

# 3 FOCUS ON WRITING

## VOCABULARY

### REVIEW

Complete the tale of Perseus with the words from the box.

adventure	defeats	journey	opportunity	struggles
affected by	fail	magic	protect	succeeds
<b>dangerous</b>	intelligent	mentors	safety	treasure

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**.  
When anyone looks upon her ugly face, they turn to stone. Many young men try to kill her. But they all \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ to bring back the head of Medusa. Perseus does not want to leave the \_\_\_\_\_ of his home and family. But he decides to say yes. For Perseus, this is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to show his power as a young man.

On the road to find Medusa, Perseus meets two \_\_\_\_\_ who will help him. First, he meets the god Hermes. Hermes gives him \_\_\_\_\_ shoes with wings. With these shoes, Perseus can fly. Second, he meets Athena, the goddess of war. She gives him a shield<sup>1</sup> to \_\_\_\_\_ himself. How can Perseus kill Medusa without looking at her? Perseus is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_. She cannot win. In the end, Perseus \_\_\_\_\_. Medusa and \_\_\_\_\_.

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' \_\_\_\_\_ is over—the monster is dead and he has his \_\_\_\_\_, Andromeda. Perseus' whole community is \_\_\_\_\_ his success when he becomes king.

<sup>1</sup> **shield:** a large piece of metal, wood, or other material used to protect a soldier from attack

