

PEGASUS AND PERSEUS

1 Listen, read and match. 

1 Perseus is one of the greatest heroes in Greek mythology. He is the son of the father of all gods, Zeus, and Danaë. He is the brave man who kills the horrible Gorgon Medusa. ☐

2 Medusa is a creature, with her head full of poisonous snakes, and a petrifying look: nobody can look at her or they become a rock. Only Perseus understands how to kill her: he turns his back to her and looks at her through his shield. From this position, he cuts Medusa's head with a sword. ☐

3 From the blood of Medusa's body a winged horse appears: it is Pegasus. There is a great storm when the horse is born. Perseus rides the winged horse through the sky as fast as the wind. ☐

4 With Pegasus he saves his beautiful lover, Andromeda, from a sea monster and a tragic death, and later he marries her. ☐



KEY VOCABULARY

blood *sangue* • death *morte* • fast *veloce* • heroes *eroi* • monster *mostro*
 • mythology *mitologia* • petrifying *pietrificante* • poisonous *velenoso*
 • shield *scudo* • sword *spada* • winged *alato*