# YEAR 7 SPRING TERM **GREEK MYTHS ILB**

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#### Week 1:

#### Greek Myth Mini Project : Introduction to Greek Myths

#### Where have the Greek myths come from?

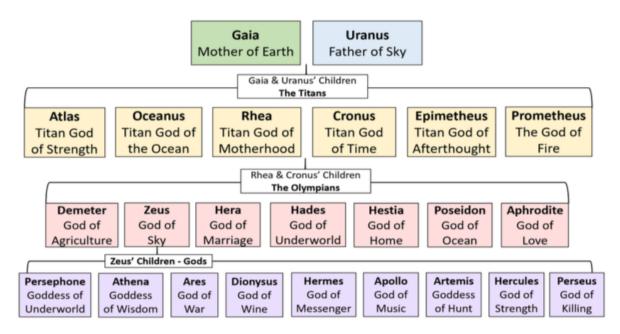
Myth [noun] - Traditional stories of early history that help to explain the world

In ancient Greece, stories about gods and goddesses were an important part of everyday life. These myths explained everything from religious rituals to the weather, and they gave meaning to the world people saw around them. Around 700 BC, the poet Hesiod Theogony wrote the first Greek story about the beginning of time: it details the universe's journey from having nothing to being full of life. Later Greek writers used the original stories to build their own myths.

#### How have the Greek myths influenced our world today?

The characters, stories, themes and lessons within the Greek myths have shaped art and literature for thousands of years. Many modern stories and films are inspired by the events within these Greek myths as they essentially teach life lessons.

The most popular Greek stories are based around the Titans and Olympians (Greek Gods) who were said to live on Mount Olympus – the highest mountain in Greece. From their high perch, they ruled over every aspect of human life.



#### Who are the gods you will meet?

Zeus – God of Sky and King of Gods

Prometheus - God of Fire and Rebel of Olympus

Dionysus - God of Wine and friend of Silenus

Apollo – God of Music and Punisher of King Midas

Hera – Goddess of Marriage and Punisher of Echo

Athena – Goddess of Wisdom and Punisher of Medusa

#### <u>Tasks</u>

Use the information on page 2 to help you to complete the following tasks. Answer the questions in **full sentences.** 

1. Write your own definition of what a myth is:

2. What is the purpose of a myth? What do they tell us about?

3. When was the first Greek story written?

4. Who wrote it?

5. What was the first Greek story about?

6. What are Titans and Olympians?

7. Where did the Greek Gods live?

8. Who is the God of Fire?

9. Who is the God of the Sky?

10. Who is the Goddess of Wisdom?

11. How many children did Gaia and Uranus have?

12. What is Apollo the God of?

### regent

'ree-junt' A person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

### regime

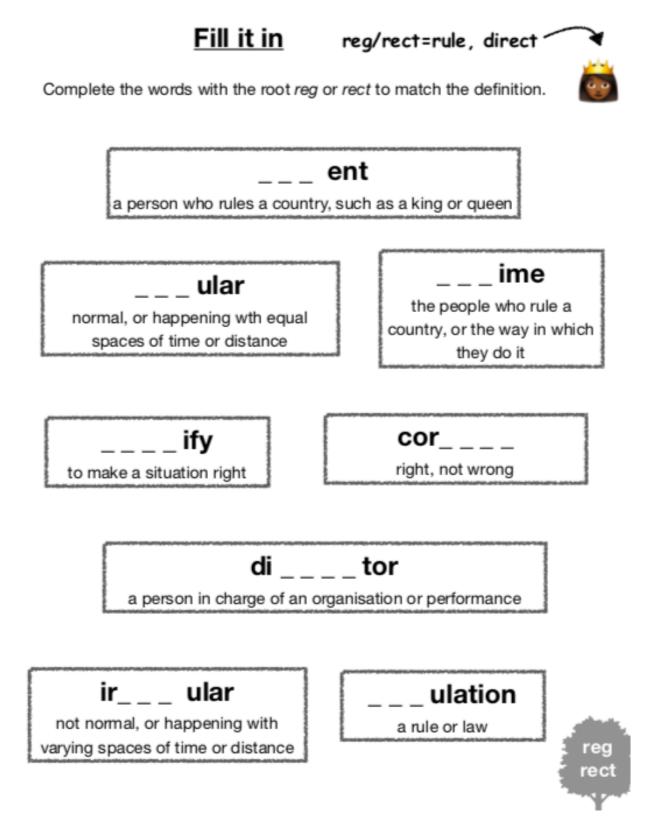
'rej-eem' The people who rule a country, or the way in which they do it

