

# ARTEMIS

**Greek name** Ἄρτεμις

**Latin name** Diana

**Name in your language**

**Parents** Zeus and Leto

**Role** goddess of the hunt and wilderness

**Home** Mount Olympus / Arcadia's Forest

**Attributes** bow and arrows, Moon, quiver

**Pets** stag, wild animals

Artemis was the goddess of the hunt and wilderness. She was also the protector of young girls before the age of marriage. Her symbol was the Moon, and she would run through the night at the head of wild forest animals. Her twin brother was Apollo, whose symbol was the Sun. Artemis was a lonely goddess, and she had always loved being so. She was known to have rejected all suitors who tried to approach her. The unlucky Actaeon was one of them. He was a handsome youth who happened to see the goddess Artemis on Mount Cithaeron. And what a sight he saw there! She was taking a bath, naked. First surprised, then ashamed, and finally furious, Artemis turned the young man into a stag. Then it came time to flee for the unfortunate Actaeon: his own pack of hunting dogs, seeing a stag, came springing towards him and pursued him...

