Odyssey Monster Guide

Odysseus met many monsters on his way home. For each one, write where he met it, what it did, and how he got away.

Monster	Where Odysseus met it	What it did	How he got away
Polyphemus the Cyclops			
The Laestrygonians (giants at the harbor)			
The Sirens			
Scylla			
Charybdis			

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Polyphemus: in his cave on the island of the one-eyed giants. He trapped the men with a huge rock at the door and ate some of them. Odysseus got him drunk on wine, said his name was Nobody, blinded his one eye with a sharp stake, and the men rode out under the sheep. The Laestrygonians (giants at the harbor): a harbor with high cliffs all around it. They threw boulders down from the cliffs and smashed every ship in the harbor. Odysseus had tied his ship outside, so he cut the rope and his men rowed away. The Sirens: on their island, by rocks covered in broken ships. They sang a lovely song that makes sailors steer onto the rocks. The men put wax in their ears, and Odysseus was tied to the mast. Scylla: in a cave high on a cliff, on one side of a narrow strait. Her six heads on long necks snatched six men from the ship. The men rowed hard past her cliff and did not stop. Charybdis: on the other side of the same strait. A whirlpool that sucks down the sea and swallows ships. Odysseus steered close to Scylla's cliff to stay away from it. Charybdis: in the full Odyssey he also passes her a second time and saves himself by grabbing a fig tree; accept that answer too.