

Writer's Tip

- Use *vivid verbs* to create interest and excitement.
- Specific verbs help the reader form a mental picture of the action.

THOR'S HAMMER: A Norse Myth

Thor, the god of thunder, possessed a magic hammer. He would smash it down on the Frost Giants from time to time to protect Asgard, the home of the gods.

One day, while Thor snored peacefully, a crafty Frost Giant stole his hammer and dragged it back to the Frost King. Needless to say, Thor awoke in a very bad mood.

Loki, Thor's friend, begged the Frost King to return the hammer. But the Frost King countered with his own demands. He would only give the hammer back if he could marry Freyja, the goddess of love.

Freyja scoffed at the idea. So Thor and Loki devised a plan. Loki would help Thor dress up as Freyja and present him to the Frost King.

The Frost King danced for joy when he heard the good news. He ordered a huge wedding banquet. When the time came, Loki ushered Thor in, disguised as Freyja.

As promised, the Frost King delivered the magic hammer to his "bride." With hammer in hand, Thor tossed away his disguise and swept down upon the Frost Giants, vanquishing them. Asgard would be safe, because Thor had his hammer back.



Vivid Verbs

▶ Reread the myth. Circle the verbs that help you picture what happens. Then fill in the chart below

Vivid Verb	Common Verb That Means The Same Thing
possessed	had

Your Turn

▶ Think about the myth you are writing. In each oval, write one thing that happens in the myth. Make sure you use vivid verbs.

▶ Expand one of the ovals into a paragraph for your myth. Be sure to include vivid verbs.