## director

'dy-reck-ter' A person in charge of an organisation or performance

reg/rect (rule)

regere ('reh-geh-reh') = to rule, manage, direct



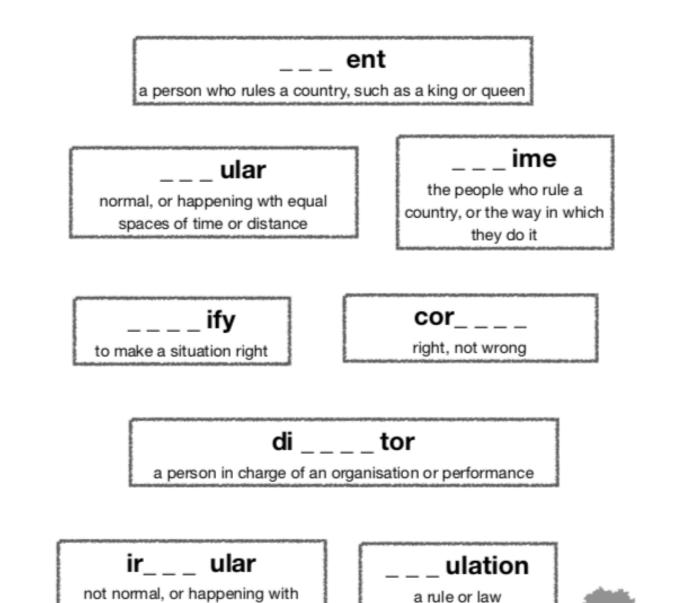


varying spaces of time or distance

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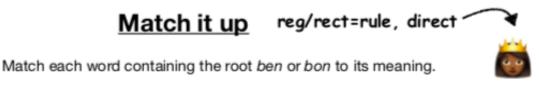


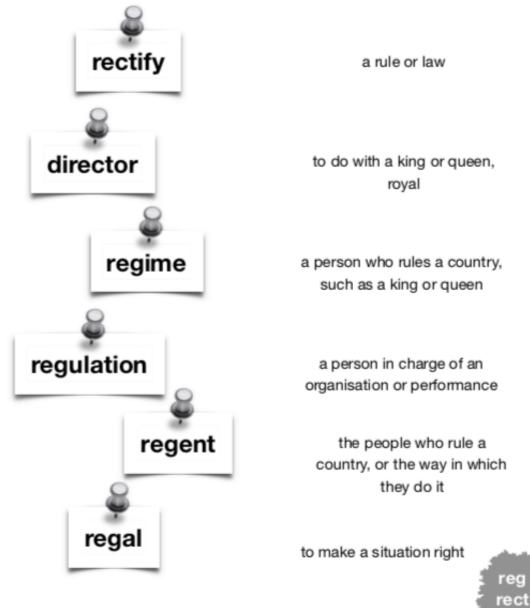
Complete the words with the root reg or rect to match the definition.



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reg rect







### Picture this reg/rect=rule, direct ~

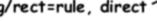
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In each box, write a word that uses the root reg or rect. Then draw a picture to illustrate that word.

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### Noughts & Crosses reg/rect=rule, direct ~





Take turns to fill a box by completing a word that uses the root ben or bon. After you've written the word, say out loud what it means. The first player to complete a line of three boxes vertically, horizontally or diagonally wins.

