

FOR THE STUDENT



Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies II (CARS Series II) is a reading series that gives you practice with 12 reading strategies. You will complete four reading lessons. Each lesson has a reading passage and 12 questions about the passage. Each question helps you practise a certain reading strategy.

Once you have completed the four lessons, you will complete a self-assessment. This self-assessment will help you see how well you did.

Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies II will help you become a better reader. You will also better understand what to look for as you read. This will help you get the most from your reading.

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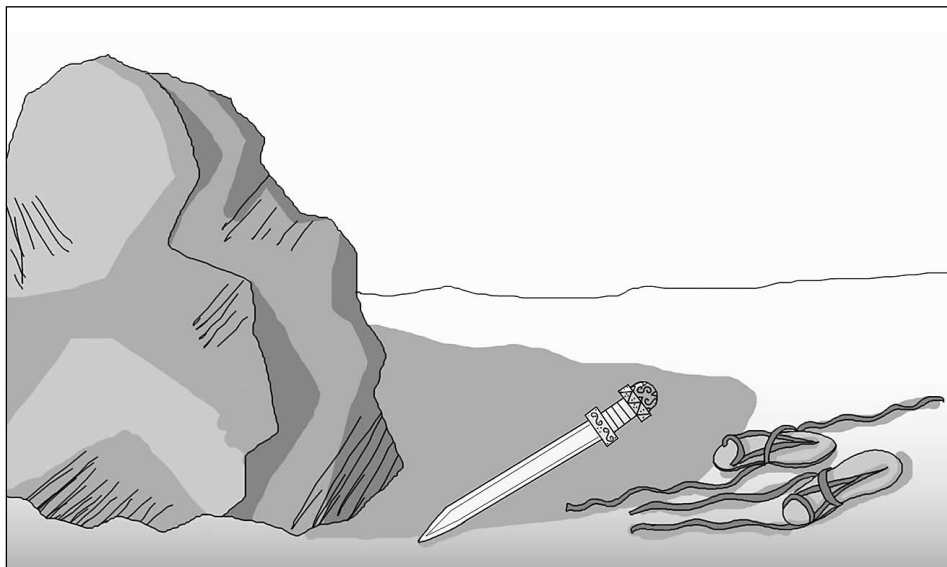
Here is a myth from ancient Greece. Read the myth.
Then do Numbers 1 through 12.

Aegeus, the much beloved and respected king of Athens, often went travelling about the countryside. One year he journeyed far to the south where he met a woman named Aethra. Aegeus and Aethra fell in love, married and eventually had a child whom they named Theseus.

Aegeus took great pride in spending time with his wife and son. But soon his responsibilities of king weighed heavy. Aegeus's first duties were to the people under his rule. Aegeus knew that his return to Athens was imminent and that he would have to leave his family behind.

'Perhaps our eyes will never again meet,' Aegeus said to his wife, 'but I hope one day to be reunited with my son. I shall leave my sandals and my sword here, under the heaviest of stones. If, when the boy grows up, he is strong enough to lift the stone, then he should take the sword and the sandals and bring them to me in Athens. Then I shall know that the young man is Theseus and that he is worthy to inherit my throne.'

Aegeus tried to console his wife, but there was no comfort to be found in their parting. Aegeus returned to his palace in Athens, leaving Aethra to raise young Theseus alone, which Aethra did with much dedication and love. In time, Theseus grew to be a fine young man with all the might of a mountain. When he was ready, his mother brought him to the stone and explained what his father had done years before. Theseus easily raised the stone and removed the sandals and sword from underneath. He then put on his father's sandals and secured his father's sword around his waist.





‘We both know that it is time for me to leave, mother,’ said Theseus, sadly. ‘I must go to my father in Athens and show him that I am worthy to inherit his rule.’

Aethra fought to control her grief, a sadness she had never known before. She knew there was nothing she could do to alter her son’s fate. She could only issue one warning: ‘Stay on the main road to Athens, Theseus. In this way, you will meet as few troubles as possible on your journey.’

Theseus was not one to ordinarily disobey his mother. However, the thought of a long journey with little adventure was like imagining a sky without stars. So rather than traverse the main road to Athens, Theseus travelled instead through the countryside. Each traveller he met offered grave warnings, imploring Theseus to turn back and avoid the monsters that lay waiting in the forest and among the cliffs. But Theseus was not deterred. ‘Then I shall slay them with my father’s sword,’ Theseus would respond. ‘The news of my deeds will precede my arrival in Athens. I will make my father proud before I even arrive!’

The first monster Theseus encountered was Sciron. Sciron would first rob his victims of all they owned and then throw them off a cliff into the sea where they were devoured by a giant turtle. Theseus slew Sciron and delivered to him the same fate that Sciron delivered to his victims.

