

Color in each box of the word as it is used in the story below. Words will have to be “linked” together.

Start

Abashed	Illicit	Malady	Ramification	Avenge	Affluent	Punitive	Serendipity	Gregarious	Quell
Balderdash	Jocular	Narcissistic	Salacious	Buttress	Nuance	Turgid	Tenacious	Knell	Ribald
Calvary	Kibosh	Obligatory	Tactile	Curt	Notorious	Vocation	Yahoo	Ostensible	Surrogate
Dalliance	Lamentations	Pacify	Ubiquitous	Exult	Chortle	Swarthy	Zealot	Hypocrisy	Truncate
Ebullience	Macabre	Ruminated	Verbose	Duress	Havoc	Rife	Burnish	Noxious	Usurp
Fabulist	Nurture	Quixotic	Brazen	Grievous	Kudos	Utilitarian	Abhorrent	Jubilant	Wistful
Gallant	Ostracism	Sycophant	Aversion	Furtive	Lurid	Querulous	Cursory	Mutable	Vivacious
Hallow	Putrid	Turpitude	Wrath	Hypothetical	Myriad	Wizened	Duplicity	Lucid	Zenith
Irrevocable	Quotidian	Utopia	Curtail	Irreverence	Intricate	Yoked	Extricate	Iridescent	Avarice
Juxtaposition	Ruse	Vociferous	Dynamic	Judicious	Ostentatious	Zephyr	Frugal	Pungent	Buffeted

Finish

Theseus and King Aegeus, his father, were happy after they were reunited. Aegeus was actually a bit _____ by not being there for young Theseus. Theseus said, “That’s just _____, dad. Your responsibilities as king outweigh your responsibilities to me.” And with that, the young hero put the _____ on the discussion. But when spring came, their laughter turned to _____, for the ship with the black sail approached to take the _____ sacrifice of young teenagers to _____ the evil King Minos of Crete.

Minos’s guards were practically _____, so it was hard for Theseus to plan to thwart Minos. Theseus eventually discovered that the teens were put into a huge labyrinth where they wandered lost until a minotaur, which roamed the maze, found and ate them. Theseus _____ for a while until he came up with a _____ plan. He would enter the maze and slay the beast himself! There is just one problem – even if he could kill the minotaur, how would he ever leave the labyrinth?

Theseus went back to Aegeus and explained his plan, who agreed to it, but only under _____. It was a _____ thought for Aegeus that he may lose his son after so recently regaining him. His dreams were full of _____ images of _____ problems his son would encounter.

Theseus’ plan involved the creator of the _____ maze, Daedalus. Strangely enough, it was Minos’s own daughter, Ariadne, who led Theseus to him on the promise that Theseus would marry her if she helped him find a way out of the maze. Daedalus was a man _____ with age. Daedalus gave Theseus only a _____ glance and realized that he was a man of action that might actually be able to kill that _____ beast. “The maze is _____ with dangers other than just the beast.” Theseus let out a brief _____. “The _____ of hero assumes risks of all sorts. I’m not some country _____ who has never faced danger.” Seeing that Theseus truly had the heart of a hero and there was no _____ in him, Daedalus showed him the secret. Tie string near the entrance. Unwind the string as you go. When you are ready to leave, follow the string back out.

Theseus did this and killed the beast. The dead body of the monster let off _____ fumes that sent the hero scrambling out so fast that he almost forgot to follow the string. Ariadne was _____ upon seeing her husband-to-be emerge from the maze. However, despite her beauty and _____ attitude, Theseus just wasn’t all that into her and dropped her off on a deserted island instead of marrying her.

Every day at the sun’s _____, King Aegeus went to the top of a cliff to look for his son’s ship. They had agreed that Theseus would replace the dreaded black sails with beautiful _____ ones to show that he survived the ordeal. However, in his haste to return to his father, he forgot to change the sails. Aegeus, seeing the ship returning with dark sails, leaped from the cliff to his death. His body was _____ by the waves against the rocks until it was nothing but a bloody pulp.