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#### Week 2

13. Correct the spellings in the following piece of text:

In the beggining of time, the gods Uraanus and Gaia startted createing the chilldren of the earth – the Titans.

When Uranus and Gaia's soon, Cronus, is told his childrenn will overethrow him, he decides to eat them all. Howver, he fogets one: Zeus.

Zeus plots his reevenge to get his siblings bak and the war agains the Titans startted.

Rewrite the text here:

14. Complete the Frayer models below. To help you understand the key vocabulary, in this booklet, it is useful to know the definitions and synonyms.

I have done the first one for you.

#### FOCUS WORD: evolve

Definition = Gradually develop and change over time. Once Uranus and Gaia started creating children, the earth began to <u>evolve</u> .	
Synonyms (words that have the same meaning): – change, grow, progress, advance, develop, go forward, change, mature, improve	Antonyms (words that have the opposite meaning): – regress, revert, relapse, degenerate, backslide, retrogress, fall back

FOCUS WORD: overthrow.

Definition = Forcefully removing someone's power. Gaia told her son Cronus that his children will try to rebel and <u>overthrow</u> him.	Image:
Synonyms (words that have the same meaning):	Antonyms (words that have the opposite meaning):

#### FOCUS WORD: conflict

Definition = <u>Conflict</u> [noun]	Image:
A serious disagreement or argument.	
There is an intense <u>conflict</u> between Zeus and his father Cronus; he killed his siblings.	
Synonyms (words that have the same meaning):	Antonyms (words that have the opposite meaning):

# dictionary

'dik-shun-air-ee' A source containing words and meanings of a particular language

# dictate

*'dik-tay-t'* To speak out loud so that someone else can write the words down

## verdict

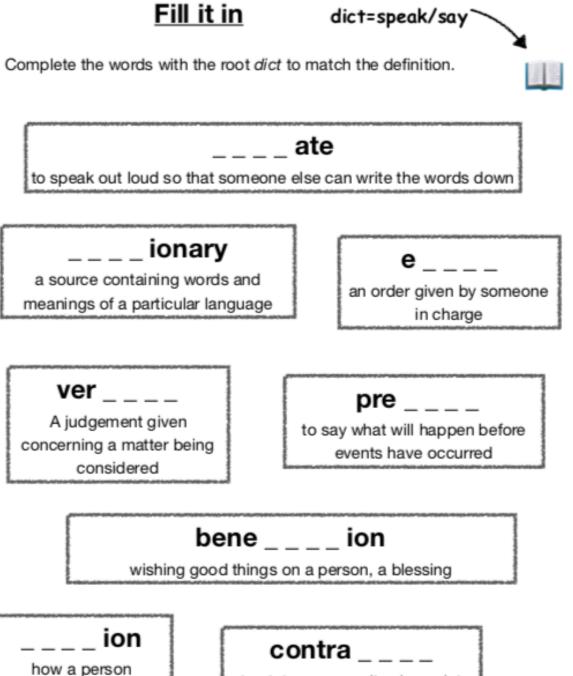
*'vur-dikt'* A judgement given concerning a matter being considered

