

Demeter



Demeter is one of the more obscure goddesses of Greek mythology, but she played an important role in one of its most famous tales.

She was the daughter of Rhea and Cronus and sister to both Zeus and Hades. The ancient myths say that Demeter and all of her siblings, except for Zeus, were swallowed by their father while they were children. Zeus had to rescue them all! Not a great start to life!

Together with Zeus, she had a daughter named Persephone.

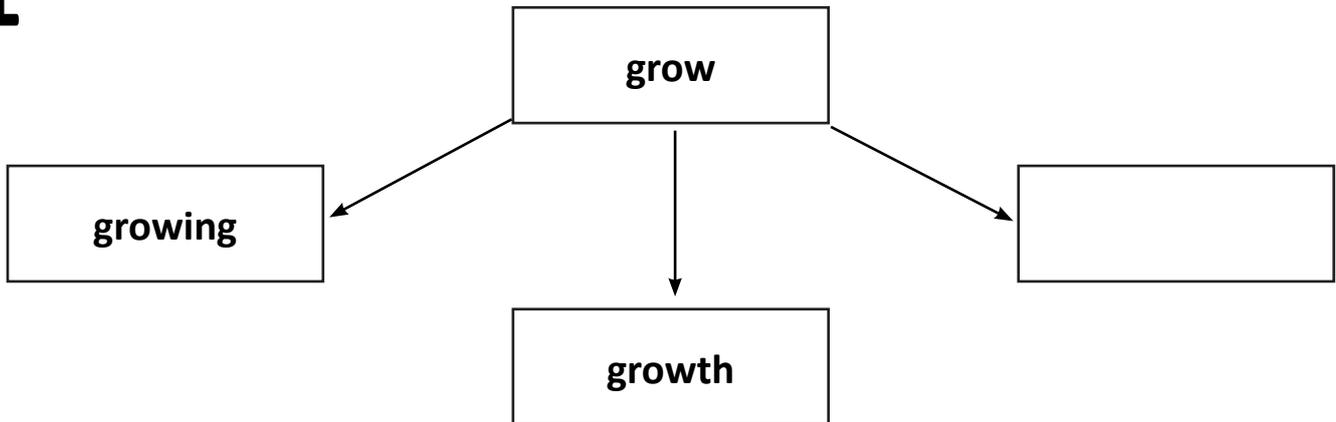
Persephone was famously tricked by Hades into living in the Underworld with him. Demeter was furious at this and teamed up with Zeus to get her daughter back. Unfortunately, Persephone had already eaten food in the Underworld, which meant that she was bound to stay there forever.

A deal was struck and Persephone was allowed to return home for half the year. Demeter was the goddess of growth and the harvest, and her sadness forced everything to stop growing whenever her daughter returned to Hades. It was this that the Greeks believed caused winter, and that spring was the time when Persephone returned and Demeter allowed things to grow again.



FOCUS ON - WORD

1 Write one more word that belongs to the word family grow.



2 Circle the correct verb to complete each sentence in Standard English.

Hades **was / were** the Greek god of the Underworld.

Rhea and Cronus **was / were** the parents of Demeter, Zeus and Hades.

3 Draw a line to match each word to the correct prefix.

Use each box only once.

re
over
dis

allow
play
eat

FOCUS ON - SENTENCE

1 Tick the box that identifies the subordinating conjunction.

Her sadness forced everything to stop growing whenever her daughter returned to Hades.

2 Identify the type of adverb underlined in each of the sentences below.

Tick **one** box in each row.

sentence	adverb of manner	adverb of frequency
Persephone was <u>famously</u> tricked by Hades.		
Persephone had eaten food in the Underworld, which meant that she was bound to stay there <u>forever</u> .		
When Persephone returned, Demeter allowed things to grow <u>again</u> .		

3 Write the correct relative pronoun in the sentence below.

Persephone, _____ was the daughter of Demeter and Zeus, was tricked by Hades.

that

which

who

whom

CHALLENGE

4 Is the sentence below active or passive?

The children were swallowed by their father.

FOCUS ON - TEXT

1 Tick the pronouns.

The ancient myths said Demeter and her siblings (except Zeus) were swallowed by their father when they were children.

2 Which verb tense is underlined?

Tick **one**.

Persephone had eaten food in the Underworld.

- present perfect
- past perfect
- present
- past

3 Which verb tense have the underlined words been changed to?

Tick **one**.

Demeter's sadness forced everything to stop growing.

Demeter's sadness was forcing everything to stop growing.

- past
- past perfect
- past progressive
- past perfect continuous

FOCUS ON - PUNCTUATION

1 Insert the missing commas.

Demeter Zeus Hades and Persephone were all gods or goddesses in Greek. mythology.

2 Insert a pair of commas to show parenthesis.

Hades god of the Underworld tricked Persephone into living with him.

3 Which sentence is punctuated correctly? Explain why.

- Demeter's daughter was called Persephone.
- Demeters' daughter was called Persephone.

CHALLENGE

4 Tick the sentence that uses the semi-colon correctly.

- Demeter was furious she teamed up; with Zeus to get her daughter back.
- Demeter was furious she teamed up with Zeus; to get her daughter back.
- Demeter was furious; she teamed up with Zeus to get her daughter back.
- Demeter; was furious she teamed up with Zeus to get her daughter back.