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## Pandora's Box



Pandora's Box is a myth from ancient Greece. Myth's often tell about a culture's history or explain how the world works. Typically, there are gods or supernatural beings in the stories.

Read all three parts of the myth about Pandora's Box. What do you think people were supposed to learn from this myth?

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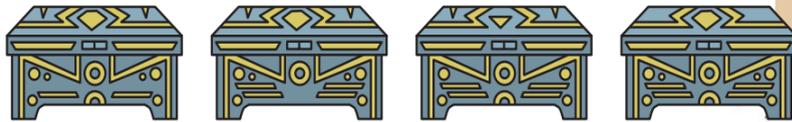
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Which one of these boxes matches the larger box above?



### Part 1: Pandora's World

Once upon a time, a very long time ago, the world was free of pain, illness, fear and sorrow.

In that time, a young girl named Pandora was bothered by one thing. Nothing should have bothered her because the gods had given her everything a person could wish for. She had good health, smarts, beauty and a delightful personality.

What did the name Pandora mean?

Secret Code

- = D
- = E
- = F
- = G
- = H
- = I
- = R
- = S
- = T



### Part 2: Pandora's Problem

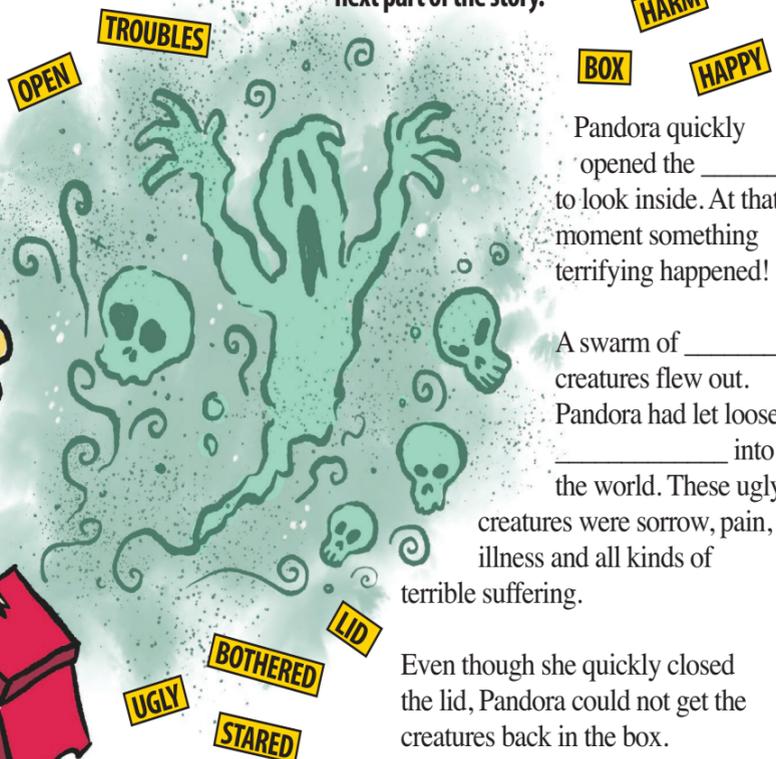
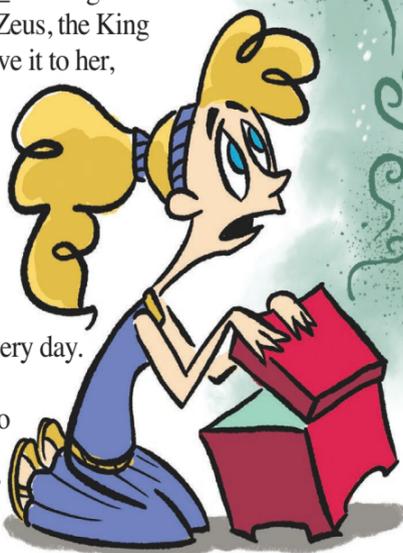
Even though she had so much, Pandora was not \_\_\_\_\_ about one thing in her life. She was not happy with one particular box.

This was a wooden \_\_\_\_\_ with a golden cord. It had been given to her by Zeus, the King of the Gods! When Zeus gave it to her, he said, "Never, EVER, \_\_\_\_\_ this box!"

This really \_\_\_\_\_ Pandora. "How can I have a box that I can't open?"

She \_\_\_\_\_ at the box every day.

Then one day, she thought to herself, "What \_\_\_\_\_ could come from peeking?"



Pandora quickly opened the \_\_\_\_\_ to look inside. At that moment something terrifying happened!

