

## Wednesday - What to do today

### 1. Writing instructions

Look at *Getting out of the labyrinth*.

- Read what you have to do.
- Use *How to find and operate the hidden door* to write out Daedalus's instructions.

## Luring the Minotaur into the Labyrinth

These instructions will enable you to capture the Minotaur and safely install him in his new labyrinth home.



1. Open the entrance door to the labyrinth wide but tie a fine, strong cord to the handle so that the door can be pulled shut as soon as it is needed.
2. Now bury this cord in the sand so that it is invisible to the Minotaur's keen sight.
3. Just within the labyrinth, place a deep dish of tasty food that

will draw the wary Minotaur into the maze with its delicious, tempting smells. As the Minotaur is a carnivore, a huge mixed grill of sausages, chops, burgers and steaks would do the job well.

4. Make sure your soldiers are well hidden and ready to pull the door shut just as soon as the Minotaur is properly within the maze.
5. Next, force one of your servants to run in front of the Minotaur to catch his attention and lead the ravening beast towards the labyrinth.
6. When the servant reaches the building, get him to duck quickly out of sight.
7. Let the smells from the meat now pull the Minotaur into the trap.
8. Finally, slam the door shut with the ravening beast inside and bolt the door firmly.

Instructions usually begin with a sentence or two explaining what the instructions are **for**. Where is this section in the instructions above?

Thereafter, a set of instructions is written as a series of **commands**. Highlight a command sentence in Daedalus's instructions.

In a command, verbs are in the **imperative or 'bossy'** form (*Move, Make, Do not stop*, etc.) Highlight three verbs in the imperative form in the text.

Some verbs are in the **present tense** rather than in the past tense (*I reach the door*). Highlight some verbs in the present tense.

Instructions follow a sequence or set order, and use **sequencing words and phrases** to indicate this (*Then, Following this, Once you have..., Lastly*, etc.). Highlight these.

## Getting out of the labyrinth



You are going to write Daedalus's instructions for how to find and operate the hidden door in the labyrinth.

Use all the key features of instruction writing that you found in his instructions for capturing the Minotaur.

Think about the kinds of things Daedalus would say when telling someone how to find the door. Perhaps you would need to count a certain number of right turns and then a certain number of left turns. Maybe there are things that a person has to look for with their eyes, feel for with their hands or even listen for to tell them they are on the right path (special crystals in the walls, markings cut into the stone, the sound of the sea on the other side of the wall, coming through a cleverly-cut hole, almost like a loudspeaker.)

In the book it just says that Daedalus touched a special rock to open the door, but can you go into more detail in your instructions? Maybe you must turn something or fit a special key into the rock? Maybe you have to tap a kind of code into the rock before it will open.

Think up really imaginative instructions for how to find and open the door!

**Use the template below or use your notebooks**

## How to find and operate the hidden door

