



### Get Set

1. Do you think fire is important to sustain life on earth?

Ans → A ground fire burns organic soil. A surface fire moves through grasses, forest litter, and shrubs. Fire has been an asset to the human species for 1000 years.

2. How do you think fire came to the knowledge of humankind?

The Greek mythology, Prometheus stole fire from the gods and gave it to humans. The earliest creatures that predated human beings were probably well aware of fire.

3. How do you think our world would have been if human beings did not have the knowledge of fire? Give reasons for your answer.

It will be very difficult for human beings to survive if there is no fire as we use fire efficiently and are adapted to use it like we use it for cooking food. If fire is suddenly gone from our life it will be a great tension. Also fire is used in many industries for various activities like melting of metals.



### Reading Junction

Let us read a story of a Greek Titan, Prometheus, who stole fire from Mount Olympus and gave it to humankind.

Prometheus and Epimetheus were the two sons of a great Titan, Iapetus, who had lost a war against Zeus and was sent in chains to the prison of Lower World. The two brothers were physically alike but mentally poles apart. Prometheus meant 'forethought' and therefore, he always thought of times ahead of him. Epimetheus meant 'afterthought'. Unlike his brother, he was foolish and retrospective. Therefore, while Prometheus thought about what type of living beings to create, Epimetheus thoughtlessly created the living beings.

