

LEARNING
OBJECTIVE: TO
USE INVERTED
COMMAS IN A
DIALOGUE
BETWEEN
THESEUS AND
THE
MINOTAUR

Tasks:

1. Read through this pdf. Look carefully at the rules for using inverted commas.
2. Think about a conversation that Theseus and the Minotaur could have been having when inside the labyrinth.
3. Write down (or use the template in the uploads called 'English template') your conversation using inverted commas to punctuate your speech and try to think of more exciting words (synonyms) for 'said'. Try to add some extra description around the dialogue.

*See an example further on in this pdf.

**The last page of this pdf has synonyms for said...it might be a useful resource.

Let's remember the rules when using inverted commas.

Beginning and End

Keep your inverted commas at the beginning and the end of the words being spoken.

“Get out of my labyrinth!” the minotaur roared.



New Speaker, New Line

Start a new line whenever someone new speaks.

“How will I survive?” asked Theseus.

“With this golden thread” said Ariadne.



Capital Letters

Begin the direct speech with a capital letter.

“I will slay you with my sword!” he bellowed.



Punctuation

Make sure your speech is correctly punctuated.
This includes a piece of punctuation before closing the inverted commas.

“There are times, I feel that there is no way out,”
Theseus said.





Now have a think about what conversation Theseus and the Minotaur may have been having when inside the labyrinth. Use inverted commas to punctuate your speech and try to think of more exciting words (synonyms) for 'said,' writing some description around the dialogue if you can.

Example:

Theseus trembled as he tiptoed through the overwhelming darkness of the labyrinth. "Is anybody there?" he called out warily. A grunt in the distance made him stop and turn slowly.

"So you think you can defeat me, puny human?" roared a gravelly voice. "You are nothing. You are no one. You are no match for me."

"You are wrong!" Theseus bellowed as his eyes began to focus on the looming shadow ahead of him. "You will no longer terrorise the innocent people of Athens. I am here to stop you!"

The minotaur's booming laugh bounced off the slimy, stinking walls. "I can not wait to eat you," he growled as he charged, his hooves booming like thunder on the labyrinth floor.

Theseus raised his sharp, gleaming sword and stood his ground. "Bring it on," he murmured under his breath.



WORDS TO USE INSTEAD OF 'SAID'

accused
acknowledged
added
addressed
admitted
advised
affirmed
agreed
announced
answered
approved
argued
asked
asserted
assured
avowed

babbled
barked
bawled
beamed
began
begged
bellowed
bet
bleated
blurted
boasted
boomed
bragged
broke in
bubbled
bugged

called
cautioned
chatted
chattered
cheered
chided
chimed in
choked



chortled
chorused
chuckled
claimed
clucked
coaxed
commanded
commented
complained
conceded
concluded
confessed
confided
congratulated
continued
convinced
corrected
coughed
cried
croaked
crowed

dared
decided
declared
demanded
denied
described
disagreed
disclosed
divulged
doubted
drawled

echoed
ended
exclaimed
explained



finished
fretted

gaspd
gibed
giggled
greeted
groaned
growled
grunted
grumbled
guessed
gulped
gurgled

hinted
hissed
hollered
hypothesized

imitated
implied
informed
inquired
insisted
interjected
interrupted

jeered
jested
joked

laughed
lied
lispd

maintained
marvelled
mentioned
mimicked
moaned
mumbled
murmured
mused
muttered

nagged
nodded
noted
objected
observed
offered
ordered

panted
piped
pleaded
pled
pointed out
pondered
praised
prayed
proclaimed
promised
proposed
protested
put in
puzzled

quavered
queried
questioned
quipped
quoted

ranted
reasoned
reassured
recalled
reckoned
related
remarked
remembered
reminded
repeated
replied
reported
requested
responded
retorted
revealed
roared

sang
sassed
screamed
scolded
shot
shouted
shrieked
shrilled
sighed
smiled
smirked
snapped
snarled
sneered
sneezed
snickered
sniffed
sniffled
snorted
sobbed

speculated
spoke
sputtered
squeaked
stammered
started
stated
stormed
stuttered
suggested
surmised

taunted
teased
tempted
tested
theorized
threatened
told

urged
uttered

volunteered
vowed

wailed
warned
went on
wept
whimpered
whined
whispered
wondered
worried

yawned
yakked