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The meaning of Pheidippides name is horse-loving or horse-caring hero. He was named so to add a comedic effect. The name that Pheidippides was derived from was actually a common nickname in Greece. It might have referenced traditional Greek values. However, within the context of this play, Pheidippides is a lazy and uncaring son who only drives his father further into debt to race with his own horses. This adds a little bit of comedy toward the name behind Pheidippides.   
 Pheidippides refuses to study at the Thinkery because he refuses to give up his current life of racing horses. Strepsiades tells Pheidippides to abandon his horses and go study at the Thinkery. This only makes Pheidippides less willing to go because of his love of horses. Strepsiades also tells Pheidippides that he wants Pheidippides to learn the logic required to persuade the creditors to get off his back. Pheidippides compares either the creditors or the scholars at the Thinkery to vampires that would suck him dry. Pheidippides believes that studying at the Thinkery will cause him to lose social status with his horse racing friends.