

To use complex sentences

Today, we are going to be looking at complex sentences that we can use in our own Greek myth tomorrow.

A **complex sentence** is made up of a **main clause**, and then one or more **subordinate clauses**.

You can create a **subordinate clause** by using a subordinating conjunction (e.g. after).
For example- *Even though he was petrified of the Minotaur, Theseus put on a brave face.*

Theseus put on a brave face - **main clause**

Even though he was petrified of the Minotaur - **subordinate clause**- this does not make sense on its own.

Here are some examples of subordinating conjunctions:

although, as, before, once, though, until, whether,
since, because, even though, before, after, whenever,
once, so that

Task 1- Match these sentences together:

Medusa hissed and
screamed **as**

Even though Theseus
was smart enough to
defeat the Minotaur,

Perseus waited **until**

Whenever the
Minotaur was hungry,

he could see Medusa's
reflection in his shield.

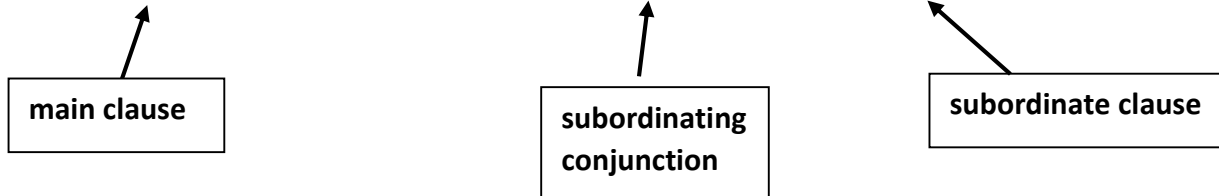
Perseus stepped into
her lair.

the king fetched young
men and women to
feed it.

he still forgot to
change the sails from
black to white.

Task 2- write your own complex sentences in your Home Learning book by adding your own subordinate clause to the main clauses below. Use your choice of **subordinating conjunctions** (see above). The subordinate clause can come before or after the main clause.

E.g. Bravemis thrust her spear at the Khifer as it darted its poisonous, forked tongue at her.



Bravemis thrust her spear at the Khifer

The Khifer's sharp, golden beak opened

Task 3 - Create some **complex sentences** of your own, based on the characters you created last week for your own Greek myth. Remember you need a *main clause*, *subordinating conjunction*, and a *subordinate clause*.

Write these sentences in your Home Learning books.

1) *Example - Whenever Bravemis held her turquoise stone necklace, she harnessed the power of the Olympian gods and goddesses.*

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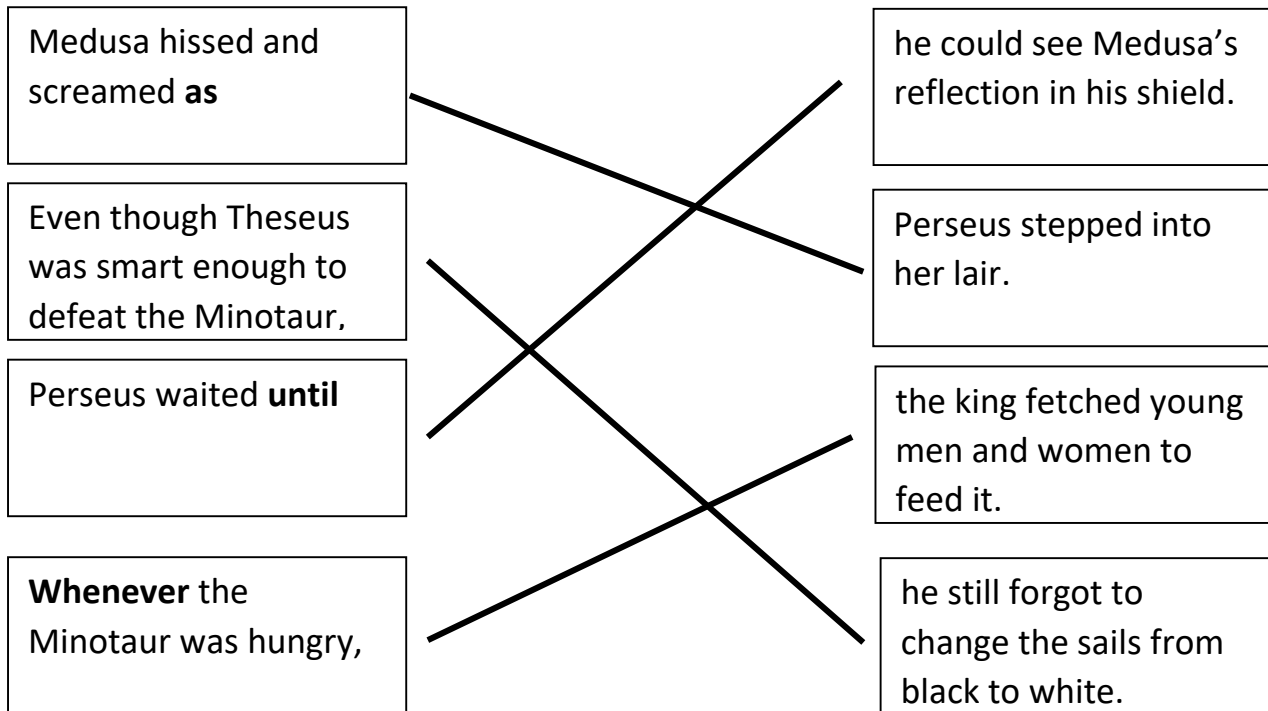
3)

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Task 1- Answers



Task 2- Answers

For example, you could have sentences such as these....

- **Bravemis thrust her spear at the Khifer because** it was about to pounce.
- **Although Bravemis thrust her spear at the Khifer,** it thought it could outsmart her.

- **The Khifer's sharp, golden beak opened as** it got ready to strangle its prey.
- **When the Khifer's sharp, golden beak opened,** Bravemis crouched low, ready to pounce.