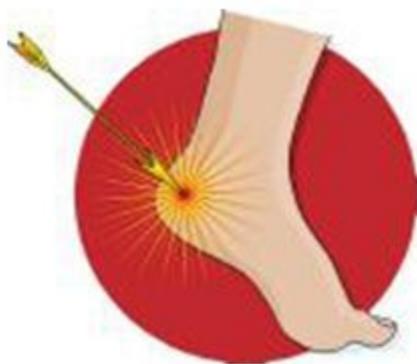


Mythology Allusion Example

❑ Achilles' Heel

- ❑ When Achilles was a baby, it was foretold that he would die in battle from an arrow. Naturally, his mother Thetis did not want her son to die. So she took Achilles to a magical river which was supposed to offer powers of invincibility and dipped his body into the water. But as Thetis had held Achilles by the heel, his heel was not washed over by the water of the magical river. Achilles grew up to be a man of war who survived many great battles. But one day, an arrow shot at him was lodged in his heel, killing him instantly. Yet Achilles is remembered as one of the greatest fighters who ever lived.



When someone wants to discuss one's weak point, s/he will refer to it as his/her "Achilles' Heel," meaning that they are strong in all areas except for that one tiny spot.