Mentès tells Hector not to chase Achilles's horses (10);
- 17.417-423: in the form of Periphas urges Aeneas to defend Troy (7);
- 17.713-720: in the form of Phaenops tells Hector that Podès has been killed (8);
- 20.98-101: in the form of Lycaon challenges Aeneas to fight Achilles (4);
- 20.124-132: as Lycaon encourages Aeneas to take on Achilles (9);
- 20.450-454: warns Hector not to confront Achilles directly (5);
- 21.556-562: declines Poseidon's invitation to fight (7);
- 22.9-18: tells Achilles he's been chasing a god (10);
- 24.36-65: complains to the gods about Achilles's treatment of Hector's body (30).

ARES

- 5.996-1016: complains to Zeus about Athena's conduct on the battlefield (21);
- 15.138-142: reacts to Hera's news that he favourite human son has been killed (5);
- 21.472-479: complains to Athena about her conduct (8).

ARTEMIS

- 21.567-574: chides Apollo for not fighting Poseidon (8);
- 21.617-619: tells Zeus that Hera hit her (3).

ASIUS

- 12.170-179: complains to Zeus about the two Lapiths guarding the Achaean wall (10).

ASTEROPAEUS

- 1.184-194: tells Achilles his identity before they fight (11).

ATHENA

- 1..225-234: tells Achilles not to draw his sword against Agamemnon (10);
- 2.202-213: tells Odysseus to stop the troops from getting into the ships and leaving (12);
- 4.109-122: in the form of Laodocus, tells Pandarus to shoot an arrow at Menelaus (14);
- 5.34-38: urges Ares to leave the battle with her, to avoid Zeus's anger (5);
- 5.142-151: tells Diomedes she's helping him, instruct him not to fight the gods (10);
- 5.500-506: with Hera teases Zeus about Aphrodite's wound (7);
- 5.914-930: criticizes Diomedes for not living up to his father's standard (17);
- 5.945-955: instructs Diomedes to attack Ares (11);
- 7.38-42: agrees with Apollo to stop the fighting for the day, asks him how to do that (5);
- 8.36-43: assures Zeus they know his strength, tells of her concern for the Argives (8);
- 8.416-443: complains to Hera about Zeus, tells Hera she'll arm for battle (28);
- 10.609-612: tells Diomedes to return from his night spy mission (4);
- 15.154-171: berates Ares for wanting to flout Zeus by entering the battle (18);
- 17.678-682: in the form of Phoenix tells Menelaus to stand firm by Patroclus's corpse (5);
- 21.491-497: taunts Ares after striking him with a rock (7);
- 21.514-520: cries in triumph after knocking down Aphrodite (7);
- 22.220-225: tells Zeus the gods do not approve of sparing Hector (6);
- 22.268-277: tells Achilles to rest while she gets Hector to fight (10);
- 22.283-287: in the form of Deiphobus offers to help Hector against Achilles (5);

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22.297-305: in the form of Deiphobus urges Hector to attack Achilles (9).

AUTOMEDON

17.589-595: answers Alcimedon, invites him to guide Achilles's chariot (7);
17.617-625: tells Alcimedon to keep the horses close to him in the fight (9);
17.627-635: calls to the Ajaxes and Menelaus for help against Hector and Aeneas (9);
17.658-661: boasts after killing Aretus (4).

BRISEIS

19.348-365: laments for Patroclus (18).

CALCHAS

1.78-88: requests protection from Achilles if he interprets Apollo's anger (11);
1.98-108: tells Achaeans Apollo is angry because of their treatment of Chryseis (11).

CASSANDRA

24.866-870: cries out to the city that Hector's body has returned to Troy (5).

CEBRIONES

11.589-600: tells Hector they should move to another part of the battle (12).

CHARIS

18.478-481: welcomes Thetis to her home (4);
18.486: calls out to Hephaestus to come (1).

CHRYSES

1.20-25: pleads with Menelaus and Agamemnon for the release of his daughter (6);
1.39-46: prays to Apollo to hurt the Achaeans for not giving his daughter back (8);
1.506-512: prays to Apollo to stop hurting the Achaeans (7).

DEIPHOBUS

13.490-493: boasts to the Achaeans after killing Hypsenor (4);
13.545-551: shouts to Aeneas for help fighting over the body of Alcahous (7).

DIOMEDES

4.481-489: tells Sthenelus not to quarrel with Agamemnon, who is doing what he has to do (9);
5.124-126: asks Sthenelus to pull the arrow out of his shoulder (3);
5.131-138: prays to Athena to help him kill the man who hit him with an arrow (Pandarus) (8);
5.298-326: praises Aeneas's horses, tells Sthenelus to catch them (29);
5.341-344: responds to Pandarus's joy at having hit him with a spear (4);
5.410-415: tells Aphrodite to leave the battlefield (6);
5.705-711: advises his men to fall back in the face of Hector's attack (7);
5.932-943: answers Athena's criticisms, saying he was following her instructions (12);
6.150-177: asks Glaucus who he is, says he won't fight him if he's a god (28);
6.275-295: suggests to Glaucus that they not fight but exchange presents (21);
7.470-472: urges Achaeans not to accept Paris's offer of reparations or the return of Helen (3);
8.106-111: calls to Odysseus to come with him to assist Nestor (6);
8.117-128: calls to Nestor to get in his chariot, since Nestor's horses are too slow (10);

