



# The Lost Myth Of Mathos: Chapter 2

## Teacher Resource Pack

### Online Activities

There are 5 multiple choice questions that can be completed using our readymade 2DIY activity. These can be completed individually by the children using iPads, computers or laptops or can be completed as a group on the whiteboard, like a quiz show. There is a link to the activity at the end of the chapter, which will open the quiz directly.

In the writing activity at the end of the chapter, the children write about the magical experience of taking a ride on a mythical creature.

### Classroom Activities

There is a range of multiple-choice and open-ended spelling and grammar questions that can be printed and completed in class or as homework.



# Comprehension Exercise

## Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which of the following words would not be used to describe Perseus?
  - a Bold
  - b Cowardly
  - c Self-assured
  - d Courageous
  - e Charismatic
  
2. Who did Perseus kill?
  - a Athena
  - b Medusa
  - c Sarien
  - d Pegasus
  - e Mathos
  
3. Why did Mathos feel so secure as he rode Pegasus?
  - a Because he was wearing a safety harness.
  - b Because he was strapped on tightly.
  - c Because Pegasus was so powerful.
  - d Because he was such a confident rider.
  - e Because he felt like he was stuck to his back by magic.
  
4. What was so repulsive about the giant's breath?
  - a It smelt of rotten fish.
  - b It smelt of rotten flesh.
  - c It smelt of rotten eggs.
  - d It smelt of mouldy onions.
  - e It smelt of horse manure.



5. Why didn't Mathos speak to the giant?

- a He didn't know what to say.
- b They didn't speak the same language.
- c He couldn't get a word in edgeways.
- d He thought that the giant looked too sad to have a conversation.
- e He felt too scared to speak.

### Story Sequencing Question

Put these events in the order in which they happened in the story, numbering them from 1 to 5. The first one has been done for you.

Pegasus was trapped under a giant's net.

He regaled everyone with tales of his adventures.

Mathos slipped outside to go and take a ride on Pegasus.

Perseus entertained the people who were packed into the villa.

He enjoyed a magical ride through the night sky.

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## Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

1. Look at the sentence below. Which word has a **silent letter** and what is the silent letter?

The giant, a great gnarly beast with scaly skin and snake-like fangs, hooked his huge arm round Pegasus, scooping him up.

The word that is a silent letter is \_\_\_\_\_.

The silent letter is \_\_\_\_ .

2. Which of the following phrases is an **adverbial of time**? Tick **one** box.

Phrase	Adverbial of time
While other slaves bustled about,	
As I went round filling jars and cups with wine,	
A few moments later,	
Terrifying though he was,	

3. Complete the table below.

Active voice	Passive voice
	The gate of his stall was opened by the boy.
The boy rode Pegasus into the night sky.	
	They had been trapped under a net by the giant.



4. Look at the sentence below. Write a synonym that could be used in place of each underlined word.

Pegasus' huge wings thrashed at the net and his hooves pounded the earth.

5. Rewrite the sentence below so that it is in Standard English.

I weren't very scared because I knew that Pegasus would look after me.



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## Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (with answers)

1. Look at the sentence below. Which word has a **silent letter** and what is the silent letter?

The giant, a great gnarly beast with scaly skin and snake-like fangs, hooked his huge arm round Pegasus, scooping him up.

The word that has a silent letter is gnarly.

The silent letter is **g**.

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3. Complete the table below.

Active voice	Passive voice
<u>The boy opened the gate of his stall.</u>	The gate of his stall was opened by the boy.
The boy rode Pegasus into the night sky.	<u>Pegasus was ridden into the night sky by the boy.</u>
<u>The giant had trapped them under a net.</u>	They had been trapped under a net by the giant.





4. Look at the sentence below. Write a synonym that could be used in place of each underline word.

Pegasus' huge wings smacked thrashed at the net and his hooves thumped pounded the earth.

5. Rewrite the sentence below so that it is in Standard English.

I weren't very scared because I knew that Pegasus would look after me.

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## Open-Ended Questions

1. What did Sariena ask Mathos to do?
2. Look at the first paragraph in the chapter. Find and copy two words or phrases that show that the villa was very crowded.
3. *Pegasus needed a drink. I slid to the ground, my faced locked in a grin that I thought would never leave me.*  
Why was the boy so elated at this point in the story?
4. Perseus is not a very confident man. Using evidence from this chapter, prove that this statement is false.
5. *...the giant held me up before his wide, lizardy eyes. I could see my own reflection in them. And I could see a great sadness too. Terrifying though he was, I saw he had been crying. But suddenly that turned to anger.*  
What do you think has been making the giant feel so sad?



## Purple Mash Extended Writing Exercise

In this chapter, Mathos takes a ride on a horse that can fly.

Imagine that you have just taken a ride on a magical animal.

Did it fly like Pegasus?

Maybe it ran faster than a car on a motorway.

What did you see on your travels?

Were you nervous or full of excitement?