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Apollo and Cassandra

In ancient Greece there were many temples built for Apollo. He was the god of youth, beauty, music and poetry. Besides, Apollo had one very special skill — he could see the future. The Temple in Troy was one of the _____GREAT___ of all Apollo's Temples. One day, having nothing better to do, Apollo came to the temple in Troy.

Among other _____WOMAN___ he saw Cassandra, a young and beautiful priestess, who worked at the temple. Apollo _____IMPRESS___ by her grace. The minute Apollo saw Cassandra, he _____FALL___ in love. It was love at first sight. Apollo offered her a deal. He would give Cassandra the gift of being able to see the future, if she gave him a kiss. Cassandra agreed. With a laugh, Apollo gave her the gift, _____DREAM___ about the reward. Instantly, Cassandra could see the future. She saw Apollo, in the future, helping the Greeks destroy Troy. When Apollo bent his head to gently kiss her, she angrily spat in his face. Apollo got very angry. He _____NOT/CAN___ take away his gift, but he was able to add to it. So, whatever Cassandra said, no one would believe her. That was his second gift. When Cassandra begged her people in Troy to watch out for the Trojan horse, they _____NOT/BELIEVE___ her. And that was the end of Troy.

Minotaur

The legends of ancient Greece tell us about the half man-half bull called the Minotaur. People were afraid of this strange and terrible beast _____LIVE___ in a deep, dark Labyrinth on the island of Crete. The Labyrinth _____DESIGN___ by the cunning and ingenious mind of Daedalus.Daedalus was a brilliant architect and inventor – in fact, he was so brilliant that King Minos of Crete _____NOT/WANT___ to let him go back to his home in Athens. Instead, he _____KEEP___ him as a prisoner. Daedalus lived with his son Icarus in a tower of the palace, and King Minos made him invent weapons of war that would make his army and navy even _____POWERFUL___ than they already were. Although Daedalus and Icarus had every comfort that they _____CAN___ ask for, the father longed to return home to Athens. Icarus hardly remembered his city, but he too wanted to leave, because he longed to run and play in the open, rather than be in a tower all day. Daedalus looked out over the waves of the sea, and he realised that even if they managed to slip out of the tower and find a little boat, they would not be able to sail far. One of King Minos's _____SEAMAN___ would spot and catch them very soon.

A phone call

Among the e-mails waiting for me at work one morning was one from a member of my staff. It was sent from his personal e-mail address and there was only his home phone number. Thinking something was wrong, I immediately called _____HE___.

A sleepy female voice answered and told me he was at work and _____COME___ home late in the evening.

The _____BAD___ moment was when I remembered that I had recently asked staff members to give me their home numbers. I went right down to the employee's office to apologize for my call. _____LATE___, however, he thanked me. I had awakened his daughter, who had an exam that morning but had forgotten to set her alarm. Thanks to my call, she hadn't missed the exam.

New Seven Wonders of the World: Machu Picchu

Machu Picchu, often called «The Lost City of the Incas», is probably the most famous symbol of the Incan Empire. Machu Picchu is situated 7,875 _____FOOT___ above sea level in Peru.Machu Picchu _____BUILD___ around the year 1460 by the Inca as a secret ceremonial city, very well hidden and protected.The ruins of Machu Picchu were rediscovered in 1911 by an American archaeologist. Since then, Machu Picchu _____BECOME___ an important tourist attraction. Thousands of visitors come here every year to admire its wonders.