

Reading Comprehension - What is a Cyclops?



ANSWERS

1) Why is a Cyclops called a Cyclops?

A Cyclops is called a Cyclops because a Cyclops has one large round eye in the middle of his face and the word 'cyclops' means 'round eye'.

2) What does the word 'plural' mean?

more than one

3) Find two descriptions in the text that are used to describe Cyclopes.

- wild force
- not necessarily bad or good
- sons of the sky god and earth goddess
- very strong
- giant

4) Who gave Zeus thunder and lightning bolts? Why did they do this?

The three Cyclopes brothers gave Zeus thunder and lightning bolts. They did this when Zeus became the leader of the gods

5) Who is the most famous Cyclops?

Polyphemus

6) What does 'outsmart' mean?

Outsmart means to get the better of someone by being clever or cunning.

Challenge

7) If you were a hero in a Greek myth, would you like to meet a Cyclops?

Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

Own Answer - Example - No, I wouldn't want to meet a Cyclops because Cyclopes were known to be violent and they liked to eat humans.