Super English



Unit 2 - Lesson 1 - Myths



Vocabulary





myth: a traditional story, often about gods, heroes, or magical events, that explains something about the world (n)





The story of Hercules is a myth from ancient Greece.



warrior: a person who fights in battles and is known for having courage and skill (n)





The skilled warrior has killed many enemies.



sacrifice: to give up something valuable to you in order to help another person (v)





The soldier **sacrificed** his life to protect his country.



quest: a journey made in search of something (n)





They went on a quest to find ancient artifacts.



Reading





The Beginning of the Myth

Long ago, fire from the north and ice from the south met in a powerful crash. From this explosion, the giant Ymir and a magical cow, Audhumla, appeared. Ymir created more giants, and soon the world was filled with strange beings. Then came Buri, the first man, who had children and grandchildren. Among them were Odin, Vili, and Ve—three brothers with big dreams. This was the start of one of the greatest myths in Norse history.



- 1. What happened when fire and ice met?
- 2. Why do you think myths often start with the creation of the world?



The Brothers' Brave Choice



- 1. How were the first humans created by the brothers?
- 2. Do you think the brothers were brave or cruel for defeating Ymir?

Odin and his brothers wanted to rule the world. But there was a problem: the mighty giant Ymir stood in their way. To claim their place, the brothers fought and defeated him in an epic battle. From Ymir's body, they shaped the land, sea, and sky. Soon after, they found two trees and magically turned them into the first humans, Ask and Embla. Odin gave them life, Vili gave them thought, and Ve gave them senses. Humanity was born.



Grammar





Independent clauses

An independent clause contains a **subject** and a **verb** and is a **complete thought**.

An independent clause doesn't need any help. It is a sentence.

- I like bananas.
- English class is awesome.
- My dad works hard.



This little girl doesn't need any help tying her shoes.
She is independent.



Dependent clauses

A dependent clause contains a **subject** and a **verb**, but it is not a **complete thought**.

A dependent clause needs help. It is not a sentence.

While you were out...
....because he was hot.
If you do well today...



The baby is dependent on his mother, he can not take care of himself.



Let's Talk!





Dialogue 1: "Homework Hero"

Mia: Ugh, this history homework feels like some never-ending quest.

Jay: Yeah, except we're not warriors—we're just tired students.

Mia: True. Though if I sacrificed my free time, maybe I'd finish it.

Jay: Or you could just "forget" to do it and blame the myth of the missing backpack.

Mia: Ha! My teacher would never buy that myth.

Jay: Then I guess you'd better become a homework warrior.

Question: Do you usually finish homework early, or do you leave it until the last minute?



Unlocking Word Parts





The Suffix -ity

The suffix -ity (the state or quality of) turns adjectives into abstract nouns.

ability
activity
creativity
responsibility
opportunity
reality
possibility



identity
identity
curiosity
security
university
popularity
equality



See you next time!