# predict

*<sup>i</sup>pree-dict'* To say what will happen before events have occurred

# dict (speak, say)

dicere ('di-keh-reh') = to speak, to say

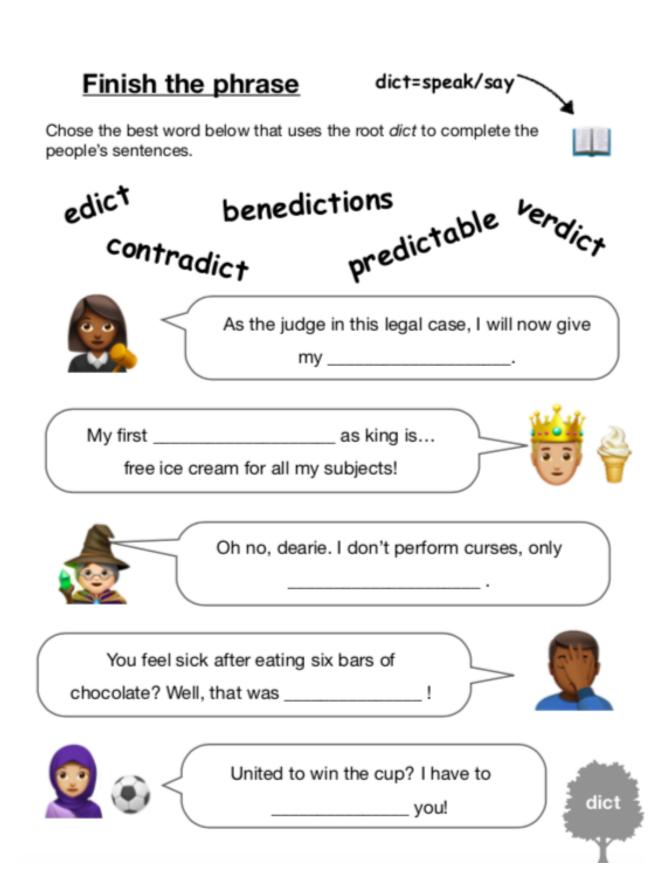


to state an opposite viewpoint

expresses themself in speaking

dict





### Picture this



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In each box, write a word that uses the root *dict*. Then draw a picture to illustrate that word.

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### Noughts & Crosses

dict=speak/say

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Take turns to fill a box by completing a word that uses the root *dict*. After you've written the word, say out loud what it means. The first player to complete a line of three boxes vertically, horizontally or diagonally wins.

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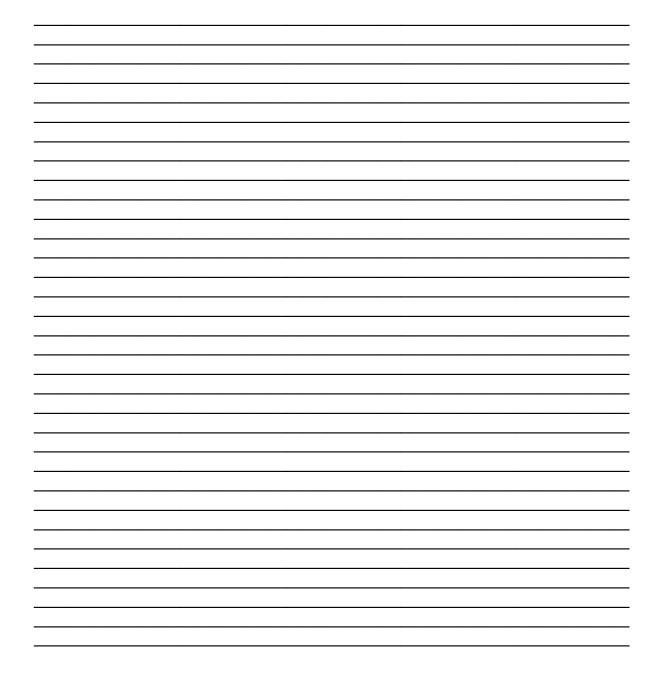
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#### <u>Week 3</u>

Read the story of Pandora.

Why do you think Pandora is an important character? Think about her as the cause of all suffering. What does Pandora symbolise?

How is the character of Pandora presented? (What, How) Focus on her as a feminine character.



How is the character Zeus presented in the extract? (What, How)

Think about his vengeful actions. How does this make the reader feel? Include this in your answer.

Finally, if we think of fire as a symbol for knowledge and strength, do you think that knowledge is damaging?

Remember, according to the extracts, this is what led to all suffering on earth.

#### Pandora

As the Story goes ...

Zeus ordered Hephaestus (Aphrodite's husband) to make him a daughter. It was the first woman made out of clay. Hephaestus made a beautiful woman and named her Pandora.

