



1 Read about a hero from Greek mythology.

It's a Fact!

Lots of words in English come from the Greek language: telephone, athlete, history and geography are all words you know.

Many stories that are still famous today about heroes and monsters came from Ancient Greece, including the story of Medusa.

Medusa was a monster who lived in a cave. She had snakes on her head. When people looked at her, they turned into stone.



The King sent Perseus, a young man, to find Medusa and kill her. Perseus was very smart. He went to the cave with a sword and a shield. He didn't look at Medusa directly. He looked at her reflection in his shield and he cut off her head with his sword.



From her neck appeared a beautiful white horse with golden wings called Pegasus. Perseus returned to the King, riding Pegasus, and took Medusa's head to him.

2 Find and write.

- 1 Did Medusa have hair?
- 2 Why was Medusa dangerous?
- 3 Why was Perseus smart?