

Vocabulary and Comprehension

A. The names of characters from mythology are at the core of quite a few modern English words. For example, our word *echo* is derived from the name of the nymph. Answer the following questions about words related to mythological characters. Use a dictionary if you need help.

1. What kind of personality flaws does a *narcissistic* person have?

2. *Jove* is another name for Jupiter. What kind of person is *jovial*?

3. Pluto's name in ancient Greek meant "the rich one." What kind of person do you suppose a *plutocrat* is?

4. What name of a common breakfast food is derived from *Ceres*, the name of the goddess of agriculture?

B. Answer the following questions.

1. Why does Hera decide to visit the earth?

2. What is Narcissus's problem? Why does he scorn the nymphs?

3. What happens to Echo after Narcissus runs away from her?
