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Visiting The Minotaur

Lola and Marcus are visiting the Museum with Lola's grandma. Lola's grandma is a Professor of History at the University. They are learning a lot about Greek culture.

Grandma – Now we are going to enter the Room of Myths. You are going to love this room! It is full of the most fantastic creatures... mythological creatures, I must say!

Marcus – Mythological creatures? Are they monsters? Are they real?

Lola – Nooooo! They are not real, Marcus! They are fantastic creatures from ancient Greek legends. My grandma knows many of these stories. My favourite is the Minotaur... Let's go and see!

They all go to the end of the room, where there is a sculpture of...of what? Is it an animal? Or a person?

Lola – See, Marcus? This is the Minotaur. It is a fantastic creature, half animal and half human. It has got a bull's head with big, pointy horns on top. And it has got a man's body, with very strong muscles.



Grandma – You are right, Lola. The Minotaur is King Minos's pet...

Marcus – A pet? Really? But it is enormous! How can this animal live in a real house?

Grandma – Yes, Marcus, it is very tall, about 3 metres. It lives in a labyrinth in King Minos's island. The Minotaur is not a very nice pet. It eats big animals, but it also loves eating humans. The people are really scared and King Minos doesn't know what to do.

Lola – One day, Theseus, a very brave boy, decides to enter the labyrinth and kill the Minotaur. But the problem is how to get out of the labyrinth. Ariadne, a very intelligent girl, helps Theseus to escape.



Grandma – Yes. But that is another story... Maybe I can tell you that story the next time we visit the museum.

Answer the following questions about the text “Visiting The Minotaur”.

18. What does Lola’s grandma do at University?

- A. She works in the canteen.
- B. She teaches History.
- C. She works as a guide at the museum.
- D. She is the gardener.

19. What are mythological creatures?

- A. Real monsters from Ancient Greece.
- B. Legendary animals.
- C. Creatures from Ancient Greek legends.
- D. Strange animals from History.

20. What is special about the Minotaur?

- A. It lives on an island.
- B. It is half human, half animal.
- C. It is small and dangerous.
- D. It can run very fast.

21. The Minotaur can’t live in a house because...

- A. it is too dirty.
- B. it smells too bad.
- C. it doesn’t like houses.
- D. it is too big.

22. The Minotaur lives in a...

- A. cage.
- B. garden.
- C. labyrinth.
- D. house.

23. The Minotaur is a herbivore: it eats plants and vegetables.

- A. True.
- B. False.

24. Who solves the problem with the Minotaur?

- A. Theseus and Ariadne.
- B. King Minos.
- C. The Greek people.
- D. The Kraken.