Zeus sent his new daughter, Pandora, down to earth so that she could marry Epimetheus, who was a gentle but lonely man. Zeus was not being kind. He was getting even. Epimetheus and Prometheus were brothers. Zeus was mad at one of the brothers, Prometheus, for giving people fire without asking Zeus first.

Zeus was furious. Zeus had not planned to reward people with fire for a very long time yet. Zeus did not even get the credit for the invention of fire. That went to Prometheus. If the brothers wanted credit for new inventions, Zeus would be glad to help them get the credit they *deserved*.

Zeus gave Pandora a little box with a big heavy lock on it. He made her promise never to open the box. He gave the key to Pandora's husband and told him to never open the box. Zeus was sure that Epimetheus' curiosity would get the better of him, and that either Epimetheus or his brother would open the box.

Pandora was very curious. She wanted to see what was inside the box, but Epimetheus said no. Better not. "You know your father," Epimetheus sighed, referring to Zeus. "He's a tricky one."

One day, when Epimetheus lay sleeping, Pandora stole the key and opened the box.

Out flew every kind of disease and sickness, hate and envy, and all the bad things that people had never experienced before. Pandora slammed the lid closed, but it was too late. All the bad things were already out of the box. They flew away, out into the world.

Epimetheus woke up at the sound of her sobbing. "I opened the box and all these ugly things flew out," she cried. "I tried to catch them, but they all got out." Pandora opened the box to show him how empty it was. But the box was not quite empty. One tiny bug flew quickly out before Pandora could slam the lid shut again.

"Hello, Pandora," said the bug, hovering just out of reach. "My name is Hope." With a nod of thanks for being set free, Hope flew out into the world, a world that now held Envy, Crime, Hate, and Disease – and Hope.

# locomotive

*'loh-koh-moh-tiv'* An engine that moves carriages from place to place

## local

*'loh-kal'* Belonging to or existing in a certain place

# allocate

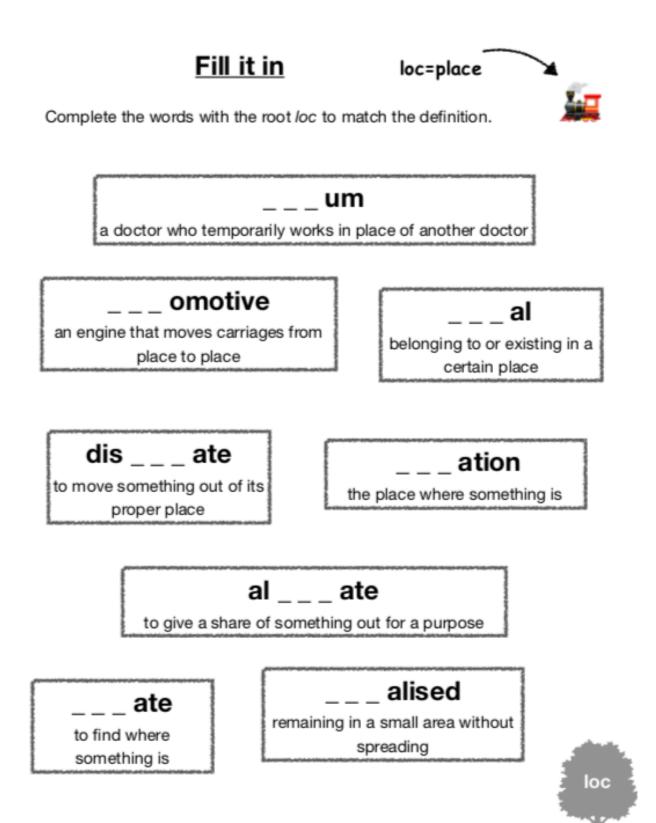
*'a-loh-kay-t'* To give a share of something out for a purpose

## locum

*'loh-kum'* A doctor who temporarily works in place of another doctor

# **IOC** (place)

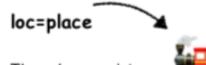
origin: Latin locus ('lock-uss') = a place or position







Picture this



In each box, write a word that uses the root *loc.* Then draw a picture to illustrate that word.

