

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
_____ (live)?

- 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.