The Myth of Perseus and Medusa

Do you know about Pegasus, the famous Greek horse *with* wings? Do you know how Pegasus was created? His story is linked to the myth of Perseus and Medusa.

Perseus was the son of princess Danae of Argos and Zeus, the god of the sky and ruler of all the Olympian gods. Perseus was given an important mission *on* a bright Sunday morning: he had to kill Medusa. If you looked at her, you turned *into* stone. Perseus had to kill her *without* looking at her. He could kill her *with* the right weapons. He got a mirrored shield, winged sandals, a powerful sword, and an invisibility helmet from the gods. He left *at* noon on the following day. He flew to the end of the world *with* the winged sandals. He saw a hidden cave *between* two mountains. He found Medusa *in* this cave. She could not see him, because he was protected *by* the invisibility helmet. He saw her reflection *on* the mirrored shield, and he cut off her head *with* his mighty sword. Pegasus was born from the blood of Medusa *after* her death. Perseus found him *at* the entrance of the cave. Pegasus and Perseus flew back to Greece, and Perseus became a famous hero. He was given a medal *at* sunset. There was a huge celebration *in* the king's palace. Perseus killed Medusa *by* using his intelligence and powerful weapons. He could not have accomplished this important mission *without* the special weapons of the gods.

- Perseus is one of the many heroes from Greek mythology. As you can see, Greek myths always include the help of Greek gods. Read the following sentences and decide if they are True or False.

1. Perseus was given an important mission *on* a bright Sunday morning: to kill Medusa.

○ True   ○ False

1/1 🗑   Check

2. Perseus had to kill her *without* looking at her.

○ True   ○ False

1/1 🗑   Check

3. He left *at* midnight *on* the following day.

○ True   ○ False

1/1 🗑   Check

4. He flew to the end of the world *with* Pegasus.

◯ True   ◯ False

1/1 🗑   Check

5. He saw a hidden temple *between* two mountains.

◯ True   ◯ False

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6. He saw her reflection *on* the mirrored shield, and he cut off her head *with* his mighty sword.

◯ True   ◯ False

1/1 🗑   Check

7. Pegasus was born from the blood of Medusa *before* her death.

◯ True   ◯ False

1/1 🗑   Check

8. Perseus killed Medusa *by* using his intelligence and powerful weapons.

◯ True   ◯ False

1/1 🗑   Check

• Read the following sentences and choose the statement that best describes the use of the preposition in the sentence. Only one option is possible.

1. In the sentence "Perseus left *at* noon on the following day," the preposition *at*...

○ is used to describe an object's position.

○ is used to describe a manner.

○ is used to describe an action.

○ is used to show a specific time of the day.

2. In the sentence "Perseus found Medusa *in* this cave," the preposition *in*...

○ means "next to."

○ means that something is to the left or right.

○ describes an action.

○ shows the place where something is.

3. In the sentence "Perseus killed Medusa *by* using his powerful weapons,"

the preposition *by*...

◯ is used to describe a manner.

◯ is used to show time.

◯ is used to describe movement.

◯ is used to describe an object's position.

1/1 🗑   Check

• Do you know about Hades, the Greek god of the underworld? He gave Perseus the invisibility helmet. You will now read a short text about this mysterious god. Drag and drop the preposition that best completes the text.

Hades, the Ruler of the Underworld

Where do we go when we leave this world? The Greeks believed that we went to the underworld, a place located _____ our world. Hades is the god of this vicinity. Hades is never seen _____ Cerberus, his guardian dog. He prevented people from leaving the underworld.

People needed to cross the Styx, a river that divided our world and the underworld. They traveled _____ ferry, and Charon was the ferryman who took people across the river. He lived in a small cottage _____ two old trees by the beach. They said he would always leave _____ midnight. He would rest _____ Tuesdays, and people needed to wait for him at the beach.

The Ancient Greeks feared Hades so much that they rarely said his name. Instead, they called him Pluton, a Greek word that means 'rich.' Hades lived _____ a very rich palace in the underworld. It was filled with precious stones and metals.

by	without	under
at	on	in

between

Greek mythology is filled with fantastic stories about how the world was created, the adventures of brave heroes, and the natural order of things. Do you know any other myths? Would you like to find out more about them?

Why are prepositions important? How many prepositions do you know in English?