1. Match the words to the pictures, then number them in story order.

A. “Come back to Troy with me,” begged Paris.
B. Helen was married to King Menelaus of Sparta.
C. The soldiers waded ashore and stormed up to the city.
D. “I don’t care how long it takes. I’ll get Helen back.”

2. Answer TRUE or FALSE.

A. Odysseus was happy to join the army and sail to Troy.  TRUE/FALSE
B. It was harder to capture the city than the Greeks had thought.  TRUE/FALSE
C. The Greeks were sure they would win in the end.  TRUE/FALSE
D. Odysseus knew his plan wasn’t certain to succeed.  TRUE/FALSE

3. Match the two halves of each sentence.

A. The first stage was... ...the trees into planks.
B. The Greek soldiers sawed... ...a mighty, magnificent wooden horse.
C. Then they joined... ...to cut down lots of trees.
D. The Greek army had built... ...the planks together.

4. Cross out the adjective that doesn’t fit with the character at the beginning.

A. Odysseus – clever, brave, careless  
B. Sinon – honest, Greek, convincing  
C. The Trojans – trusting, lucky, foolish  
D. Paris – handsome, frightened, safe

5. In the phrases below, four key words are in the wrong places. Cross them out, then write the correct word at the end.

A. It wasn’t long before Helen was launched before her husband. .............................
B. When he saw her beautiful face, his anger sighed in a second. .............................
C. “At last,” brought Menelaus. “Our mission is over.” .................................
D. He was back with his queen, whose beauty vanished a thousand ships. ..............................
Writing activity: The story of the Wooden Horse is full of dramatic moments. Imagine how it might be presented in a TV news report. Think what the reporter would say, who he would choose to interview and what they might say to the camera. Choose one of the following scenes: Menelaus discovering that Helen has run away with Paris; Odysseus telling the Greek army how to build the wooden horse; the Trojans discovering the horse and believing the war is over; the morning after the Greek attack on the city. Draw a picture of yourself at the scene, then write your report.