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1. Give **two** other names for Jupiter.
Accept: Jupiter-Optimus-Maximus, Capitolinus or Tarpeius.



2. Find **two** words or phrases which suggest that Jupiter was in charge.
Accept any two of the following: head; supreme; lord; absolute power.



3. Why does the author tell us that Jupiter 'never appears upon earth'?
Accept an explanation that it tells us how important he was because he was the head of the gods so would remain in heaven to lead the other gods.



4. Why do you think that Roman statues represent Jupiter holding thunderbolts and a sceptre?
Accept an explanation that focuses on the fact that he was god of thunder and a leader so these items represented these things.