

Y6 to investigate high level punctuation (semi-colon/hyphen/dash)

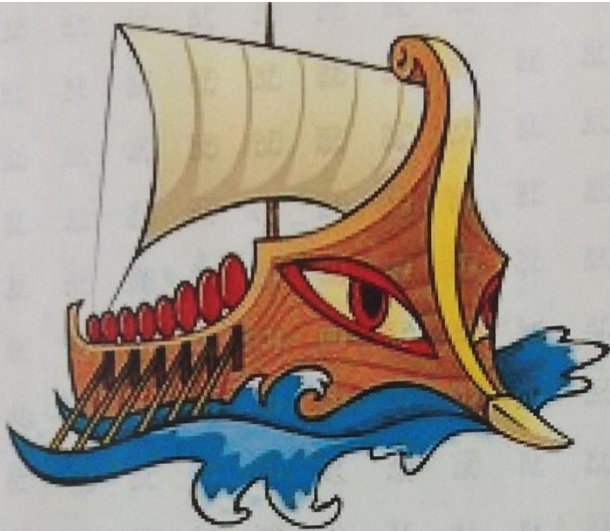
First of all watch [bbc bitesize how to use hyphens and dashes](#)

And [bbc bitesize how to use semi-colons](#)

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Read this extract from JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS

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Jason's father, a Greek king, has been killed by Pelias, Jason's evil brother. After Pelias takes over the kingdom, Jason is sent out of the country to live with Chiron, a wise centaur – half man and half horse. Chiron looks after Jason for many years and teaches him how to be strong, how to fight and how to be a leader.

When Jason was old enough, he returned to claim his throne, but his clever brother had thought of a plan to get rid of him. Pelias would not let Jason become king until he had found the Golden Fleece – a sheepskin made of pure gold. The Fleece was guarded by a huge snake and so was impossible to steal. To win his prize, Jason had to travel to Colchis, so he had a boat built by a man called Argos. The boat was called the Argo and when Jason collected together a group of fighters to go

with him on the quest, they were named Argonauts after their fine ship.

He and his crew had many heroic adventures on the way to Colchis. They were attacked by enormous six-armed monsters, they captured the harpies – cruel, winged monsters, escaped the furies of clashing rocks in the Greek seas, and were attacked by huge birds with bronze feathers. But all the time they were being protected by the Goddess Hera because Jason had helped her earlier in his life.

Eventually they arrived in Colchis, but the king there did not want to let go of the Golden Fleece. He pretended to be welcoming but he set Jason three tasks to show that he was fit to be the owner of the precious Fleece. Jason would not have succeeded in these if it had not been for the king's daughter, Medea,

who had fallen in love with him.

Jason's tasks were to attach two fierce bulls to a plough, to sow a field with seed and then gather in the crop that grew. Medea warned him that he was being tricked. The bulls her father would give him breathed fire, the seeds he had to sow were magical dragon's teeth and the crop that would grow would be an army of soldiers, who would kill him. But what could he do?

Medea gave him magic ointment. This would prevent him being burned by the bulls. He also carried a shiny shield so that the fire was reflected back at the bulls. The dragons' teeth would burn him so he wore gloves and he could fight the soldiers by himself because he was so strong.

Use highlighters to pick out the dashes/ hyphens/semi-colons if you can find them in the text above. You need to colour-code hyphens and dashes differently so that your parents can see that you know the difference!

Next, can you find an opportunity to add **hyphens** in the first paragraph?

Write out the words:

Where could you edit to use **;** in a **list** correctly? Remember this is when there are phrases in a list rather than single words or items. You don't always need the commas as stated in the video.

Where could you **replace a conjunction** (as mentioned in the video) with a **;**

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Answers

Hyphen could be half-man half-horse

The list of heroic adventures.....

They were attacked by enormous six-armed monsters; they captured the harpies; escaped the furies of clashing rocks in the Greek seas and were attacked by huge birds.

Eventually they arrived in Colchis; the King there did not want to let go of the golden fleece.