

## Sources Cited in the Episode + vocabulary key

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### Vocab and notes

1. **Kaunos**: An ancient city in what is now southwestern Turkey.
2. **Ptolemaic Egypt**: The period when Egypt was ruled by the Greek Ptolemaic dynasty after Alexander the Great's death.
3. **Apollinas**: The finance minister of Ptolemy II and Zenon's employer.
4. **Ptolemy II Philadelphos**: A king of Egypt during the Ptolemaic period, known for expanding the library of Alexandria and administrative reforms.
5. **Philadelphia**: An ancient town in Egypt's Fayum region, not the U.S. city.
6. **Fayum**: A rich agricultural area in Egypt where Zenon managed a large estate.
7. **Simale**: The woman who wrote the petition letter about her son's abuse.
8. **Hierophantus**: Simale's son, who was allegedly beaten while working in another household.
9. **Olympicus**: The man accused of mistreating Hierophantus; possibly a supervisor or guard.
10. **Petition**: A formal request to a person in power, usually written and structured.
11. **Orthography**: The correct spelling system of a language.
12. **Morphology**: The structure and form of words in a language.
13. **Syntax**: The way words and phrases are arranged to form sentences.

14. **Artabas:** An ancient unit of measurement for grain, roughly 30–40 liters.
15. **Monotheistic:** Belief in only one god.
16. **Polytheistic:** Belief in many gods.
17. **Ethos:** Persuasion by appealing to character or credibility.
18. **Pathos:** Persuasion by appealing to emotions.
19. **Logos:** Persuasion by appealing to logic or reason.
20. **Retinue:** A group of people, like assistants or followers, accompanying someone important.

**Notes:**

1. **Zenon:** A Greek immigrant to Ptolemaic Egypt and the central figure in a massive collection of ancient documents (the Zenon archive).
2. **Agreophon:** Zenon's father.
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7. **Month Distros:** A month name from the ancient calendar (likely Greek or Egyptian).