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- 8.168-173: tells Nestor how he's afraid of being shamed if he turns back in the battle (6);
9.37-59: criticizes Agamemnon's defeatist attitude, says he's not going to return if the others do (23);
9.878-892: tells Agamemnon to forget about Achilles and to encourage the troops (15);
10.197-202: asks Nestor what he doing waking him up in the middle of the night (6);
10.261-278: volunteers for the night spy mission, asks for a partner to go with him (18);
10.288-294: says he would like Odysseus to go with him on the night spy mission (7);
10.338-351: prays to Athena for success and help on the night spy mission (14);
10.440-442: warns Dolon to stop or he'll be killed (3);
10.536-543: tells Dolon why he has to kill him (8);
11.360-363: tells Odysseus he'll stay and stand up to the Trojan attack with him. (4);
11.394-395: tells Odysseus they're about to be overwhelmed and should make a stand (2);
11.410-418: yells out to Hector after the latter recovers from being hit by Diomedes's spear (9);
11.440-451: insults Paris after being hit by his arrow, boasts about his own battle prowess (9);
14.135-161: proposes to the wounded Achaean leaders they encourage the fighting warriors (27).

DIONE

- 5.438-441: asks Aphrodite who wounded her (4);
5.450-495: reassures Aphrodite by telling her of ways in which gods have been hurt by mortals (46).

DOLON

- 10.381-391: at a meeting of Trojan volunteers for the mission to spy on the Achaeans (11);
10.449-453: begs Odysseus and Diomedes to spare his life and ransom him (5);
10.465-476: tells Odysseus the details of his spy mission (12);
10.493-505: gives Odysseus further details about the Trojan and allied army (13);
10.511-534: tells Odysseus the precise location of allied forces and the armour of king Rhesus (24).

DREAM

- 2.25-41: in form of Nestor, gives Zeus's message about capturing Troy to Agamemnon (17).

EPEIUS

- 23.824-834: states that he's going to win the boxing competition (11).

EUPHORBUS

- 17.15-22: asks Menelaus to move away from Patroclus's body, threatens to kill him (8);
17.45-56: responds to Menelaus, invites him to start fighting (12).

EURYPYLUS

- 11.662-666: calls to troops to stand by the greater Ajax (5);
11.953-968: tells Patroclus the Achaeans are in trouble, asks Patroclus for medical treatment (16).

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GLAUCUS

- 6.179-271: responds to Diomedes's question, tells about his family, including Bellerophon (93);
- 16.599-614: prays to Apollo for strength to defend Sarpedon's body (16);
- 16.625-638: tells Hector to come to the defence of Sarpedon's body (14);
- 17.180-217: tells Hector to fight for Patroclus's corpse, accuses him of being afraid to face Ajax (38) .

HECUBA

- 6.318-329: asks Hector why he is in the city, offers him wine (12);
- 22.102-111: appeals to Hector to come inside the gates (10);
- 22.538-545: laments at the sight of Hector's corpse (8);
- 24.250-271: protests to Priam about his proposed trip to the Achaean ships (22);
- 24.355-371: tells Priam to pray to Zeus and ask for a favourable omen (17);
- 24.922-934: laments over Hector's body (13).

HECTOR

- 3.38-62: insults Paris (Alexander) for not standing up to Menelaus in single combat (25);
- 3.95-106: proposes to both armies a single combat between Menelaus and Paris (12);
- 6.138-142: shouts to Trojan army to keep fighting while he goes to the city (5);
- 6.331-361: refuses Hecuba's offer of wine, tells her to assemble the women and pray to Athena (31);
- 6.402-411: insults Paris, urges him to join the fighting (10);
- 6.446-454: informs Helen he is going to visit his home, asks her to get Paris to hurry up (9);
- 6.462-466: asks his housekeeper where Andromache has gone (5);
- 6.539-573: tells Andromache he'd be shamed if he didn't keep fighting (35);
- 6.583-591: prays to Zeus that his son may be a great warrior (9);
- 6.595-605: reassures Andromache, tells her to go about her business (11);
- 6.634-646: tells Paris he's a good soldier but holds himself back too much (13);
- 7.76-105: makes a challenge to the Argives to fight someone in single combat (30);
- 7.277-290: responds to Ajax's challenge before their single combat (14);
- 7.336-354: tells Ajax he's ready to stop fighting and exchange gifts (19);
- 8.183-191: taunts Diomedes for turning back from combat (9);
- 8.199-211: shouts encouragement to the troops, urging them on (13);
- 8.213-228: urges his horses to run after Diomedes' chariot (16);
- 8.584-638: issues instructions to the army about staying out overnight on the plain (55);
- 10.361-373: at a meeting of Trojans calls for a volunteer to spy on the Achaeans (13);
- 10.393-396: says he will give Dolon Achilles's horses if he succeeds in his spy mission (4);
- 11.325-330: calls out to the troops to fight harder now Agamemnon is leaving the battle (6);
- 12.247-268: rejects Polydamas's interpretation of an omen, says they'll keep fighting (22);
- 12.486-488: shouts out to the Trojans to attack the wall and burn the ships (3);
- 13.175-180: shouts to the Trojan troop to hold their positions against Achaeans (6);
- 13.883-885: tells Polydamas to stay where he is while he organizes troops elsewhere (3);
- 13.901-907: taunts Paris, asks him where the Trojan and allied leaders are (7);
- 13.966-976: responds to a challenge of Telamonian Ajax on the battlefield (11);
- 15.297-304: gives Apollo details about how he was wounded with a rock (8);
- 15.411-415: shouts to the Trojans to charge the ships (5);
- 15.497-501: calls to the troops to rally around the corpse of Caletor (5);

