

## Comprehension Challenge: Book 3

### Pandora's Box

#### Challenge 1:

##### Look at Page 30

1. Where did the Gods live?  
The Gods lived on Mount Olympus.
2. Who was Prometheus's brother?  
Epimetheus was the brother of Prometheus.
3. What did Prometheus make out of soil?  
Prometheus man Man pout of the soil.
4. What punishment did Zeus give to Prometheus?  
Zeus tied Prometheus to a cliff.

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5. Who taught Pandora to play music?  
Apollo taught Pandora to play music.
6. What wedding present did Zeus give to the couple?  
Zeus gave a wooden chest as a present to the couple.
7. How did they hide the present so they would forget about it?  
They hid the present under a blanket in a dark corner.
8. Why did they want to hide the present out of the way?  
They hide the box because they wanted to avoid being tempted to open the chest.  
(If you just answered 'to put it out of his mind, you needed explain abit more as to why - always look foe that extra reason. Use a because to force you to explain, just as we have spoken about in class)

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9. What was the only thing left in the box?  
Hope was the only thing left in the box.
10. What did Pandora decide to do with the final thing in the box and why do you think she did this?  
Pandora let hope go free because I think she wanted hope to spread throughout the world to fight the other evil things which had been let loose.  
(If you haven't explained why, then again, you can't get the mark for this answer)

### Challenge 2/3:

#### Look at pages 30 to 31

1. What was different about the earth before Prometheus and his brother got to work?  
The earth only contained plants and trees; there were no living creatures.
2. Explain the use of semi-colons in the second paragraph.  
The semi colons are used to link main clauses which describe things which are closely linked together. They're not used for a detailed list, as there are only two things being described.
3. Explain what '...but Man will look at the stars!' means.  
This could have two meanings. It can mean that Man walked upright and did not move close to the earth. It could also have the meaning of Man being able to think and challenge himself and always want to go further, to make himself better.
4. Why might Zeus believe fire should only be for the Gods?  
Zeus believed that the Gods were superior to Man, and that Man was insignificant. He believed Man didn't deserve to have such a useful thing as fire.
5. What does it mean when it says that Mercury gave Pandora a 'clever tongue'.  
'Clever tongue' means that Pandora could speak intelligently, that she was bright and knew the right things to say.
6. (Challenge question) Why is the *accepting* put in italics?  
Showing 'accepting' in italics is stressing that Zeus wasn't happy that Man took the gift without refusing it, knowing it was too special for them. He may have believed Man would know Zeus would not be happy if they took this gift willingly. (If you've just written something like 'italics make you say the word different, or for effect', you know this is not a good enough answer - you must EXPLAIN the effect or voice change.

#### Look at pages 32 to 33

7. What convinced Pandora to open the chest?  
The voices from the chest convinced Pandora to open it, persuading her that it was actually her wedding present too, so she deserved to see what it was.
8. Can you find 4 onomatopoeia words (they sound like their meaning)?  
The 4 words are 'click', 'clack (two of these), and BANG. But you could possibly say growling, and snarling have the same effect.
9. Why do you think DEATH had the tiniest 'purring' voice?  
Death has such a quiet, purring voice because he is the most powerful and doesn't need to shout and scream to prove how strong he is. The purring suggests he knows he's the strongest and is quite confident, cocky and even smug about it.

10. Some stories say Pandora kept hope in the box; why do you think she let it go in this one?

I would expect you to discuss the different ideas about hope being free throughout the world, or is it something which people need to keep safe so it can't escape. It depends on how you are explaining how you think hope might work if it were a strange living thing. Would we need to keep it locked up so we can have access to it, or would hope be a wonderful creature who would want to visit everyone to help them out.