



ANSWERS

1. Oedipus's parents are told that their son will grow up to kill his father and marry his mother.
2. His parents leave Oedipus on the side of the road to die.
3. He does not die. He grows up and becomes a powerful hero and a successful king.
4. Oedipus doesn't know who his parents are, because they abandoned him. When he learns about the prophecy, he decides to run away from who he thinks his real parents are, in order to avoid the prophecy coming true. In doing so, he inadvertently fulfills the prophecy.