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- 15.570-587: shouts out encouragement to his troops (18);
- 15.648-655: taunts Melanippus to get him to attack the Argives (8);
- 15.829-838: shouts out to the Trojans to bring fire to the ships (10);
- 16.963-978: speaks words of triumph over the dying Patroclus (16);
- 16.999-1002: tells the dead Patroclus not to predict his death (4);
- 17.219-236: responds to Glaucus's insult, tells him to observe his conduct on the battlefield (15);
- 17.238-242: shouts out to the troops that he's going to put on Patroclus's armour (5);
- 17.283-300: urges on the allied leaders to push Ajax away from Patroclus's body (18);
- 17.600-606: asks Aeneas to come with him to capture Achilles's chariot (7);
- 18.353-387: attacks Polydamas for suggesting a retreat to the city (35);
- 20.437-446: encourages his men, says he'll confront Achilles (10);
- 20.516-524: responds to Achilles's challenge on the battlefield (9);
- 22.122-164: worries about his options as Achilles approaches (43);
- 22.289-295: welcomes Athena in the form of Deiphobus (7);
- 22.309-323: tries to negotiate with Achilles before the fight (15);
- 22.350-362: challenges Achilles during their fight (13);
- 22.373-386: realizes he is about to die (14);
- 22.425-432: begs Achilles to treat his body with respect (8);
- 22.448-455: warns Achilles that his death will come soon (8).

HELEN

- 3.187-196: expresses regret about her situation to Priam, identifies Agamemnon for him (10);
- 3.219-221: identifies Odysseus for Priam (3);
- 3.252-268: identifies the greater Ajax and Idomeneus for Priam, wonders about her brothers (17);
- 3.443-461: complains to Aphrodite about her treatment, refuses to obey her (19);
- 3.480-490: criticizes Paris for not facing up to Menelaus (11);
- 6.425-444: tells Hector what a bad opinion she has of herself and her husband (Paris) (20);
- 24.938-955: lament over Hector's body (18).

HELENUS

- 6.92-126: advises Hector to rally the troops in front of the city (35);
- 7.54-61: suggests to Hector that he challenge Argives to a single combat (8).

HEPHAESTUS

- 1.644-655: tries to stop the bickering between Zeus and Hera (12);
- 1.658-669: tells his mother not to stand up to Zeus (12);
- 18.488-507: welcomes Thetis into his home, speaks of his being raised by her (20);
- 18.524-529: asks Thetis why she's come to see him (6);
- 18.577-582: tells Thetis he'll make armour for Achilles (6).

HERA

- 1.602-605: questions Zeus about his scheming with some other god (4);
- 1.615-626: tells Zeus her suspicions about his dealing with Thetis (12);
- 2.185-195: tells Athena to go down to the troops to stop them going home (11);
- 4.29-36: rejects Zeus' proposal to end the war (8);
- 4.62-82: suggests Athena gets Trojans to break the truce (21);
- 5.500-506: with Athena teases Zeus about Aphrodite's wound (7);

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- 5.820-825: complains to Athena about Ares' conduct on the battlefield (6);
5.864-873: asks Zeus if she can hurt Ares and get him out of the battle (10);
5.899-905: shouts to the Achaean army, insulting them for their lack of success (7);
8.232-240: asks Poseidon about his feelings for Achaeans and about defying Zeus (9);
8.408-414: complains to Athena about Hector's success (7);
8.497-503: remarks to Athena that they have to abandon their plan to enter the battle (7);
8.541-548: tells Zeus she'll refrain from fighting, but will give advice to the Danaans (8);
14.227-230: asks Aphrodite if she will do what she asks (4);
14.237-254: asks Aphrodite to give her erotic charms (18);
14.279-288: asks Sleep to make Zeus fall asleep, promises him a reward (10);
14.314-320: reassures Sleep, offers him Pasithea as his wife (7);
14.356-371: tells Zeus she's going to visit Oceanus (16);
14.394-405: tells Zeus that if he wants to make love they should do it in his bedroom (12);
15.44-57: swears to Zeus she had no hand in the help Poseidon is giving the Achaeans (14);
15.111-119: tells Themis not to question her (9);
15.124-135: tells the gods they are fooling to get angry at Zeus (12);
15.176-178: orders Apollo and Iris to go to Zeus on Mount Ida (2);
16.516-537: insists to Zeus that Sarpedon must die, tells him to deal properly with the body (20);
18.448-456: tells Zeus she's entitled to hurt the Trojans (9);
20.139-160: talks to the gods about interfering in the fight between Aeneas and Achilles (22);
20.371-380: tells Poseidon he'll have to save Aeneas on his own (10);
21.396-410: tells Hephaestus to burn the river Xanthus and the corpses (15);
21.454-456: orders Hephaestus to stop his fires (3);
21.504-507: orders Athena to go after Aphrodite on the battlefield (4);
21.578-588: insults and taunts Artemis (11);
24.66-77: tells gods they should not compare Achilles and Hector (12).

HERMES

- 21.600-604: declines to fight Leto (5);
24.448-461: in the form of a young man offers to protect Priam (14);
24.470-477: in the form a young man asks Priam what he's doing out at night (8);
24.482-500: tells Priam he's an Achaean warrior with Achilles (9);
24.508-523: tells Priam that Hector's body has been preserved by the gods (16);
24.536-545: declines Priam's offer of a gift, offers to guide Priam to Achilles (10);
24.566-575: reveals his identity to Priam (10);
24.842-849: warns Priam that it's time to leave Achilles's camp (8).