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My word is :	
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### Noughts & Crosses

loc=place

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Take turns to fill a box by completing a word that uses the root *loc*. After you've written the word, say out loud what it means. The first player to complete a line of three boxes vertically, horizontally or diagonally wins.

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#### <u>Week 4</u>

#### Adam & Eve

Thinking back to Pandora: Would you rather know nothing and be happy or be knowledgeable and suffer?

As you read through the story of Adam and Eve, note down the events of this story with that of Pandora in the table below. You will then note any similarities and differences between the two.

Adam & Eve	Pandora	Similarities	Differences

#### Adam and Eve

God took some clay from the ground and made the shape of a man. Then He breathed gently into the shape. The man's eyes opened and he began to live. God called him Adam.

The Lord made a beautiful garden for him to live in. The garden, called Eden, was full of many wonderful things. Beautiful flowers grew everywhere. Birds sang in the trees, streams flowed through the valley and animals roamed across the fields.

God had made the man in His image to keep Him company and look after the world.

God brought all the animals to Adam one at a time to be given their names. "Elephant", he would say, or "Tiger", or "Porcupine".

But God felt sorry for Adam. "None of these animals is really like him," thought God, "he needs someone to share his life. Someone who cares for him and who he can care for."

That night, God took a rib from Adam's side and made a woman. When Adam awoke the following morning, he found a wife, Eve, lying asleep beside him. Adam was so happy. He took her hand and she woke up. She looked up at him and smiled.

God told the man and woman that it was their job to take care of their new home. God blessed them, saying, "All this is for you. Help yourself to anything you like. But never touch the tree in the middle of the Garden. That tree gives knowledge of good and evil. The day you eat its fruit, you will die."

God did not mean that Adam and Eve would drop down dead the moment they ate the fruit from the tree. He meant that in time they would die without His Spirit dwelling in them.

One day, Adam and Eve were gathering berries for dinner when she heard a silky voice behind her.

"Has God told that can eat the fruit from all the trees?"the voice asked softly. Eve Turned around to see a snake talking to her.

"God has told us we can eat all the fruit except for what grows on The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil," Eve told the serpent.

"Oh come now, that's silly! I hardly think such a lovely fruit would do you any harm," the serpent lied. "God knows that if you eat from The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil you'll become just like God, and will be able to decide for yourself what is right and what is wrong."

The woman looked at the fruit and thought how tasty it looked. She thought how wonderful it would be to be as wise and powerful as God. She believed the serpent's lie and ate the fruit and also gave some to Adam, who was with her, and he took a bite as well.

She felt a strange feeling in the pit of her stomach. She fidgeted and wondered what was wrong with her. Suddenly she realized that she was feeling guilty -- she had disobeyed God and knew she'd done something wrong.

As soon as they ate the fruit a change came over Adam and Eve. They became unhappy and fearful of God.

Adam and Eve heard God calling them. Without thinking, they dived into the bushes, but God knew where they were. When God asked them if they had eaten from The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil that He had told them not to touch, they blamed each other for their sins.

God was sad that Adam and Eve had disobeyed them. He told them that they had to leave the Garden ofEden,"From now on you'll have scratch living From The Soil. You'll need to make clothes and grow food. Nothing will come easily -- not even childbirth. And one day, you will die."

Based off of both Pandora and Adam and Eve how is femininity presented?

You do not have to write this as a paragraph but just in note form below.

What is femininity presented to be like?

How do you know?



