

⇒ COMPREHENSION CHECK ⇐

1. **Odysseus sailed away from Troy, eager to**
 - A. take part in a war.
 - B. explore unknown lands with his men.
 - C. find a fierce Cyclops named Polyphemus.
 - D. return to Ithaca.

2. **In the first paragraph, it says that "storms and turbulent seas drove the ships far off course." Which of these is the best antonym for *turbulent*?**
 - A. salty
 - B. shallow
 - C. calm
 - D. dangerous

3. **Which of these did Odysseus and his men NOT find stored in the cave?**
 - A. baskets of cheeses
 - B. piles of firewood
 - C. large quantities of wine
 - D. pails of milk

4. **Why didn't Odysseus kill Polyphemus with his sword?**
 - A. He was afraid to get too close to the Cyclops.
 - B. He realized that only the Cyclops could roll back the stone.
 - C. He had forgotten to bring his sword with him to the island.
 - D. His sword wasn't strong enough to kill a giant.

5. **Which of these emotions best describes how the men felt when they cried, "We're doomed"?**
 - A. hopeless
 - B. energetic
 - C. friendly
 - D. bold

6. **Why did Odysseus offer wine to Polyphemus?**
 - A. He wanted the Cyclops to owe him a favor.
 - B. He had put poison in the wine.
 - C. He wanted the Cyclops to fall into a deep sleep.
 - D. He thought that the Cyclops would like a drink after his meal.

7. **Poseidon is mentioned in this myth because he is**
 - A. Polyphemus's father.
 - B. the king of Ithaca.
 - C. god of the caves.
 - D. Odysseus's father.

8. **Based on the ending of this myth, you can predict that**
 - A. Polyphemus will regain his sight.
 - B. Odysseus and his fleet will sail safely back to Troy.
 - C. Polyphemus will lose all of his sheep.
 - D. Odysseus and his fleet will face new dangers.

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