HIPPOLOCHUS

- 11.145-150: begs Agamemnon for his life, asking for ransom (6).

HOUSEKEEPER

- 6.468-479: tells Hector that Andromache has gone to the walls of Troy (10).

IDAIOS

- 3.277-289: tells Priam the armies are expecting him on the plain (to administer an oath) (13);
7.326-330: tells Ajax and Hector to stop their single combat (5);
7.451-467: informs the Argives of Paris' offer to give reparations, asks about a truce (17);

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24.437-442: warns Priam about the approach of Hermes (6).

IDOMENEUS

4.313-320: responds to Agamemnon, tells him to rouse other Achaeans (8);
11.576-582: tells Nestor to drive Machaon back to the ships (7);
13.258-268: tells Poseidon he doesn't know what's wrong with the Achaeans (11);
13.289-296: asks Meriones what he's doing away from the battle (8);
13.303-309: tells Meriones he has plenty of captured weapons (7);
13.321-347: praises Meriones's courage and prowess as a warrior (27);
13.367-387: tells Meriones they should rejoin the battle on the left (21);
13.442-455: taunts Othryoneus after hitting him with a spear (14);
13.524-535: boasts to Deiphobus after killing Alcahous (12);
13.568-575: shouts to Achaean leaders for help against Aeneas (8);
23.556-576: comments that Diomedes seems to be winning the chariot race (21);
23.589-596: insults Oilean Ajax for his stupidity (8).

IRIS

2.877-890: in the form of Polites, tells Priam and Hector to organize and lead out the army (14);
3.144-152: in the form of Laodice, informs Helen of the combat between Menelaus and Paris (9);
8.482-495: delivers to Hera and Athena Zeus's order to return and his threats (14);
11.227-239: gives Hector a message from Zeus (13);
15.206-218: gives Poseidon Zeus's orders to leave the battle (13);
15.242-246: asks Poseidon if he really wants to defy Zeus's order to leave the battle (5);
18.210-223: tells Achilles to do something to protect the corpse of Patroclus (14);
18.228-231: informs Achilles that Hera has sent her to him (4);
18.245-251: tells Achilles to show himself to the Trojans (7);
23.245-253: tells the winds she can't stay, passes on Achilles's prayer for a wind (9);
24.109-110: tells Thetis that Zeus is calling for her (2);
24.211-234: delivers Zeus's instructions to Priam (24).

LYCAON

21.85-114: pleads with Achilles for his life (30).

MENELAUS

3.109-125: responds to Hector's proposal of a single combat between Menelaus and Paris (17);
3.388-393: prays to Zeus that he will kill Paris as revenge for breach of hospitality (6);
3.404-409: complains to Zeus about lack of success against Paris (6);
4.217-221: tells Agamemnon his wound (an arrow from Pandarus) is not serious (5);
7.110-119: expresses his disgust that no one has accepted Hector's challenge, says he will (10);
10.40-46: asks Agamemnon why he is arming himself in the middle of the night (7);
10.72-75: asks Agamemnon how he wants him to carry out his order (4);
11.526-533: tells greater Ajax they should help out Odysseus in the battle (8);
13.728-754: complains about the Trojans after killing Peisander (27);
15.666-669: urges Antilochus to jump out and attack a Trojan (4);
17.24-43: responds to Euphorbus's threat, tells him to move back (20);
17.114-135: worries about what to do on the battlefield, decides to seek out Ajax (22);
17.152-156: calls out to Ajax to help him defend the corpse of Patroclus (5);

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- 17.684-691: answers Athena (in the form of Phoenix), wants Athena to give him strength (8);
17.814-819: issues instructions to Meriones and the Ajaxes about defending Patroclus' corpse (6);
17.833-846: instructs Antilochus to tell Achilles about the death of Patroclus (14);
17.863-871: tells the Ajaxes he's sent Antilochus to Achilles (9);
23.519-522: yells at Antilochus to race less recklessly (4);
23.534-539: swears at Antilochus for forcing him to slow down (6);
23.541-543: urges his horses to run faster (3);
23.698-720: asks Antilochus to swear he didn't cheat in the chariot race (23);
23.738-750: gives the prize back to Antilochus and commends him (13).

MENESTHEUS

- 12.372-382: sends Thoötes with a message for help to the Ajaxes (11).

MERIONES

- 13.297-301: tells Idomeneus that he's come back to get a spear (5);
13.311-319: tells Idomeneus that he has lots of spears back in his hut, but it's far away (9);
13.361-365: asks Idomeneus where they should rejoin the battle (5);
16.719-728: boasts of his own prowess to Aeneas on the battlefield (10);
17.758-760: tells Idomeneus to take a chariot back to the ships (3).

