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1. Write some boasts which Beowulf might declare in Heorot before a battle.
2. Remember, the bigger the better!
3. Explain why Beowulf's boasts were the reason for his defeat against the dragon.