A swarm of \_\_\_\_\_ creatures flew out. Pandora had let loose \_\_\_\_\_ into the world. These ugly creatures were sorrow, pain, illness and all kinds of terrible suffering.

Even though she quickly closed the lid, Pandora could not get the creatures back in the box. The world was changed forever!

Replace the missing words in the next part of the story.

### Part 3: Hope

Pandora heard a small, sweet voice calling from the box, "Pandora, please let me out."

Pandora didn't know what to do. Would this be more pain and suffering? But the voice sounded so kind. She opened the lid once more and another creature came out of the box.

This creature had beautiful wings. It sparkled and made Pandora feel better. This creature was **Hope**.

Hope could not get the ugly creatures back into the box. But she was able to bring hope and comfort people sick and in pain. Hope is still in the world today!

The End

**Extra! Extra!**

### Describe Pandora

Look through the newspaper for five words that describe Pandora. Put these words in alphabetical order.

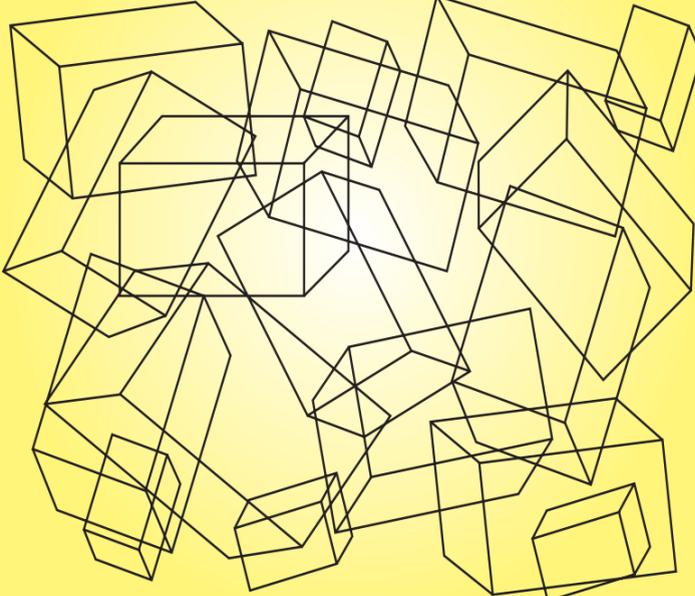
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.



Draw Hope in this box.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

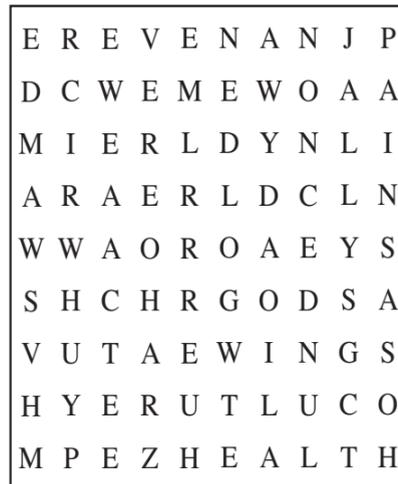
How many boxes can you find? Have a friend try. Who found the most?



### Double Double Word Search

- PANDORA
- CULTURE
- GOLDEN
- GREECE
- HEALTH
- SWARM
- NEVER
- WINGS
- ZEUS
- MYTH
- HARM
- PAIN
- GODS
- CORD
- JOY

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



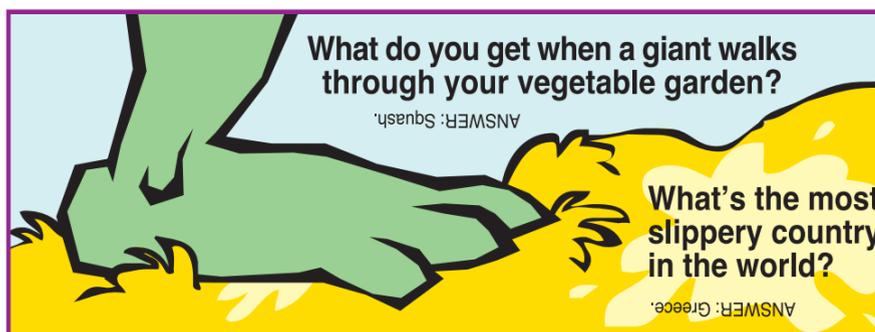
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Curiosity

Some people say curiosity killed the cat. The story of Pandora's Box suggests that curiosity causes trouble. Look through the newspaper to find some examples of where curiosity was a good thing.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



What do you get when a giant walks through your vegetable garden?

ANSWER: Squash.

What's the most slippery country in the world?

ANSWER: Greece.