



# Echo and Hera

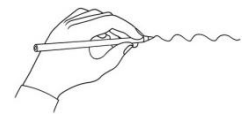
Level 2

Do you like traditional stories? Practise your reading in English with this story.

## Reading practice



### Preparation



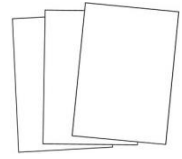
Match the words with the definitions.

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|-----------|---|---|
| magical   | → | able to use magic                             |
| a nymph   |   | a mythological creature, living in nature     |
| a forest  |   | to stay in a place where no one can see you   |
| to hide   |   | to talk in a friendly way                     |
| to chat   |   | to make someone pay for something bad they do |
| to punish |   | a large area of trees                         |



## Reading text

Read the story.



## Echo and Hera

Echo was a magical nymph. She lived in the forest and everyone knew two things about her. She had a beautiful voice and she was very kind.

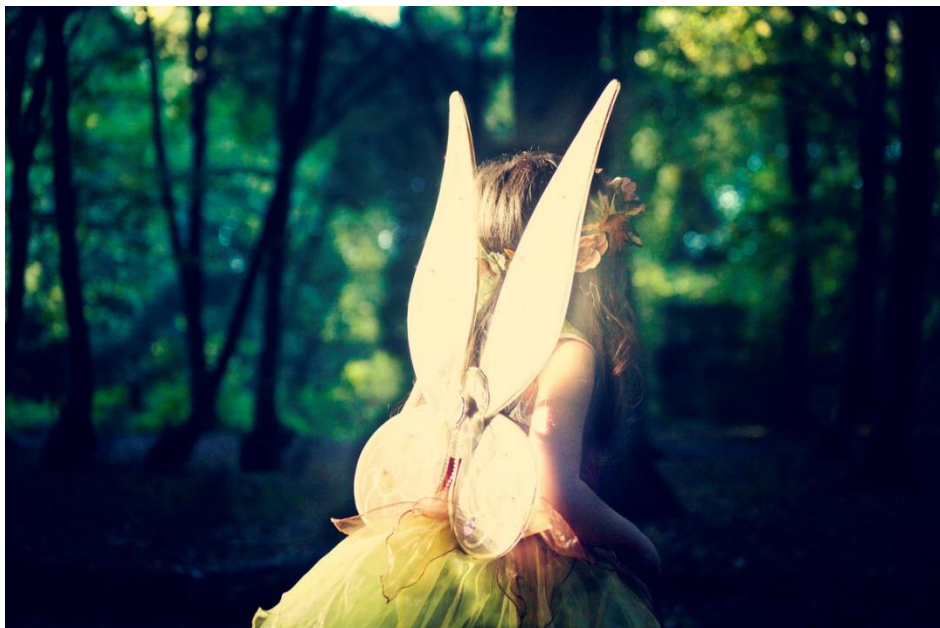
One day Zeus ran into the forest. He wanted to hide from his wife, Hera. Hera was angry with him because he did not love her enough. Zeus saw Echo. 'Please help me,' he said. Echo was afraid of Zeus and because she was kind she agreed to help him.

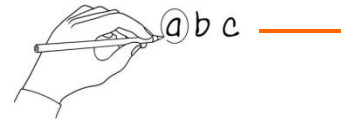
A few minutes later, Hera came into the forest, looking for Zeus. She was unhappy. Echo stopped her and started to chat. 'Hello, Hera, how are you today?' she asked. Hera chatted with Echo and soon she forgot about Zeus.

After that day, every time Zeus wanted to hide from Hera, he went to the forest and looked for Echo. Every time Hera went to look for Zeus she found Echo. They chatted for a while and Hera forgot about her husband.

Finally, Hera understood that Echo was helping Zeus. She was very angry. She decided to punish Echo. She went to the forest and took away Echo's voice. From that day Echo could only repeat the last few sounds she heard. She never spoke again.

Today we call a sound that is repeated again and again 'an echo'.

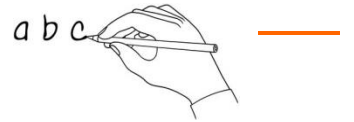




1. Choose the answer!

Read the sentence. Circle the correct answer.

- a. Echo had a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_. **voice** / face / sister
- b. Echo was very \_\_\_\_\_. rich / kind / unkind
- c. Zeus asked Echo for \_\_\_\_\_. help / money / food
- d. Hera and Echo had a \_\_\_\_\_. picnic / party / chat
- e. Hera was \_\_\_\_\_ with Echo. pleased / happy / angry
- f. In the end Echo couldn't \_\_\_\_\_. move / speak / sleep



2. Where does it go?

Write these sentences in the correct group.

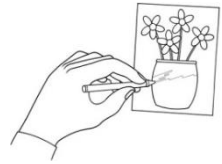
<del>This person was married to Zeus.</del>	This person ran into the forest.	This person lived in the forest.
This person wanted to hide.	This person was unhappy.	This person had a beautiful voice.
This person helped Zeus.	This person was angry with Echo.	This person was married to Hera.

Hera	Echo	Zeus
<i>This person was married to Zeus.</i>		



Write and draw!

What's your favourite story? Draw a picture and write about it!



A large rectangular area for drawing and writing, containing several horizontal dotted lines for text.