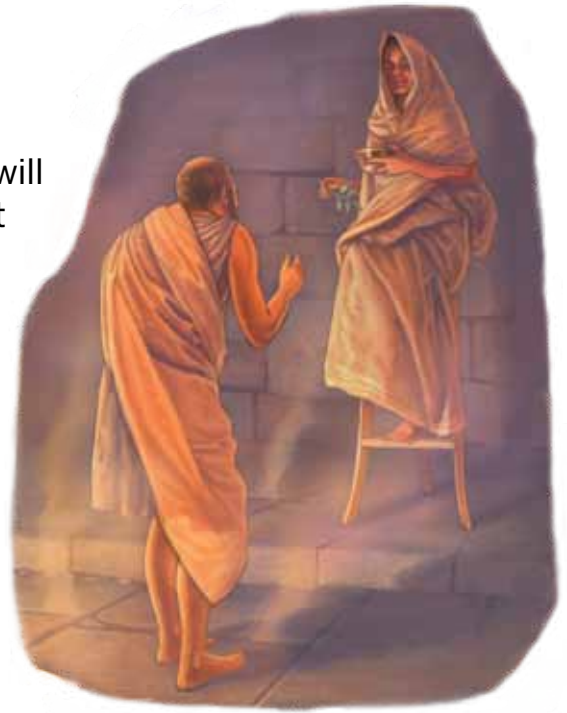


## Be an oracle

Imagine you are the oracle at Delphi. The chief general of the Athenians is approaching and he will want to know whether he would win a battle that will soon occur.

You always need to be right. If you give an answer that can be taken more than one way, the chances are that people will come back again and deposit more money in your treasury.

Write a speech that will tell how the battle might go and who might win. Include a sentence that says that assistance may not come in time (which gives the general an excuse for blaming someone else if they do not win the battle).



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Here the students can act out the role of the oracle at Delphi.

The job of the oracle was to predict the future in such a way that the listener had the opportunity of several interpretations and they could choose from it whichever interpretation they wanted.

You can combine this exercise with role play and literacy, as students will have to write down what they are going to say before they begin their play.