

Read the following passage from the Greek myth of Perseus and Medusa.

At dusk, as Perseus and Hermes landed behind their hut, The Three Grey Women were quarrelling. The eldest was thin and wispy with long tangled hair and fingernails like rusty swords. The middle sister was dumpy and bedraggled, with ears like slimy grey slugs. The youngest was completely bald with a nose like a vulture's beak.

Notice the 3 similes where a part of the body is compared to an unpleasant object. This helps to create a strong, unpleasant picture in the reader's mind.

Try to think of changes you could make to these sentences but using the same techniques. Use a thesaurus to help.

Your first sentence needs to change the words *thin* and *tangled*, and use a simile to describe sharp fingernails.

Your second sentence should change the words *dumpy* and *bedraggled*, and include a simile comparing ears to something slimy.

Your third sentence needs to change the word *completely* and include a simile comparing the nose to a predatory creature.

Examples:

- The eldest was skeletal with long, matted hair and fingernails like knives.
- The middle sister was stout and unkempt with ears like maggots.
- The youngest was utterly hairless with a nose like a hawk's beak.