

QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

1 The Golden Touch

Put the sentences in the right order.

- 1 Dionysus gave King Midas his wish.
- 2 King Midas reached out to touch her.
- 3 His lovely little daughter was alive again.
- 4 Dionysus told him to go to the river to bathe.
- 5 The King was happy because he thought he was very rich.
- 6 After he had washed, nothing he touched turned to gold.
- 7 Midas washed himself in the river.
- 8 She turned into a beautiful gold statue.
- 9 Then his daughter came to see him.
- 10 Midas was so unhappy that he asked Dionysus to take back the golden touch.

2 The First Spider

Put the words in brackets in the right order.

- 1 Arachne could make [pictures] [beautiful] [in cloth] Arachne could make _____.
- 2 People paid her [large amounts] [for her pictures] [of money] People paid her _____.

- 3 [she could make] [Minerva] [She said] [than the goddess] [better pictures] _____
- 4 [a beautiful picture] [made] [and Arachne] [both] [Minerva] _____
- 5 [the gods] [showed] [how foolish people] [disobeyed] [Minerva's picture] _____
- 6 [sometimes] [Arachne's picture] [make mistakes] [how the gods] [was about] _____
- 7 [Arachne's picture] [was] [than hers] [Minerva said that] [better] _____
- 8 [was angry,] [into a spider] [and she turned] [Arachne] [Minerva] _____

3 The Donkey's Ears

Fill in the gaps with the words from the box.

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| barber | ears | music | secret |
| donkey | haircut | reeds | |

Two gods, Pan and Apollo, liked to play (1) _____. King Midas said Pan plays better

than Apollo. This made Apollo angry. He turned the King's (2) into the (3) of a (4) . Midas needed a (5) , but he did not want anyone to know his (6) . He made the (7) promise to say nothing. The (8) kept his promise but he spoke the (9) into a hole near the river. Later the (10) near the hole whispered what the (11) had said, and everyone knew the King's (12) .

4 Theseus and the Minotaur

Correct the underlined part of each sentence.

- 1 Aegeus ordered some men to kill the son of Minos, King of Greece.
- 2 After that some young people of Athens were sent to Crete each week.
- 3 They were put in the labyrinth, where King Minos ate them.
- 4 One year Aegeus said he would go to Crete with the other young people.
- 5 In Crete he met Ariadne, Minos's wife, who helped him.
- 6 Ariadne took Theseus to the palace and gave him a ball of thread.
- 7 Theseus tied the thread to the window of the labyrinth.

- 8 When Theseus found the Minotaur, he ate it.
- 9 Then he followed Ariadne back to the gate of the labyrinth.

5 The Wonderful Wings

Complete the puzzle. The name of the clever artist will appear in the centre of the puzzle. The first one has been done for you.

There was a clever artist who lived in (1). He had a nephew called (2), and a little son called (3). The artist tried to kill his nephew, but Minerva, who was a (4), turned the young man into a bird. The artist ran away to Crete. He made the King of Crete angry, and the King put him in (5).

The artist made some wonderful wings. He thought that he and his young son would escape by flying away to (6).

The wings worked well, but the boy flew too close to the (7). The heat melted the (8) on his wings, and the feathers came off. He fell into the sea and died.

