

⇒ COMPREHENSION CHECK ⇐

RCP #9

1. **Phaeton's friends laughed at him because**
 - A. he was too weak to drive the chariot of the sun.
 - B. his father was a god.
 - C. he looked silly wearing his father's crown of golden beams.
 - D. he boasted that his father was the god of the sun.

2. **In the third paragraph, Helios asks his son to come to him so that he can embrace him. Which of these is the best synonym for *embrace*?**
 - A. warn
 - B. hug
 - C. punish
 - D. forgive

3. **Helios had to keep his promise to give his son anything he wanted because**
 - A. he thought it would make Clymene happy.
 - B. it was nearly time to drive the chariot of the sun across the sky.
 - C. he had sworn to that promise on the Styx, the river of unbreakable oaths.
 - D. he thought it would be an exciting experience for Phaeton.

4. **Based on what you read in this myth, you can conclude that the sun chariot's route across the sky was**
 - A. east to west.
 - B. north to south.
 - C. west to east.
 - D. south to north.

5. **What advice did Helios give to his son about driving the chariot?**
 - A. to use the whip on the horses
 - B. to stay close to the earth
 - C. to grasp the reins firmly in his hands
 - D. to drive neither too fast nor too slow

6. **Which of these adjectives best describes how Helios felt when Phaeton left to drive the chariot across the sky?**
 - A. proud
 - B. worried
 - C. calm
 - D. amused.

7. **Why wasn't Phaeton able to control the sun chariot's horses?**
 - A. The horses were untrained.
 - B. The path was too worn.
 - C. The horses were breathing fire from their mouths.
 - D. Phaeton didn't have his father's strength or experience.

8. **As you read in this myth, the Greek name for the god of the sun was Helios. In ancient Rome, the name for the god of the sun was Sol. Which of these words in our language comes from the Roman name for this god?**
 - A. solar
 - B. solve
 - C. solid
 - D. soldier