

Old and modern creatures

1. Polyphemus the Cyclops.

The Cyclopes are one-eyed huge, savage creatures, tall like trees. They live on an island where they do nothing but fight with each other for the wild goats. Storms often bring shipwrecked sailors to their island. The Cyclopes catch and eat them alive. The largest and fiercest of the Cyclopes is named Polyphemus. [...] However, according to Homer, Ulysses manages to escape from his cave, because he is smarter and more cunning than Polyphemus.

2. Oberon, Titania, Puck and Tinkerbell, the fairies.

Fairies appear in children's stories as tiny, winged and good-hearted creatures. They behave like humans; they get married and have children. However, unlike humans, they have supernatural powers, which make them, at best, unpredictable and at worst, dangerous. Tinkerbell, Peter Pan's companion, is a tiny-winged fairy, delightful and delicate. She is sometimes friendly or unfriendly but loyal to Peter Pan. In Shakespeare's play "*A Midsummer Night's Dream*" Oberon, the nasty King of the fairies and the wicked queen Titania live in Fairyland. They order their playful and naughty messenger Puck, to play tricks on people and make them fall in love with the first creature they see when they wake up...

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Questions

1) How do the Cyclopes look like?

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2) What do they do all day?

3) What do they do with the shipwrecked sailors?

4) How is Polyphemus like?

5) Why does Ulysses manage to escape from his cave?

6) How do fairies look like?

7) Who is Tinkerbell?

8) Do fairies behave like humans?

9) Who are Oberon and Titania?

10) What do they order Puck to do?