### monarch

'mon-ark' One person (e.g. king or queen) who rules a state or country

### anarchy

'an-ark-ee' Disorder caused by lack of rules

# archangel

*'ark-angel'* A chief angel

### patriarchy

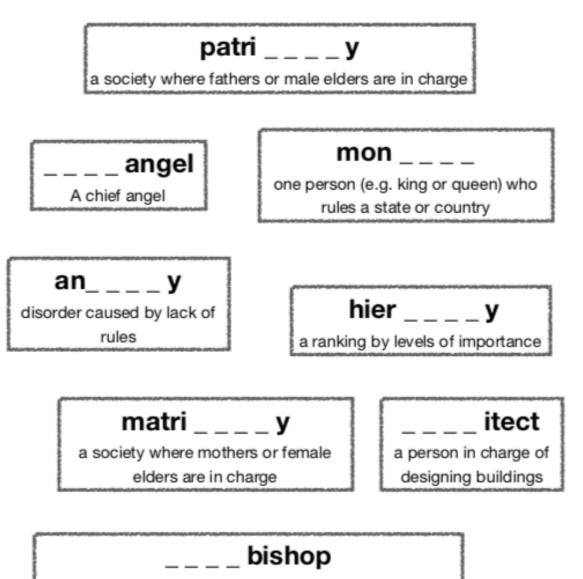
'pat-ree-ark-ee' A society where fathers or male elders are in charge

# arch (rule, chief)

άρχειν (archein, 'ar-kay-n') = to rule

Fill it in arch=rule/chief

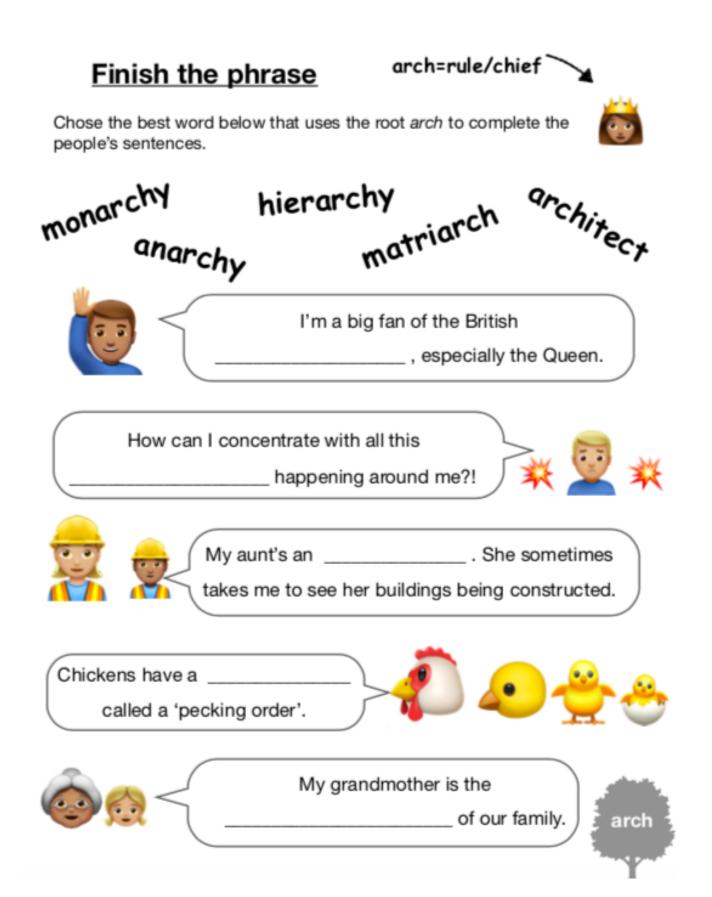
Complete the words with the root arch to match the definition.



a chief bishop in charge of other bishops and priests

arch





### Picture this



In each box, write a word that uses the root *arch*. Then draw a picture to illustrate that word.

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### Noughts & Crosses

arch=rule/chief



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#### <u>Week 5</u>

Create an A3 (or bigger if you like!) poster on a myth or legend of your choice.

-Include the origin of where your myth or legend comes from

-Include illustrations of your myth

-You could look at Greek myths, Roman myths, Norse myths...

-Include interesting information

-Make it colourful and interesting

-Include a variety of information

-Add fun facts

-Summarise the story of the myth