NESTOR

- 1..280-316: tries to soothe the quarrel between Achilles and Agamemnon (37);
2.95-100: responds in assembly to Agamemnon's story of his dream (6);
2.398-438: speaks to soldiers, proposes Agamemnon get the troops ready for battle (41);
2.511-517: suggests to Agamemnon that the army be assembled (7);
4.354-362: gives his soldiers advice on fighting tactics (9);
4.373-381: tells Agamemnon how old he (Nestor) is getting, not the man he used to be (9);
6.79-85: yells at the Achaeans not to stop for loot, but to keep killing (7);
7.145-194: complains that no Argive has accepted Hector's challenge (50);
7.205-209: issues instructions on how to choose the one to fight Hector (5);
7.380-400: after dinner proposes they bury the dead and build a wall (21);
8.159-166: tells Diomedes to turn back, because Zeus is giving glory to Hector (8);
8.175-179: reassures Diomedes about his reputation if he turns back (5);
9.63-97: advises Agamemnon to post sentries and then to call a meeting to discuss what to do (35);
9.115-135: in council suggests they try to persuade Achilles to return to war (21);
9.200-212: suggests the leaders who should go to Achilles to persuade him to return to war (13);
10.97-101: asks Agamemnon why he is wandering through the camp at night (5);
10.123-142: agrees to accompany Agamemnon, criticizes Menelaus (20);
10.156-159: comments on Menelaus's behaviour to Agamemnon (4);
10.173-178: tells Odysseus to join him in waking up the leaders for a meeting (6);
10.192-195: wakes up Diomedes for a meeting (4);
10.204-212: tells Diomedes to wake up Achaean leaders for a meeting (9);
10.229-231: congratulates and encourages the Achaean sentries (3);
10.242-258: asks the Achaean leaders if someone is will to go on a night spy mission (17);
10.637-644: worries that Diomedes and Odysseus may be in trouble on their night mission (8);

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- 10.649-661: welcomes Odysseus back from his night mission, asks about the horses (13);
- 11.741-931: asks Patroclus why Achilles is so angry still, tells a story of his own youth (191);
- 14.2-9: tells wounded Machaon to stay in the hut while he goes out to look around (8);
- 14.60-74: advises Agamemnon to think about what to do (15);
- 15.438-445: prays to Zeus for protection from the Trojan attack (8);
- 15.769-774: encourages the troops, tells them to remember shame (6);
- 23.368-426: gives Antilochus advice about the chariot race (59);
- 23.771-805: accepts a prize from Achilles, talks of his youthful prowess (35).

ODYSSEUS

- 1.494-499: tells Chryses the Achaeans are returning his daughter (6);
- 2.223-233: informs Achaean leaders to get their soldiers to remain in place (11);
- 2.236-243: orders individual common soldiers to obey orders and not run off to the ships (8);
- 2.291-312: silences and threatens Thersites (22);
- 2.333-393: speaks to the assembled army about the omen in Aulis and Calchas' prophecy (61);
- 4.410-417: responds to Agamemnon's criticism, tells him he's been talking nonsense (8);
- 9.273-382: outlines Agamemnon's offer Achilles, urges Achilles to return to battle (110);
- 9.853-873: tells Agamemnon that Achilles has rejected Agamemnon's offer and is going home (21);
- 10.169-171: questions Nestor why he is wandering around at night (3);
- 10.296-301: tells Diomedes not to praise or censure him in front of other Argives (6);
- 10.329-336: prays to Athena for success in the night spy mission (8);
- 10.407-415: warns Diomedes of Dolon's approach, tells him to cut him off (9);
- 10.455-463: reassures and questions Dolon (9);
- 10.478-491: questions Dolon about the state of the Trojan and allied forces (14);
- 10.507-509: asks Dolon about the location of the allied forces (3);
- 10.553-556: offers Dolon's gear to Athena as an offering (4);
- 10.570-576: tells Diomedes to kill the Thracians while he goes for the horses (7);
- 10.663-674: informs Nestor about what he and Diomedes did on their night mission (12);
- 11.355-358: calls Diomedes to stand by him in the fight (4);
- 11.460-469: worries about what he should do at a critical point in the battle (10);
- 11.498-503: tells Socus he's about to be killed (6);
- 11.508-516: exults after killing Socus (9);
- 14.100-127: severely criticizes Agamemnon for his proposal that they go home (28);
- 19.194-227: tells Achilles it's important to the soldiers to eat before battle (34);
- 19.268-293: reminds Achilles that lots of people are dying in the war (26);
- 23.949-950: prays to Athena for help during the footrace (2).

PANDARUS

- 5.115-119: shouts to Trojans that he's hit Diomedes with an arrow (5);
- 5.207-254: responds to Aeneas' request he shoot an arrow at Diomedes (48);
- 5.270-281: tells Aeneas to take the reins of the chariot, says he'll fight Diomedes (12);
- 5.330-333: challenges Diomedes on the battle field (4);
- 5.338-339: exults for having hit Diomedes with his spear. (2).

PARIS

- 3.64-84: responds to Hector's insults, volunteers for single combat against Menelaus (21);
- 3.491-503: answers Helen's criticisms, asks her to make love with him (13);

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- 6.413-422: responds to Hector's criticism, says he'll join him once he's put his armour on (10);
6.630-632: greets Hector on their way out of the city towards battle (3);
7.415-426: refuses in council to return Helen (12);
11.433-438: boasts to Diomedes after hitting him with an arrow in the foot (6);
13.909-924: responds to Hector's criticism (16).

