

**Level 3-4**  
**Daedalus and Icarus**

**Workbook**

**Teacher's Guide and Answer Key**

# Teacher's Guide

## A. Summary

### 1. Book Summary

*Daedalus and Icarus* is a Greek myth about a man and his son and their attempt to escape from the island of Crete.

Daedalus was an inventor. He designed a special prison for Minos, the king of Crete. This prison was a maze called the labyrinth. The king's son was very dangerous, so he kept his son in the labyrinth. The king did not want Daedalus to leave the island. He was afraid Daedalus would tell others the secret of the labyrinth.

Daedalus and Icarus really wanted to leave Crete. Daedalus used wax, string, sticks, and feathers to make some wings. He told Icarus they would escape the island by flying like birds.

Daedalus warned Icarus to be careful. Flying too high would allow the sun to melt the wax, and the wings would fall apart. Flying too low would allow the waves to knock them into the ocean.

Icarus quickly forgot his father's warning. He flew too high, and the sun melted the wax that held the feathers to his wings. The feathers fell off his wings. His wings could not support him, so he fell into the ocean and drowned.

Daedalus could not help Icarus. He had to continue on with a broken heart. Today, the sea where his son died is called the Icarian Sea.

### 2. Section Summary

► **Pages 6-11:** Daedalus and Icarus wanted to leave Crete, but King Minos would not let them. Daedalus made wings so they could fly away from the island.

► **Pages 12-17:** Daedalus showed Icarus how to fly. They made more wings. When they were ready to leave, Daedalus warned Icarus not to fly too high or too low.

► **Pages 18-22:** Icarus forgot his father's warning. He flew too high. The sun melted the wax on his wings. Icarus fell into the sea and drowned. Daedalus could not save his son. He flew on with a broken heart.

## **B. Background and Themes**

★ **Respect for Elders:** We are supposed to respect our elders. They are older and usually wiser than us, so it is important to listen to their advice and instructions. When we do not respect them or listen carefully to them, we may find ourselves in trouble. Icarus did not take his father's warnings seriously. If he had, he would have stayed in the middle path where it was safe to fly.

★ **Rules:** Rules are set to give us guidelines to live by, for our own safety and the safety of those around us. When we fail to follow the rules, we face negative consequences. Icarus did not follow his father's rules. The consequence of his actions was death.

★ **Greed:** When we find something we like, it is easy to want more of it. But some people are never satisfied. They want more and more, at any cost. Icarus loved flying. He wanted to go higher and higher. He could not resist his desire for more.

★ **Freedom and Self-control:** We know our limits when we are controlled by other people. But what happens when someone suddenly gains freedom, and there is no one to tell them what to do? Sometimes, they do not know how to handle their freedom. They have to learn to place limits on themselves in order to stay safe. As soon as Icarus felt that he was free, flying away from the island, he lost all self-control. He thought he could do whatever he wanted.

# Answer Key

## Part A. Story Focus

### Before You Read

*(Answers may vary.)*

#### ► Introduction

1. He was from Greece.
2. He lived about 3,000 years ago.
3. They are about gods and other people with magical or super powers.

#### ► Characters

1. Daedalus	2. Icarus	3. King Minos
<u>old</u>	<u>young</u>	<u>evil</u>
<u>inventor</u>	<u>brave</u>	<u>old</u>
<u>smart</u>	<u>curious</u>	<u>mean</u>

## While You Read

*(Answers may vary.)*

### ► Beginning: Pages 6-11

#### A. Preview Questions

1. It is about a mean king and a man who works for him.
2. I know the story about Echo and Narcissus.
3. I think it would be difficult because you cannot see over the walls.

#### B. Review Questions

1. He was half man and half bull, and very dangerous.
2. He used wax, feathers, string, and sticks.
3. They lived on the island of Crete.

### ► Middle: Pages 12-17

#### A. Preview Questions

1. It is about Daedalus and Icarus making wings.
2. I think it would be fun because I could see the world from up high.
3. I think their plan will work because King Minos would not expect them to fly away from Crete.

#### B. Review Questions

1. He looked like a bird.
2. They used short and long feathers.
3. He told him to take the middle path.

### ► End: Pages 18-22

#### A. Preview Questions

1. It is about Daedalus and Icarus flying away from Crete.
2. There are skydiving, hang gliding, paragliding, and flying in an airplane.
3. I think I could survive because I am a good swimmer.

#### B. Review Questions

1. He thought it felt wonderful.
2. He was too far away and could not hear his father.
3. He did nothing because he could not help him in any way.

### Mini Quiz

a. Hatred is as blind as love.

→ Hatred does not allow us to see the good in those we hate, in the same way that love stops us from seeing the faults in those we love.

b. Listen to advice and accept instruction.

→ When someone gives you advice or instructions, you should be careful to follow what is said. Otherwise, you will make mistakes or get into trouble.

c. When the cat is away, the mice will play.

→ People misbehave when the person in charge (e.g. boss, parent, teacher) is away.

## After You Read

*(Answers may vary.)*

### ► Pattern Practice

4. A: How will it help us to rest?

B: We will sleep like babies.

5. A: How will it help us to win?

B: We will fight like lions.

### ► Challenge

1. I will sail away in a boat.

2. I will use wood, nails, and string.

3. I will leave at night.

4. I will take my money, some food, and some clothes.

## Part B. Skill Focus

### Vocabulary Preview

A.

1. feather
2. labyrinth
3. inventor
4. string
5. warning
6. escape

e	l	a	b	r	i	v	s	c	e
f	s	e	h	t	r	i	b	h	a
a	t	i	n	v	e	n	t	o	r
c	r	e	f	a	o	n	i	e	m
w	i	l	r	e	i	t	o	s	j
c	n	i	a	r	a	s	s	c	p
r	g	c	y	n	e	t	y	a	k
g	e	b	g	r	w	a	h	p	w
w	a	r	n	i	n	g	o	e	a
l	a	b	v	s	p	o	u	n	r

B.

1. b
2. a
3. a
4. a
5. b
6. a
7. b



## Reading Comprehension

### ► Beginning: Pages 6-11

#### A.

1. F    2. F    3. F    4. F    5. T

#### B.

1. Icarus
2. Minotaur
3. Daedalus
4. King Minos

#### C.

1. c    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. b

### ► Middle: Pages 12-17

#### A.

1. F    2. T    3. F    4. T    5. T

#### B.

1. b    2. a    3. d    4. c

#### C.

1. b    2. c    3. b    4. d    5. a

### ► End: Pages 18-22

#### A.

1. F    2. F    3. F    4. T    5. T

#### B.

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c

#### C.

1. c    2. b    3. a    4. c    5. d

## Think and Write

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|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. dangerous | 2. labyrinth | 3. prison | 4. Crete | 5. sun    |
| 6. wax       | 7. support   | 8. sea    | 9. help  | 10. heart |

## Vocabulary Review

1. The wings could not support Icarus.
2. Daedalus pulled a feather out of the bag.
3. Daedalus saw Icarus flying above him.
4. Daedalus was an inventor.
5. Daedalus flew on with a broken heart.
6. Daedalus had a pot of hot wax.
7. Icarus forgot his father's warning.
8. Daedalus showed Icarus the frames covered in feathers.
9. Daedalus moved the wings like a bird.
10. They were going to leave the island.

## Summary

### A.

f → b → a → c → e → d

### B.

1. Daedalus warned Icarus about flying too high or too low.
2. Icarus fell into the sea and drowned.
3. Daedalus continued on with a broken heart.

## Book Report

**Story** c → d → a → e → b