

## Fact File: Jupiter

- 11 The Roman Jupiter is the head of the Olympic gods and  
22 god of light and thunder. Jupiter is lord of life, having  
31 absolute power over life and death. He remains the  
40 supreme god of heaven and never appears upon earth.
- 50 The most celebrated temple of Jupiter is that on the  
60 Capitoline Hill in the city of Rome, where he is  
66 worshipped under the names of Jupiter-Optimus-  
69 Maximus, Capitolinus, and Tarpeius.
- 79 The Romans represent him seated on a throne of ivory,  
90 holding in his right hand a sheaf of thunderbolts and in  
101 his left a sceptre, whilst an eagle stands beside his throne.



## Quick Questions



1. Give **two** other names for Jupiter.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



2. Find **two** words or phrases which suggest that Jupiter was in charge.

\_\_\_\_\_



3. Why does the author tell us that Jupiter 'never appears upon earth'?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



4. Why do you think that Roman statues represent Jupiter holding thunderbolts and a sceptre?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Sea Serpents

## 2 Ea (Babylonian)

- 10 The head is the head of a serpent,
- 15 From his nostrils mucus trickles,
- 21 His mouth is beslavered with water;
- 29 The ears are like those of a basilisk,
- 36 His horns are twisted into three curls,
- 43 He wears a veil in his headband,
- 51 The body is a fish full of stars,
- 58 The base of his feet are claws,
- 66 The sole of his foot has no heel,
- 70 His name is Sassu-wunnu,
- 77 A sea monster, a form of Ea.

## 80 Jormungand (Old Norse)

- 82 Pronounced 'Your-mu-gand',
- 85 Meaning 'earth necklace'.
- 88 The great beast,
- 91 An ocean-living dragon
- 98 With the smooth body of a snake;
- 104 A mouth lined with venom-dripping teeth,
- 111 Large enough to swallow a god whole.
- 113 So enormous
- 121 His body forms a circle around the world!



# Quick Questions



1. Describe the Ea's horns.

---

---



2. Explain why 'earth necklace' is a good name for the jormungand.

---



3. If these two sea serpents were in a battle, which do you think would win? Why?

---

---

---



4. Describe **one** way that Ea and Jormungand are similar and **one** way that they are different.

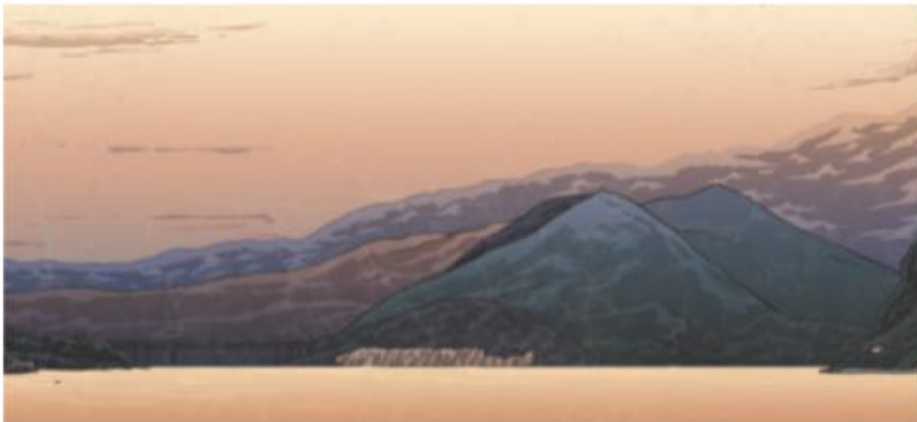
---

---

---

# The Legend of The Chinese Giants

12 In the Country of the Giants, the people are fifty feet in  
22 height and their footprints are six feet in length. Their  
33 teeth are like those of a saw and their fingernails are  
43 hooked claws. Their eyebrows are of such length as to  
54 protrude from the front of the carts in which they ride  
63 and their bodies are covered with long black hair  
73 resembling that of the bear. They live to the advanced  
81 age of eighteen thousand years. Their country extends  
89 some thousands of miles along certain mountain ranges  
98 in north-eastern Asia. They have strong iron gates, easy  
107 to close but difficult to open; hence, though their  
115 neighbours maintain large armies, they have so far  
118 never been conquered.



## Quick Questions



1. Where is the country of the Giants?

---

---



2. Find a word which means the same as 'to stick out'.

---



3. How does the author make it clear that the giants live for a long time?

---

---

---



4. Will the giants ever be defeated? Why do you think this?

---

---

---