

adventure	defeats	journey	opportunity	struggles
affected by	fail	magic	protect	succeeds
dangerous	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**^{1.}. 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.
^{2.} 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 _____
^{3.} of his home and family. But he decides to say yes. For Perseus, this is a(n) _____
^{4.} to show his power as a young man.
^{5.}

On the road to find Medusa, Perseus meets two _____ who will help him. First,
^{6.} 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 _____. She cannot win. In the end, Perseus _____
^{10.}
^{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.

