

Pandora

Ancient Greek

Pandora was the first woman. The gods made her to punish men.

Pandora was very beautiful. When she married, Hermes brought her a pot. He said she must never take the lid off.

Pandora kept looking at the pot. She wanted to know what was inside it.

Finally, Pandora could not bear it any more, so she took the lid off. All the evils in the world, disease, misery and death, flew out.

Pandora put the lid back on. It was too late. All the evils were already out. She heard a tiny voice inside, though. She opened the lid again, and hope flew out.

So, Pandora had let all the evils into the world, but she had brought hope, too.

1. What did Hermes tell Pandora?

2. Why didn't Pandora do what Hermes said?

3. What happened to the world as a result of Pandora's action and was it all bad?
