



Oedipus, King of Thebes

by Sophocles · Best for B2–C1 (Upper intermediate–Advanced)

Read-along audiobook · B2–C1

This is E. F. Watling's readable translation of Sophocles's tragedy, set in ancient Thebes. Oedipus is a confident king who sets out to find the source of a plague and discovers, step by step, a truth about his own past that he cannot escape. The language is clear for a translation, but the structure — chorus, dialogue, messenger speeches — takes some getting used to.

What you'll practise

- Formal rhetorical questions and commands in dramatic dialogue
- Vocabulary of prophecy, fate, and royal court ceremony
- Following argument and counter-argument between two speakers
- Read along as each line is highlighted to catch the rhythm of speech

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