

# 3 FOCUS ON WRITING

## VOCABULARY

### REVIEW

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

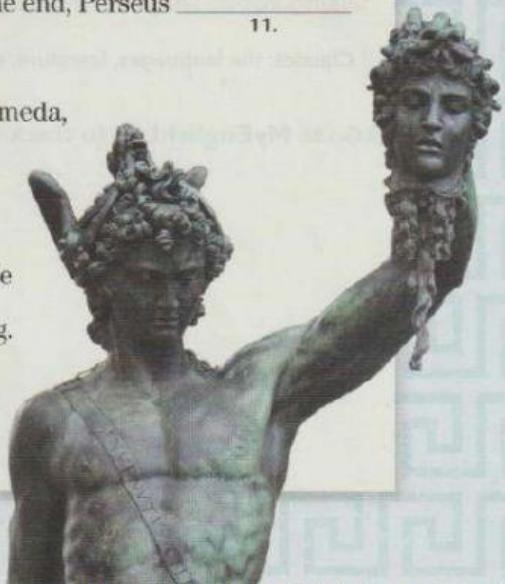
adventure	defeats	journey	opportunity	struggles
affected by	fail	magic	protect	succeeds
<b>dangerous</b>	intelligent	mentors	safety	treasure

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



**EXPAND**

STANDARD

1 Complete the chart with the correct word forms. Some categories have more than one form. Use a dictionary if necessary. An X indicates that there is no form in the category.

	<b>NOUN</b>	<b>VERB</b>	<b>ADJECTIVE</b>	<b>ADVERB</b>
1.	defeat		a. defeated b. defeating	X
2.		X	dangerous	dangerously
3.	failure		a. failed b. failing	failingly
4.	magic	X	a. magical b. magic	magically
5.	a. protection b. protector	protect		protectively
6.	safety		safe	
7.		succeed	successful	

2 Complete each sentence using the correct form of the word in parentheses.

- Thor, a superhero, has a \_\_\_\_\_ hammer.  
(magic)
- Katniss Everdeen is very \_\_\_\_\_ of her younger sister, Primrose.  
(protect)
- Perseus comes \_\_\_\_\_ close to looking at the face of Medusa and turning to stone.  
(danger)
- Harry Potter \_\_\_\_\_ completes the challenges in the basement of Hogwarts.  
(success)
- Robin Hood \_\_\_\_\_ rescues Maid Marion from the King's men.  
(safety)
- The Iron Giant \_\_\_\_\_ to hide himself in the junk yard.  
(failure)
- Lord Voldemort tries to \_\_\_\_\_ Harry Potter, but he \_\_\_\_\_.  
(defeat)