PATROCLUS

- 11.682-683: asks Achilles why he called for him (2);
11.730-739: declines Nestor's invitation to sit, says he'll return to Achilles (10);
11.944-951: asks Eurypylus how the Achaeans will manage in the fight (8);
11.970-975: tells the wounded Eurypylus he won't leave him to suffer alone (6);
15.469-475: tells Eurypylus he has to go to Achilles (7);
16.25-58: tells Achilles the Achaeans are in trouble, asks to be allowed to go to war (34);
16.319-327: speaks to the Mysians before going into battle (9);
16.648-656: tells the two Ajaxes to fight over Sarpedon's body (9);
16.730-737: tells Meriones not to boast on the battlefield (8);
16.868-875: mocks Cebriones as he is dying (8);
16.980-993: as he is dying speaks to Hector, telling him he will not live long (14);
23.80-111: appeals as a ghost to Achilles to complete his burial (32).

PEISANDER

- 11.145-150: begs Agamemnon for his life, asking for ransom (6).

PENELEUS

- 14.585-591: boasts to Trojans after killing Ilioneus (7).

PHOENIX

- 9.542-764: urges Achilles to return to battle, tells the story of Meleager (223).

POLYDAMAS

- 12.62-83: proposes to Hector and others they should cross the ditch without their horses (22).
12.221-245: gives Hector a pessimistic interpretation of an omen (25).
13.853-879: advises Hector that he should order the Trojan forces to regroup (27).
14.530-534: exults after killing Prothoënor (5).
18.312-351: advises the Trojans to retreat to the city now that Achilles is back (40).

POSEIDON

- 7.519-529: complains to Zeus about the Achaean wall (11);
8.242-245: rejects Hera's suggestion about defying Zeus (4);
13.50-65: in the form of Calchas urges the two Ajaxes to fight (16);
13.108-145: encourages a number of Achaean leaders to hold out against Hector (38);
13.254-256: with the voice of Thoas, asks Idomeneus what's wrong with the Achaeans (3);
13.269-278: in the form of Thoas, proposes to Idomeneus that they fight as a team (10);
14.168-178: in the form of an old man reassures Agamemnon about the battle (11);
14.431-441: rallies the Achaeans, tells them he'll lead them against Hector (11);
15.219-240: complains about Zeus' orders, says he won't obey (22);
15.247-262: concedes that he'll obey Zeus, but threatens trouble if Zeus spares Troy (16);
20.17-21: asks Zeus why he's called the gods to assembly (5);

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- 20.161-174: tells Hera they should move aside and watch the battle (14);
20.349-369: talks to Hera and Athena about rescuing Aeneas (21);
20.394-403: advises Aeneas to move back from Achilles and to fight once Achilles is dead (10);
21.347-359: reassures Achilles, tells him that he and Athena will help him (13);
21.523-554: suggests to Apollo that the two of them should fight (32).

PRIAM

- 3.176-185: tells Helen she bears no blame, asks her about an Achaean warrior (Agamemnon) (10);
3.198-208: expresses his admiration for Agamemnon's magnificence (11);
3.210-217: asks Helen to identify an Achaean warrior (Odysseus) (8);
3.248-250: asks Helen to identify an Achaean warrior (the greater Ajax) (3);
3.342-347: tells the armies he is going back to Troy before the single combat (6);
7.430-444: suggests sending Idaios to the Argives with Paris's offer of reparations (15);
21.638-645: tells the gate keepers to hold the gates open (8);
22.47-96: appeals to Hector to come inside the gates (50);
22.516-535: cries out in sorrow to see Hector's corpse (20);
24.240-248: tells Hecuba Zeus's instructions to him to go to the ships (9);
24.273-285: tells Hecuba he's going to go to the ships (13);
24.296-306: complains to the Trojans bothering him, tells them to go away (11);
24.314-328: yells at his sons, says how useless they are (15);
24.373-375: tells Hecuba he'll take her advice about praying to Zeus (3);
24.382-391: prays to Zeus for a favourable omen before his journey to the ships (10);
24.462-468: welcomes Hermes in the form of a young man (7);
24.479-480: asks Hermes in disguise who he is (2);
24.502-506: questions Hermes in disguise about the state of Hector's body (5);
24.525-534: offers Hermes in disguise a gift (10);
24.596-624: pleads with Achilles for the return of Hector's body (29);
24.686-692: urges Achilles to give him Hector back quickly (7);
24.786-794: asks Achilles if he can go to bed (9);
24.813-824: gives Achilles details of Hector's funeral (12);
24.881-883: yells at the Trojan crowd to make room for the cart (3);
24.957-963: tells the Trojans to go out to collect wood (7).

SARPEDON

- 5.559-584: advises Hector to be more considerate of his allies (26);
5.754-762: responds to Tlepolemus's challenge before they fight (9);
5.790-794: asks Hector for assistance after being wounded (5);
12.332-355: evokes the warrior ethic for Sarpedon before going into battle. (24);
12.452-457: rallies his Lycians during the attack on the Achaean wall (6);
16.494-499: shouts out to the Lycians to fight, says he'll fight Patroclus (6);
16.573-584: as he is dying tells Glaucus to defend his body (13).

SCAMANDER

- 21.254-267: tells Achilles to stop killing people in the river (14);
20.277-281: cries out to Apollo, asking what he's doing (5);
21.371-389: shouts to Simoeis to attack Achilles, says he'll bury him (19);
21.427-432: cries out to Hephaestus to stop his fires burning the river (6);
21.443-452: shouts out to Hera to stop Hephaestus's fires (10).

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SLEEP

- 14.289-313: tells Hera it's too dangerous to lull Zeus asleep (25);
14.322-329: agrees to Hera's request if she will swear to give him Pasithea (8);
14.423-427: tells Poseidon he can help the Argives because Zeus is asleep (5).

