



SOPHIA AND THE PHILOSOPHY CLUB COMPETITION

Welcome to ancient Athens! Today is an exciting day for you to have arrived in town. There are four different philosophy clubs competing in the city and trying to gain members – they call themselves the Stoics, Epicureans, Cynics, and Sceptics.

Meet Sophia, a young girl living in Athens. She is intrigued by these new clubs and is wondering what they are all about. Join her as she explores each one and find out which philosophers she decides to join. While you read about Sophia, see if you can answer these questions:

1. Sophia visits the Stoics who are led by Zeno. Stoics believed the key to living the best life was to be virtuous and control your emotions. What is the Greek word for the absence of emotion Stoics aimed for? (Hint, it starts with A)

2. The Epicureans believed true happiness is not intense joy or excitement, it is 'ataraxia'. What does the term ataraxia mean?

3. Diogenes the Cynic believed we should all live simply and naturally, like a wild dog. One of the rules of his philosophy club was to get rid of all your stuff! What is one item you could not live without?

4. As a Sceptic, Pyrrho believed the key to living the best life was to believe in nothing. What happens in the story when Pyrrho crosses the road?

5. Which of the Philosophy clubs would you join and why? Would they help you to live a happier life?



Go on a word hunt!

Find all the words relating to Sophia and the Philosophy Club listed below.

E U T R I V E J E S T Q G X J M E S P X
 P H F Q A E Y C S L P L R J R T W U P B
 S A J G C Z T E I T R G E O H B Q R W X
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 O P C E K G Q T E R W F S L E V E M E V
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Agora
 Belief
 Epicureans
 Greece
 Phyrro
 Sophia
 Virtue

Apatheia
 Cynics
 Epicurus
 Happiness
 Skeptics
 Stoics
 Zeno

Athens
 Diogenes
 Ethics
 Philosophy
 Socrates
 Vice



Answers

Question 1: Apatheia

Question 2: A calm and peaceful contentment

Question 3: Share your answer with us

Question 4: Pyrrho is almost run over by a horse and cart

Question 5: Share you answers with us

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