



Daedalus and Icarus

Answer Sheet

1) Where does Daedalus live when he first gains fame?

Athens

2) List two of the things which Daedalus is famous for.

He created the first bath houses.
He created the first dance halls.
He invented carpentry and its tools.
He created statues so lifelike that they fooled Hercules.

3) Where were Daedalus and his nephew working when Daedalus tried to murder him?

The Acropolis

4) What did Daedalus receive as punishment for trying to kill Perdix?

A scar in the shape of a partridge



Answers

5) Where did Daedalus travel to after leaving his home?

Crete

6) What is the name of King Minos' wife?

Pasiphae

7) What is the Minotaur's true name?

Asterion

8) When does King Minos decide to hide the Minotaur?

When it starts eating human flesh

9) What are the two things that Daedalus and Icarus must not do when they are flying and why?

Fly too high because the wax will melt
Fly too low because the wings will be too heavy



Answers

10) Number the following sentences from 1 – 7 to show the order in which they happen in the tale.

The first one has been done for you

Daedalus created a labyrinth	6
Perdix fell from a clifftop.	3
The Minotaur was born.	5
Icarus falls into the sea.	7
Daedalus creates mechanical horses.	4
Daedalus creates a lifelike statue.	2
Daedalus becomes famous as a master craftsman.	1

11) Look at page 1. Find and copy one word which shows that Hercules did not know what he was doing when he was doing.

Mistakenly

12) *The boy had shown himself to be a dutiful and talented pupil with striking ingenuity...*

What does *ingenuity* mean here? Tick one box.

bravery	<input type="checkbox"/>
hard work	<input type="checkbox"/>
appearance	<input type="checkbox"/>
inventiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>



Answers

13) *It took a moment of jealousy to blind Daedalus to the consequences of actions and he lunged at the boy...*

What does *consequences* mean in this sentence?

Results or outcomes

14) **Look at page 2. Find and copy one word which shows that Daedalus' nephew changed into a partridge quickly.**

Suddenly

15) *When Daedalus found himself in the land of Crete, he found that his fame preceded him.*

What does *preceded* mean in this sentence? Tick one box.

followed	<input type="checkbox"/>
was unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
came before	<input type="checkbox"/>
was even greater	<input type="checkbox"/>



Answers

16) *To most, the prison would have seemed inescapable. To Daedalus, it presented a challenge to be savoured...*

What does the word *savoured* mean in this sentence?

Enjoyed

17) **Look at page 3. Find and copy a word which shows that the wings Daedalus is making are delicate and the feathers need to be placed exactly.**

carefully

18) **Why does King Minos have Daedalus and Icarus imprisoned?**

He does not want them telling people about the Minotaur



Answers

19) Daedalus is a talented craftsman and is very vain. What other impressions do you get of him from this tale?

Give one impression, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

Impression	Evidence
He has a short temper.	He pushes Perdix off the cliff without thinking.
He is cowardly.	He leaves Athens because he is scared for his life.
He is a loving father.	He helps Icarus escape with him. He makes sure that Icarus understands the risks. He despairs after Icarus dies.