A Lost Ring

Ariadne looked at Theseus's beautiful face with love. She wanted to ***help*** *him. She wanted to be his wife.*



'I am going to make a **promise** to you,' Theseus said to his father in the morning. 'I am going to come back again. Look at the sails of this boat. They are black. But we have white sails on the boat too. I am going to kill the Minotaur and we are going to come home again. Then our boat is going to have white sails. Watch for those white sails.'

'I am going to watch for them all day and all night,' King Aegeus said. 'Remember your promise!'

'The boat is going to sail now,' Theseus said. 'Goodbye, Father!'

help /help/ (v/n) She has got a problem. Please *help* her.
promise /'prɒmɪs/ (n/v) I am going to write to you every day. That's a *promise*.

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The boat sailed quickly across the blue Aegean Sea to Crete.

King Minos and his daughter Ariadne waited for the boat. The young Athenians were very unhappy. Only one man did not cry.

'Who are you?' King Minos asked Theseus.

'I am Theseus,' he said. 'I am the son of King Aegeus. But I am the son of Poseidon, king of the sea, too.'

Minos smiled. 'You are the son of a god? What can you do? Let's see! My **ring** is in the sea. Swim down and find it for me!'

Theseus went into the water and asked for help. Two white **dolphin**s came to him with the ring.

'Here is your ring,' he said to King Minos.

Ariadne looked at Theseus's beautiful face with love. She wanted to help him. She wanted to be his wife.

Theseus and the Athenians went with the king's men. There was one small, dark room for Theseus and one room for the Athenians.

'The Minotaur had food today,' King Minos said. 'You can sleep.'

But the visitors did not sleep.



ring /rɪŋ/ (n) The girls have beautiful *rings* on their hands.
dolphin /'dɒlfɪn/ (n) *Dolphins* swim near the boats.

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A Woman's Help

'The Minotaur is sleeping now,' Theseus said. 'I am going to kill it before morning. Then we can all go back to Athens.'



That evening, Ariadne went to Theseus's room.

'I want to talk to him,' she said to the men at the door. The men opened the door for her.

Under her dress she had a knife and some **string**. 'Take these,' she said quietly to Theseus. 'Kill the Minotaur with the knife. But it is very dark in the maze. Put one **end** of the string under a rock near the door. Then take the string into the maze with you.'



string /strɪŋ/ (n) Close the bag with some *string*.
end /end/ (n) We walk to the school at the *end* of the road.

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'Why are you helping me?' Theseus asked.

'I don't like my father,' Ariadne said. 'And I don't like Crete. Kill the Minotaur, but take me away with you. Promise!'

'I promise,' Theseus said.

He did not want to wait for the morning.

'The Minotaur is sleeping now,' Theseus said. 'I am going to kill it before morning. Then we can all go back to Athens. Please, Ariadne, help my friends. Take the young Athenians to the boat.'

'Yes,' said Ariadne, and she went.

First, Theseus killed the two men at the door with his knife. Then he went to the Minotaur's maze.



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3.1 Were you right?

Look at your answers to Activity 2.4 on page 7. Then write the words in the sentences.

waits	loves	help	sails	eat	sail

1 Theseus and the young Athenians ..... to Crete.

2 Their boat has black ..... .

3 Ariadne ..... Theseus.

4 She wants to ..... him.

5 The Minotaur doesn't ..... any Athenians that day.

6 Theseus ..... in a small, dark room.

3.2 What more did you learn?

Who is talking?

1 'I am going to come back again.'

2 'Remember your promise!'

3 'My ring is in the sea.'

4 'You can sleep.'

5 'Kill the Minotaur with the knife.'

6 'Take the young Athenians to the boat.'

A 

B 

C 

D 

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3.3 Language in use

Look at the words on the right. Then write *promise* or *promised* in these sentences.

'I am going to make a **promise** to you.'
'I **promise**.'

1 'Remember your ..... promise ..... !'

2 'Kill the Minotaur, but take me away with you. ..... !'

3 'I am going to kill the Minotaur. I ..... my father.'

4 She is going to sail away from Crete. That is Theseus's ..... to her.

5 What did Theseus ..... Ariadne?

6 Ariadne is happy because Theseus ..... .

3.4 What's next?

Look at the pictures. What are these people going to do? Write sentences.

1



2



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4



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