SOCUS

- 11.487-491: challenges Odysseus on the battlefield (5).

STHENELUS

- 4.473-479: tells Agamemnon not to insult him and Diomedes; they are better than their fathers (7);
5.287-296: advises Diomedes to retreat before Pandarus and Aeneas (10).

TALTHYBIUS

- 4.239-243: informs Machaon that Agamemnon needs him to inspect Menelaus's wound. (5).

TEUCER

- 8.342-350: tells Agamemnon how he's been trying to hit Hector without success (9);
15.547-552: complains about his bowstring breaking (6).

THEMIS

- 15.108-110: asks Hera why she has come and wonders if Zeus has frightened her (3).

THERSITES

- 2.261-287: insults Agamemnon and criticizes the entire war. (27).

THETIS

- 1.401-403: asks Achilles why he is so upset (3);
1.461-478: agrees to intervene with Zeus, tells Achilles not to fight in the war (18);
1.560-570: pleads with Zeus to honour Achilles by giving Trojan success in battle (11);
1.574-577: asks Zeus to respond to her request (4);
18.60-78: leads her sisters in a lament for Achilles (19);
17.88-94: asks Achilles what's wrong (7);
18.118-120: reminds Achilles that he'll die soon (3);
18.159-171: tells Achilles not to fight until she brings him armour from Hephaestus (13);
18.173-179: tells her sisters to return to the ocean while she goes to Olympus (7);
18.530-575: tells Hephaestus what's happened to Achilles, asks him for armour (46);
19.8-13: tells Achilles to accept the armour of Hephaestus (6);
19.35-45: informs Achilles she will protect the corpse of Patroclus (11);
24.112-116: wonders why Zeus is summoning her (5);
24.156-170: delivers Zeus's message to Achilles, asking him to return Hector's body (15).

THOAS

- 15.340-357: suggests the best warriors band together to stop Hector (18)

THOOTES

- 12.386-398: delivers Menestheus's demand for help to the Ajaxes (13).

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TLEPOLEMUS

5.737-752: boasts of his ancestry to Sarpedon before they fight (16).

TROJAN ELDERS

3.168-174: comment on Helen's beauty. (7)

TROJAN TROOPS

3.334-339: pray to Zeus that the oaths will be kept after the single combat (6);

3.356-360: pray to Zeus before the single combat between Menelaus and Paris (5);

4.98-100: respond to Athena's arrival on the battlefield (3);

17.527-528: urge each other to keep fighting (2).

WOMEN OF TROY

6.381-387: pray to Athena for help against Diomedes (7).

XANTHUS (horse)

19.490-503: tells Achilles the horses were not responsible for Patroclus's death (14).

ZEUS

1.578-589: agrees to Thetis's request to honour Achilles by helping the Trojans (12);

1.606-613: tells Hera to mind her own business (8);

1.628-638: tells Hera, with threats, to accept that he's in charge (11);

2.9-17: issues instructions to Dream to visit Agamemnon with a message (9);

4.7-23: deliberately stirs up trouble on Olympus by suggesting an end to the war (17);

4.38-60: asks Hera why she hates the Trojans so much, demands equal concessions (23);

4.85-87: instructs Athena to get the Trojans to break the truce (3);

5.509-512: tells Aphrodite to stay away from battle and focus on love (4);

5.875-878: tells Hera to set Athena against Ares to get him out of the fight (4);

5.1018-1030: criticizes Ares for his character (and Hera, too) (13);

7.531-540: dismisses Poseidon's concerns about the Achaean wall (10);

8.6-32: forbids the gods to participate in the war, threatens them (27);

8.45-47: reassures Athena about his feelings (3);

8.465-476: orders Iris to tell Hera and Athena to come back to Olympus, threatens them (12);

8.520-535: taunts Hera and Athena, tells him what he would have done if they had disobeyed (16);

8.550-569: tells Hera what's going to happen on the battlefield in the next day (20);

11.212-222: orders Iris to go to Hector with a message (11);

14.352-354: asks Hera what she's doing away from Olympus (3);

14.372-392: Zeus asks Hera to make love, reviews his various love partners (21);

14.406-411: tells Hera not to worry about anyone seeing them make love (6);

15.15-42: expresses his anger at being deceived to Hera, reminds her of a previous punishment (28);

15.59-95: tells Hera what is going to happen in the battles coming up (37);

15.187-199: instructs Iris to go to Poseidon and order him out the battle (13);

15.266-284: orders Apollo to give Hector renewed strength after being hit by a rock (19);

16.508-515: asks Hera if he should spare Sarpedon (8);

16.776-788: tells Apollo to deal with the corpse of Sarpedon (13);

17.259-270: laments for Hector as he watches him put on Patroclus' armour (12);

17.548-564: feels sorry for Achilles's horses, says he'll give Hector strength (17);

18.444-447: speaks to Hera, says she's now got what she wanted (4);

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- 19.416-425: instructs Athena to put some nourishment in Achilles (10);
- 20.22-38: tells the gods they can join in the conflict now Achilles has returned (17);
- 21.612-615: asks Artemis who has hurt her (4);
- 22.206-218: expresses sympathy for Hector as he is being chased by Achilles (13);
- 22.227-230: tells Athena she can do what she likes with Hector and Achilles (4);
- 24.79-96: tells Hera and the gods he'll arrange for Hector to be returned (18);
- 24.128-148: orders Thetis to go to Achilles and get him to return Hector (21);
- 24.188-198: gives Iris instructions to take to Priam (11);
- 24.413-419: orders Hermes to accompany Priam to the Achaean ships (7).

