

# Allusions

## Answer Key

Write a sentence using each allusion. Draw on everyday scenarios.  
**(Answers may vary.)**

- 1) pile Pelion on Ossa

**Stop piling Pelion on Ossa! Those shoes won't fit Little Mia's feet.**

- 2) a Procrustean bed

**The prevailing ideas about writing have become a Procrustean bed for new journalists.**

- 3) forever and a day

**Susan has finally become a pilot; she was studying and training forever and a day.**

- 4) a Pollyanna

**I'm not trying to sound like a Pollyanna, but we will win tomorrow's match.**

- 5) someone's own flesh and blood

**I couldn't refuse Tim's request; he's my own flesh and blood.**

- 6) made of sterner stuff

**Patsy gave it a go because she was made of sterner stuff.**