

1 What do you know about the Greek gods? Choose the correct answers (a, b or c).

1 Who was the king of the Greek gods?

- a Zeus
- b Apollo
- c Heracles

2 Where did the Greek gods live?

- a In a temple.
- b On Mount Olympus.
- c At Delphi.

3 Who was Poseidon?

- a The god of music
- b The god of the sea
- c The god of the dead

2 Do the crossword.

Across

- 1 A person who works very hard for no money.
- 4 A small green fruit that is used for oil.
- 5 Very old
- 8 A soldier
- 9 A place where people go to pray.

Down

- 1 A person who looks after sheep.
- 2 An animal like a horse but with long ears.
- 3 The son of your brother or sister.
- 6 Very angry
- 7 A person who attacks a ship at sea.

3a Complete the descriptions of Heracles' tasks as you read the book. Choose sentences from the box.

"I have completed my last labour!" a noise so loud and terrible ate him
 held up the sky on his shoulders Heracles' fingers it belonged to the goddess Artemis
 its legs together its skin was too strong and could not be broken let it go free
 man-eating horses the queen's favourite sister three heads and six arms and hands

Task	Description
To get the dead body of the Nemean lion	This lion was destroying everything around Nemea. Nobody could kill it because ¹ Before it died, it bit off one of ²
To get the Hind with the Golden Horns	The Hind was a deer which no one ever touched because ³ After following it for a year, Heracles caught the deer, took it to Eurystheus, then took it back to Artemis.
To get the Erymanthian boar	Heracles tied ⁴ and took it back to Tiryns for Eurystheus to see. Eurystheus was so frightened that he jumped into a large pot to hide. Heracles took the boar to the sea and it swam to Italy.
To chase away the Stymphalian Birds	With the help of Athena, Heracles made ⁵ that the birds flew away to the island of Artetias.
To get the Cretan Bull	The bull was causing lots of damage all over Crete. After he captured it, he took it back to Tiryns to show Eurystheus and then ⁶
To get the ⁷ of King Diomedes	Heracles managed to steal the four horses. He then threw King Diomedes to the horses, who jumped on him and ⁸
To get the belt of Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons	The Amazons were a group of female warriors who lived on an island where no men were allowed. Heracles captured ⁹ and she said she would give him the belt if he let her go.
To get the cows of Geryon	Geryon was said to be strongest man in the world. He had ¹⁰ ! Heracles knew that he could not defeat him physically, so he fired an arrow through each of his throats.
To get three Golden Apples from the Garden of the Hesperides.	The apple tree was in a magic garden near the mountain where Atlas ¹¹ To get the apples, Heracles had to kill the dragon Ladon, and take Atlas's place.
To go to Hades and get Cerberus, the three-headed Hound of Hell, alive.	Zeus sent Athena and Hermes to help Heracles. He carried Cerberus alive back to Hermes and Athena, who were waiting for him. When he arrived back in Tiryns, Heracles threw the hound down and shouted, ¹²

3b Two of Heracles' tasks didn't count. Why?

1 Killing the Lernean Hydra didn't count because

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2 Cleaning King Augeas's cow barn in one day didn't count because

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4 Which of Heracles' tasks would you have enjoyed the most. Why?

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4b Which of Heracles' tasks would you have enjoyed the least. Why?

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5a You are Zeus, father of all the gods. You can change these five things in today's world. Write how you would change them.

house chores	
mosquitoes	
school	
food	
transport	

5b Write one more thing that you would change. How would you change it?

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6a What evil things do you think were in Pandora's box? Make a list.

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6b What would you put in Pandora's box?

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7a Write a new adventure for Heracles. Plan your writing using this chart.

Where does the adventure take place?	What is the task?	What problems does he face?
Which god helps Heracles?	How does he complete the task?	What is his prize?

7b Write your new adventure.

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