SOME COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE LIST

1. There are 81 speakers in the poem, who deliver 684 speeches, with a total of 9196 lines (this line total includes three speeches, totalling fourteen lines, which are counted twice, because they are spoken simultaneously by the Trojan and Achaean troops, and another speech of 11 lines, also counted twice because it is spoken by both Ajaxes). The spoken dialogue in this reckoning accounts for about 49.7 percent of the poem, a figure that is somewhat higher than the conventional figure of 45 percent for the Greek, because of the above-mentioned repetition and the inclusion of partial lines as complete lines (which are quite frequent in the translation used) and because the speeches in the Johnston translation are written more or less as pentameters, with ten syllables per line, whereas, the descriptive passages which are not spoken are written more or less as hexameters. Thus, the speeches tend to take up a disproportionate number of lines.

2. Ten speakers (Achilles, Agamemnon, Nestor, Hector, Zeus, Odysseus, Hera, Diomedes, Priam, and Poseidon) account for 57 percent of the speeches and 59 percent of the lines of spoken verse. The first twenty speakers (the above ten along with Menelaus, Phoenix, Athena, Greater Ajax, Thetis, Glaucus, Apollo, Idomeneus, Patroclus, and Andromache) account for 76 percent of the speeches and 78 percent of the lines of spoken verse.

3. The longest speech is the one by Phoenix in Book Nine, 223 lines. Since that's his only speech, he also has the highest average length of speech.

4. The ranking according to the number of lines of spoken verse is as follows (partial lines count as complete lines in the total):

- Achilles (87 speeches, 1281 lines)
- Agamemnon (46 speeches, 724 lines)
- Nestor (32 speeches, 685 lines)
- Hector (49 speeches, 677 lines)
- Zeus (38 speeches, 489 lines)
- Odysseus (26 speeches, 441 lines)
- Hera (32 speeches, 327 lines)
- Diomedes (27 speeches, 297 lines)
- Priam (25 speeches, 283 lines)
- Poseidon (16 speeches, 237 lines)
- Menelaus (22 speeches, 227 lines)
- Phoenix (1 speech, 223 lines)
- Athena (20 speeches, 198 lines)
- Telamonian Ajax (19 speeches, 182 lines)

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Thetis (14 speeches, 168 lines)
Glaucus (4 speeches, 161 lines)
Apollo (19 speeches, 156 lines)
Idomeneus (12 speeches, 152 lines)
Patroclus (12 speeches, 147 lines)
Andromache (4 speeches, 133 lines)
Aeneas (6 speeches, 130 lines)
Iris (12 speeches, 128 lines)
Polydamas (5 speeches, 119 lines)
Helen (7 speeches, 98 lines)
Sarpedon (7 speeches, 89 lines)
Hecuba (6 speeches, 82 lines)
Paris (7 speeches, 81 lines)
Hermes (8 speeches, 80 lines)
Pandarus (5 speeches, 71 lines)
Dolon (5 speeches, 65 lines)
Antilochus (5 speeches, 64 lines)
Hephaestus (5 speeches, 56 lines)
Scamander (5 speeches, 54 lines)
Dione (2 speeches, 50 lines)
Helenus (2 speeches, 43 lines)
Idaios (4 speeches, 41 lines)
Achaean Troops (9 speeches, 40 lines)
Sleep (3 speeches, 38 lines)
Oilean Ajax (4 speeches, 37 lines)
Aphrodite (7 speeches, 34 lines)
Ares (3 speeches, 34 lines)
Agenor (2 speeches, 32 lines)
Antenor (2 speeches, 32 lines)
Meriones (5 speeches, 32 lines)
Lycaon (1 speech, 30 lines)
Automedon (4 speeches, 29 lines)
Thersites (1 speech, 27 lines)
Calchas (2 speeches, 22 lines)
Chryses (3 speeches, 21 lines)
Eurypylos (2 speeches, 21 lines)
Euphorbus (2 speeches, 20 lines)
Briseis (1 speech, 18 lines)
Thoas (1 speech, 18 lines)
Dream (1 speech, 17 lines)
Sthenelus (2 speeches, 17 lines)
Tlepolemus (1 speech, 16 lines)
Trojan Troops (4 speeches, 16 lines)
Teucer (2 speeches, 15 lines)
Xanthus (horse) (1 speech, 14 lines)
Thootes (1 speech, 13 lines)
Cebriones (1 speech, 12 lines)
Artemis (2 speeches, 11 lines)
Asteropaeus (1 speech, 11 lines)
Deiphobus (2 speeches, 11 lines)
Epeius (1 speech, 11 lines)

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Menestheus (1 speech, 11 lines)
Asius (1 speech, 10 lines)
Housekeeper (1 speech, 10 lines)
Acamas (1 speech, 9 lines)
Alcimedon (1 speech, 7 lines)
Peneleus (1 speech, 7 lines)
Trojan Elders (1 speech, 7 lines)
Women of Troy (1 speech, 7 lines)
Hippolochus (1 speech 6 lines)
Peisander (1 speech, 6 lines)
Adrestus (1 speech, 5 lines)
Cassandra (1 speech, 5 lines)
Charis (2 speeches, 5 lines)
Socus (1 speech, 5 lines)
Talthybius (1 speech, 5 lines)
Themis (1 speech, 3 lines).