

## Independent Writing - Medusa

LO: To use fronted adverbials when describing a character



This week, we have looked at another Greek myth - Perseus and Medusa, and our grammar focus is fronted adverbials.

Your writing task is to write a description of Medusa using fronted adverbials.

Not all of your sentences have to start with a fronted adverbial, but please try to use a fronted adverbial in at least two sentences. Don't forget to use your knowledge of expanded noun phrases from last week too.

Use your imagination, the picture prompts, word bank and guide below to help you.

### Body part/feature word bank

body	hair	claws (or nails)
woman	necklace	hands
torso (middle part of the body)	snakes (or vipers)	teeth (or fangs)
tail	armour	eyes
scales	tongue	dress (or robes)
jewellery	skin	scales
mouth	lips	expression (on her face)

You may describe other body parts or features not listed in the word bank.

## Guide to constructing your sentences

1. Choose a body part or feature that you want to describe. There is a word bank and picture prompt to help you do this.  
*e.g. fangs*
2. Add in two adjectives (plus a simile if you wish). Don't forget your comma between the two adjectives.  
*e.g. sharp, jagged fangs*
3. Could you describe where that body part or feature is, or what it is doing?  
*e.g. sharp, jagged fangs protruding from her open mouth*
4. Put the powerful description you have created into a full sentence, not forgetting your verbs. Don't forget your punctuation.  
*e.g. She had sharp, jagged fangs protruding from her open mouth.*
5. Could you turn your sentence around so that it starts with a fronted adverbial? (You might not be able to do this for all sentences).  
*e.g. protruding from her open mouth. She had sharp, jagged fangs*
6. Edit the punctuation so that it is correct. Don't forget your comma after the fronted adverbial.  
*e.g. Protruding from her open mouth, she had sharp, jagged fangs.*

## Medusa Picture Prompts

Use these pictures to help you with your Medusa description.

