

Chapter 1: Comprehension

EXERCISE 1.15: MINERVA'S BIRTH



1. line 1: Iuppiter uxōrem pulchram amāvit sed saepe fēminās aliās et deās amāvit.

Whom did Jupiter love as well as his wife? _____
_____ [2]

2. line 2: Iuppiter deam, Mētem nōmine, amāvit.

What are we told about Metis? _____ [1]

3. lines 2-3: tum Mētis praegnāns erat. Iuppiter irātus erat.

Why did Jupiter become angry? _____ [1]

4. line 3: Iuppiter Mētem pūnīvit. Iuppiter Mētem cōsumpsit.

How did Jupiter punish Metis? _____ [1]



5. lines 4-5: Mētis Iovem pūnīvit. intrā Iovem Mētis filiam peperit.

What happened next? _____
_____ [1]

6. Lines 6-7: saepe Mētis et filia intrā Iovem indomitae erant. Mētis et filia Iovem saepe vexāvērunt.

How did Metis and her daughter anger Jupiter? _____
_____ [1]

7. line 7: Iuppiter lacrimāvit.

Do you think Jupiter succeeded in punishing Metis? Explain your answer. _____
_____ [1]

8. lines 8-9: tum Vulcānus Iovem percussit. ex capite filia appāruit. filia erat Minerva.

What happened after Vulcan struck Jupiter? _____
_____ [2]

9. lines 9-11: Minerva erat dea pulchra et sapiēns. Iuppiter Vulcānum laudāvit. Iuppiter Minervam laudāvit. laeta erat et Iuppiter laetus erat.

Explain why Minerva and Jupiter were happy at the end of the story. _____

_____ [2]

10. Do you think Jupiter was a good father? Explain your answer with reference to details from the story. _____

_____ [3]

Grammar questions

1. line 3: Iuppiter Mētem pūnīvit.

Which noun is the object of this sentence. How do you know? _____
_____ [2]



2. line 9: Minerva erat dea pulchra et sapiēns.

Identify and translate the verb in this sentence. _____ [1]

3. lines 10-11: Minerva laeta erat et Iuppiter laetus erat.

Explain why the adjective *laetus* appears twice with two different endings here. _____
_____ [2]