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Perseus is a Greek hero who lives on an island with his family. On a nearby island lives Medusa. Medusa is a female monster with hair made of snakes. She is very dangerous^{1.} When anyone looks upon her ugly face, they turn to stone. Many young men try to kill her. But they all _____^{2.} because they do not turn their eyes away. They all lose their lives. One day, the king of the land asks Perseus to go on a _____^{3.} to bring back the head of Medusa. Perseus does not want to leave the _____^{4.} of his home and family. But he decides to say yes. For Perseus, this is a(n) _____^{5.} to show his power as a young man.

On the road to find Medusa, Perseus meets two _____^{6.} who will help him. First, he meets the god Hermes. Hermes gives him _____^{7.} shoes with wings. With these shoes, Perseus can fly. Second, he meets Athena, the goddess of war. She gives him a shield¹ to _____^{8.} himself. How can Perseus kill Medusa without looking at her? Perseus is a(n) _____^{9.} young man. He uses the shoes to fight Medusa from the air. He uses the shield as a mirror to see Medusa, so he can cut off her head without looking directly at her. They start to fight. Medusa _____^{10.}. She cannot win. In the end, Perseus _____^{11.} Medusa and _____^{12.}.

On the trip home, Perseus meets and falls in love with Andromeda, his true love. Together they return to the king with Medusa's head in a bag. Perseus' _____^{13.} is over—the monster is dead and he has his _____^{14.}, Andromeda. Perseus' whole community is _____^{15.} his success when he becomes king.