

## Artemis, the goddess of the moon and the hunt

In Ancient Greek religion, people worshipped many different Gods. Artemis was the daughter of Zeus and the goddess of hunting and of the moon. Her twin brother, Apollo, was god of the sun. Artemis' symbols were a bow and arrow, dogs, deer and bears.



### Powers

- Perfect aim with bow and arrow
- Very clever
- Could transform herself and others into animals
- Healing powers
- Control of nature

### Personality

Artemis was very strong-willed and knew exactly what she wanted. When she was three years old, she asked Zeus if she could be known by three different names which would fit her moods and reflect the changing moon. When she was cheerful and the moon was bright, she was called Selene. When she was in a bad mood and the moon was dark, she was called Hecate. The rest of the time she was called Artemis.

### Interesting facts

- Didn't like being with men
- Zeus gave her some female followers called nymphs
- Never fell in love with a man and used tricks to avoid them
- Honoured by the tribe of warrior women, the Amazons, who never married
- Has a crater of the moon named after her



A Greek statue of  
Artemis

Artemis was a clever and strong goddess who was worshipped by women and who valued nature. She was one of the Twelve gods of Olympus.