

PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA

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Apollo Speaks

The Priestess sat on a three-legged chair on top of a very large rock. King Acrisius of Argos stood at the bottom of the rock, waiting to ask her a question. He knew that he must wait for her to speak to him first. She sat with her hands on her knees and her eyes closed. When she spoke, she did not open her eyes.

“You have come here for a truthful answer to a question that you have. Apollo, the god of light, only knows the truth, and through me he will speak to you. What is it you wish to know?”

“My wife, the Queen of Argos, and I would like another child. We have a daughter, Danae, but we would like a son. Can you tell me, will we have a son who will one day be a king?”

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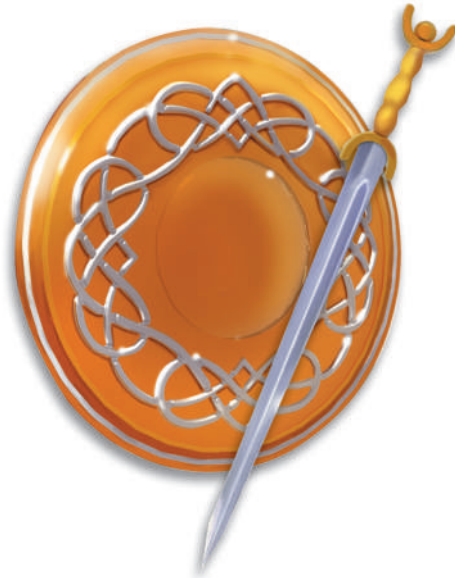
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“The only way to stop this from happening is to kill your daughter. You cannot have someone do it for you. You must do it yourself.”

“But the gods will not like this. They punish those who kill their own family.”

“You have asked a question, and Apollo has given his answer. The rest is for you to decide.”

The King left the Priestess more unhappy than before he arrived. He wanted a son more than anything. He did not love his daughter, but he could not kill her because he was afraid of the gods. The only thing he could do was to stop her from ever meeting another man who would give her a son. But how? She was a very beautiful girl. He thought and he thought, until he finally found the answer.



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COMPONENTS:

- ◆ Reader
- ◆ Activity Book
- ◆ Teacher’s Book
- ◆ Audio CD



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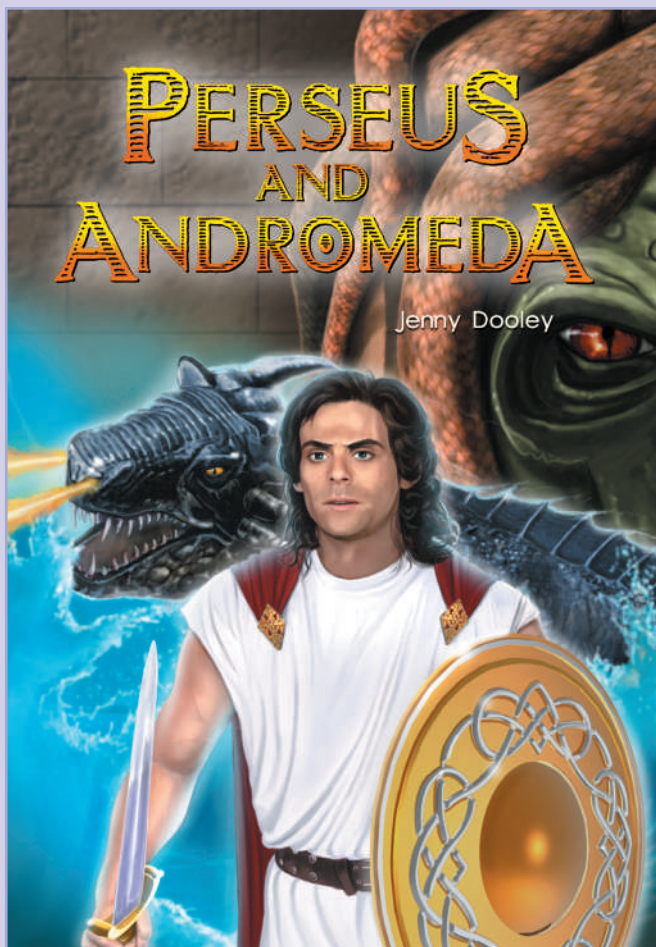


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Activity Book



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Lesson 6

Chapter 6

The Helmet, the Sack and the Sandals

I. Listening



Listen to the recording and tick (✓) True or False.

- 1 Large black clouds surrounded Hermes and Perseus.
- 2 The young women were wearing white dresses and no shoes.
- 3 Perseus could fly because of his new helmet.
- 4 The sack was to carry the Gorgon's head in.
- 5 The people put food and wine into the sack.

True	False

II. Comprehension questions

- 1 What were the men and women doing when Perseus and Hermes arrived?
- 2 What were the young women doing?
- 3 How was Perseus able to fly?
- 4 What would happen if a man looked at the Gorgons?
- 5 What happened when Perseus put on the helmet?
- 6 What kind of sack did the Nymphs give to Perseus?
- 7 What happened when they put things inside the sack?
- 8 How would Perseus and Hermes leave the place?

III. Topics for discussion

- 1 What other mythical creatures can you think of? What do you know about them?
- 2 What's the nicest gift you've ever received?
- 3 What's your favourite/least favourite way of travelling?
- 4 If you could become invisible, where would you go? What would you do?

IV. Activities

A *Make a list of things you would take with you on a long journey.*

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B *Now, look at the glossary for Chapter 6. Use at least 10 words from it to write a story of between 60 and 80 words, titled:*

“A Sea Journey”

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Vocabulary Exercises

I. Find two words in the box related to each of the ones in the list below.

carry rock travel red direction golden cap
 enjoy wide hat hold merry fit climb

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|---|----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | journey | <i>e.g. travel</i> | |
| 2 | mountain | | |
| 3 | cheer | | |
| 4 | size | | |
| 5 | helmet | | |
| 6 | grab | | |
| 7 | purple | | |

II. What's the word?

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|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | You cannot see it.
..... | benivisil |
| 2 | We use it to put things in.
..... | caks |
| 3 | To give freely.
..... | foref |
| 4 | We walk on it.
..... | dnogur |
| 5 | One single object.
..... | miet |
| 6 | Right now.
..... | lmidatmeyie |



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