

I Put the verbs in THE PAST TENSE to complete the text.

## PANDORA'S BOX

In Ancient Greece there \_\_\_\_\_ (live) two brothers named Epimetheus and Prometheus. They \_\_\_\_\_ (neg. care) much about the gods. They often \_\_\_\_\_ (upset) Zeus, the most powerful of all the gods. To teach them a lesson, Zeus \_\_\_\_\_ (take) from the humans the ability to make fire. But Prometheus \_\_\_\_\_ (be) clever and he \_\_\_\_\_ (know) where to find fire. He \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the Isle of Lemnos and \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) fire from Hephaestus, the blacksmith. This time Zeus \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) that the humans \_\_\_\_\_ (have) to be punished once and for all for their lack of respect.



He \_\_\_\_\_ (come) up with a clever plan. He \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) other gods for help, too. Hephaestus \_\_\_\_\_ (help) him to create a woman from clay. The goddess Athene \_\_\_\_\_ (breathe) life into the clay. Aphrodite \_\_\_\_\_ (make) the woman very beautiful while Hermes \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) her how to be charming. Zeus \_\_\_\_\_ (call) her Pandora. Then he \_\_\_\_\_ (send) her as a gift to Epimetheus. Prometheus \_\_\_\_\_ (warn) his brother not to take any gifts from Zeus but Epimetheus \_\_\_\_\_ (like) Pandora very much. He \_\_\_\_\_ (think) that he was the luckiest person in the world. So Epimetheus and Pandora \_\_\_\_\_ (get) married.

Zeus \_\_\_\_\_ (give) Pandora a wedding gift. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a beautiful box. But he \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) her not to open the box. Since she was very curious, Pandora \_\_\_\_\_ (neg. can) stop thinking about the box. Finally, she \_\_\_\_\_ (open) it. What a disappointment! There \_\_\_\_\_ (neg. be) any gold in it. There \_\_\_\_\_ (neg. be) any other valuable things in the box. How \_\_\_\_\_ Pandora \_\_\_\_\_ (feel)? First she \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) cheated. Then she \_\_\_\_\_ (become) horrified.

Zeus had packed the box full of all the terrible evils. Out \_\_\_\_\_ (come) sadness, pain, poverty, disease, misery and death, all in the form of tiny buzzing moths. They \_\_\_\_\_ (sting) Pandora again and again. She \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) in pain and \_\_\_\_\_ (slam) the lid shut. Epimetheus \_\_\_\_\_ (rush) to the room to help her. He \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Pandora crying in pain. She \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) what had happened. Then they \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a voice calling from the box. It \_\_\_\_\_ (beg) them to let it out. They \_\_\_\_\_ (neg. know) what to do. However, they \_\_\_\_\_ (realise) nothing \_\_\_\_\_ (can) be worse than the horrors that had already been let out. Pandora \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the lid. A beautiful dragonfly \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) out of the box. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Hope.



2 Practise reading the story. Copy the names in your notebook. Look them up and copy the pronunciation next to them.

3 Complete the questions in THE PAST SIMPLE.  
Then answer them.

1 Where                    Prometheus and Epimetheus  
                    
                    
                  

2 Who                    (be) the most  
powerful god of all?

                    
                  

3 Why                    Zeus (be) angry with them?

                    
                  

4 How                    he first                    (try)  
to teach them a lesson?

                    
                  

5 Who                    (keep) fire?

                    
                  

6 What                    Prometheus                    (do)?

                    
                  

7 How                    Zeus                    (react)?

                    
                  

4 Write the appropriate questions for the  
answers.

1 What                     
                    
Zeus created a woman.

2 Who                     
                    
Hephaestus helped him.

3 What                     
                    
They used clay.

4 Who                     
                    
The goddess Athene breathed life into the clay.

5 What                     
                    
The woman looked beautiful.

6 What                     
                    
Zeus called the woman Pandora.

7 Who                     
                    
He sent her as a gift to Epimetheus.

5 Do you like the story? Why?/Why not? Write your answer in your notebook.