



# Theseus and the Minotaur

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## While reading

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#### 1 Match A and B.

A	B
King Aegeus	is Poseidon's son.
Theseus	is Ariadne's father.
Minos	is King Aegeus's son.
Medea	is young and strong.
	is the Minotaur's father.
	is King Aegeus's new wife.
	lives in Athens with Medea.
	is Theseus's father.
	has two fathers.
	has one daughter.

#### 2 Theseus and his father are talking. Write

##### Theseus's answers.

Father: Oh, Theseus! I am happy you are here.

Did you walk for many days to come to Athens?

Theseus: .....

Father: Was it difficult to get here?

Theseus: Yes, father, there were ..... on the road.

Father: Did you fight them?

Theseus: ..... and killed them.

Father: You found my sword and now it is yours.

How did you find it?

Theseus: .....

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#### 3 Write about the Minotaur.



- a ..... is its father.
- b ..... Ariadne's .....
- c It's tall and .....
- d It's ..... and ..... bull.
- e It ..... maze.
- f It eats ..... young ..... every year.

#### 4 Are these right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a The Athenians can sleep because the Minotaur is tired.
- b The men at the door of Theseus's room opened the door for Ariadne because she had a knife.
- c Ariadne helps him because she doesn't like her father and she doesn't like Crete.
- d Theseus is going to kill the Minotaur in the evening.
- e He killed the men at the door with the string.

#### 5 What is Ariadne thinking? Put the letters in the right place.

I (IKLE) ..... Theseus very much. He's got a beautiful (AEFC) ..... and he is (LALT) ..... and (TNOGSR) ..... . He can help me. I am unhappy. I want to go to (EHNATS) ..... . He can take me in his (ABTO) ..... . I want to be his (IFWE) ..... . This evening I am going to visit him in his room. I am going to give him a (ORWSD) ..... and some (IRGNST) ..... . Then, he can (LILK) ..... the Minotaur and go away with me!

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#### 6 Answer these questions.

- a Why was there no noise in the maze?
- b What was always in Theseus's hand?
- c Did Theseus kill the Minotaur with a rock?
- d Why didn't the Athenians want Ariadne on the boat?
- e Why did Theseus cry for his father in Athens?

## After reading

#### 7 What did Theseus do? Tick the things he did.

- In Troezen ...
- a he found a king's sword.
- b he fought many bad men.
- In Athens ...
- c he made a promise to Ariadne.
- d he made a promise to his father.
- In Crete ...
- e he found Minos's ring with the help of two black dolphins.

#### 8 Answer the following questions about the story.

- a Did you like the story? Why (not)?
- b Who in the story did you like? Why?
- c Do you like old stories from Greece? Why (not)?



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| <p><b>A</b></p> <p>1 'I am going to walk to my father's home.'</p> <p>2 'I am going to fight ill the Minotaur.'</p> <p>3 'You are my son. You are going to be king after me.'</p> <p>4 'I am going to sail to the island of Crete.'</p> <p>5 'You are going to be king after your father, not him.'</p> | <p><b>B</b></p> <p>a Theseus to Aegeus</p> <p>b Aegeus to Theseus and ill the Minotaur.</p> <p>c Theseus to his mother</p> <p>d Medea</p> <p>e Theseus to Aegeus</p> |
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### 2 Are these right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Theseus moved a rock and found Poseidon's sword.
- b Theseus went to Athens to meet his father.
- c In Athens Theseus met his father and his new wife. She wanted to kill him.
- d On the road he fought and killed a lot of bad animals.
- e King Aegeus was crying: Minos's son, the Minotaur, was going to eat Theseus.

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### 3 What happened first? Write the numbers, 1–10.

- a  The first night Ariadne went to Theseus' room with a knife and some string.
- b  In Crete he met King Minos and Ariadne.
- c  Theseus wanted to go into the maze when the Minotaur was sleeping
- d  Theseus went to the maze and Ariadne took the young Athenians to the boat.
- e  King Aegeus was happy about Theseus, but was very unhappy because fourteen Athenians were going to Crete.
- f  Theseus wanted to go to Crete to kill it and he promised he was going to come back home again.
- g  Ariadne was helping Theseus because she wanted to go away with him.
- h  Theseus did not want to wait for the morning.
- i  He was going to have white sails on the boat. This was his promise.
- j  They were food for the Minotaur, Minos's son. It lived in a maze on the island of Crete.

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### 4 Look at the picture and answer the questions.



- a Who is on the island of Naxos?  
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  - b Where is Theseus going?  
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  - c Who is on the boat with Theseus?  
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  - d Where does Ariadne want to go?  
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  - e Why does she want to go there?  
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- 5 How are these people feeling? Why?
- a Theseus is happy because .....  
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  - b Ariadne is unhappy because Theseus .....  
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  - c The Athenians on the boat are happy because .....  
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  - d Back in Athens, Theseus is unhappy because his father .....  
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  - e The people in Athens are happy because .....  
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