Thēseus: Latin vocabulary

Reading glossary, organised by part. Verb forms and constructions are glossed where they occur in the story.

I. Crēta et Troezēn

Mīnōs, Mīnōis — Minos, king of Crete; Mīnōī = to Minos.
Crēta, -ae f. — Crete; Crētam = to Crete; ē Crētā = from Crete.
potentia, -ae f. — power, influence.
Androgeōs — Androgeos, the son of Minos.
Athēnae, -ārum f. pl. — Athens; Athēnīs = in Athens; Athēnās = to Athens.
pereō, perīre, periī — perish; periit = he died.
Aegeus, Aegeī — Aegeus, king of Athens and Theseus' father; Aegeū is direct address.
Athēniēnsis, -e — Athenian; as a noun, an Athenian.
taurus, -ī m. — bull.
ferōx, ferōcis — fierce.
poena, -ae f. — punishment; poenās dare = pay the penalty.
postulō, -āre — demand.
pāreō, pārēre + dative — obey.
quotannīs — every year.
cēna, -ae f. — dinner; the joke turns on the captives being the dinner.
Mīnōtaurus, -ī m. — Minotaur, the bull-headed monster.
caput, capitis n. — head.
Pasiphaē — Pasiphae, the wife of Minos.
pario, parere, peperī, partum — bear a child; peperit = she gave birth.
nūtrīx, nūtrīcis f. — nurse.
digitus, -ī m. — finger.
cēlō, -āre, -āvī, -ātum — hide, conceal.
Daedalus, -ī m. — Daedalus, the builder of the labyrinth.
labyrinthus, -ī m. — maze, labyrinth.
aedificō, -āre — build.
exitus, -ūs m. — way out, exit.
inclūdō, inclūdere, inclūsī, inclūsum — shut in.
iocus, -ī m. — joke; iocus rēgius = a kingly joke.
cōnsūmō, cōnsūmere, cōnsūmpsī, cōnsūmptum — eat up, consume.
hērēs, hērēdis m./f. — heir.
nepōs, nepōtis m. — grandson or nephew; here, nephew.
rēgnō, -āre — reign.
Troezēn, Troezēnis f. — Troezen; Troezēnem = to Troezen; Troezēne = from Troezen.
Pittheus — Pittheus, king of Troezen and Aethra's father.
Aethra — Aethra, Theseus' mother.
Thēseus, Thēseī — Theseus; Thēseu is direct address.
calceus, -ī m. — shoe; illustrated as a sandal.
saxum, -ī n. — rock, boulder.

sēdecim — sixteen.
dēpōnō, dēpōnere, dēposuī, dēpositum — put down.
bōs, bovis m./f. — ox, cow; bovem is accusative.
valē — farewell, said to one person.
plēnus, -a, -um + genitive — full of.
latrō, latrōnis m. — robber, bandit.

II. Via et cēna

mīlia passuum — Roman miles, literally thousands of paces.
caveō, cavēre — beware; cavēte addresses more than one person.
viātor, viātōris m. — traveller.
vexō, -āre — harass, trouble.
Scīrōn, Scīrōnis — Sciron, the bandit on the cliff.
lavō, lavāre — wash.
pellō, pellere, pepulī, pulsum — drive, push; pepulit = he pushed.
testūdō, testūdinis f. — tortoise or turtle.
Prōcrustēs — Procrustes, the innkeeper with the iron bed; Prōcrustem is accusative.
hospitium, -ī n. — lodging, inn.
crūdēlis, -e — cruel; crūdēlissimus = very cruel.
lēctus, -ī m. — bed.
aptus, -a, -um + dative — suitable for, fitting.
serra, -ae f. — saw.
lignum, -ī n. — wood, piece of wood.
secō, secāre, secuī, sectum — cut.
membrum, -ī n. — limb.
extendō, extendere, extendī, extentum — stretch out.
cōnor, cōnārī, cōnātus sum — try; cōnātus est = he tried.
inquam — I say; used in direct speech.
pūniō, pūnīre, pūnīvī, pūnītum — punish.
eōdem modō … quō — in the same way … as.
vacuus, -a, -um — empty; vacant.
sanguis, sanguinis m. — blood; sanguine tectus = covered in blood.
fortitūdō, fortitūdinis f. — courage, bravery.
sūs, suis m./f. — pig; suem is accusative.
agnōscō, agnōscere, agnōvī, agnitum — recognise.
Mēdēa, -ae f. — Medea, Aegeus' wife in this story.
hospes, hospitis m./f. — guest or host; here, guest.
venēnum, -ī n. — poison.
stringō, stringere, strīnxī, strictum — draw a weapon.
pōculum, -ī n. — cup.
excutiō, excutere, excussī, excussum — knock or shake out.
nōlī + infinitive — do not …; a command to one person.
fēlīx, fēlīcis — lucky, fortunate.

III. Labyrinthus

persuādeō, persuādēre, persuāsī, persuāsum + dative — persuade; patrī persuāsit = he persuaded his father.

cōnsentiō, cōnsentīre, cōnsēnsī, cōnsēnsum — agree.

vēlum, -ī n. — sail; vēla alba = white sails.

victor, victōris m. — victor, winner.

memoriā tenēre — remember, literally hold in memory.

macer, macra, macrum — thin, lean.

pinguis, -e — fat, plump.

venter, ventris m. — belly.

custōdia, -ae f. — custody, imprisonment.

Ariadnē — Ariadne, daughter of Minos; Ariadnēn is accusative.

fīlum, -ī n. — thread; fīlō = by means of the thread.

effugiō, effugere, effūgī — escape.

prōmittō, prōmittere, prōmīsī, prōmissum — promise.

posterus, -a, -um — following; posterō diē = on the next day.

tenebrae, -ārum f. pl. — darkness.

ēsuriō, ēsūrīre — be hungry.

ōstium, -ī n. — doorway, entrance.

alligō, -āre — tie to, fasten.

obscūrus, -a, -um — dark.

sinistra / dextra — left / right (side).

saevus, -a, -um — savage, fierce.

benignus, -a, -um — kind, obliging; said sarcastically here.

Nīciās — Nicias, the name of an earlier victim.

sāl, salis m. — salt.

ruō, ruere, ruī — rush, charge.

ictus, -ūs m. — blow, strike; ictūs = blows.

vītō, -āre — avoid, dodge.

cornū, -ūs n. — horn.

graviter — seriously, severely.

vulnerō, -āre — wound.

languidē — feebly, weakly.

percutiō, percutere, percussī, percussum — strike.

dōnec — until.

iaceō, iacēre, iacuī — lie, be lying down.

fīniō, fīnīre — bring to an end.

sequor, sequī, secūtus sum — follow; secūtus est = he followed.

IV. Vēla nigra

Naxus, -ī f. — Naxos; Naxum is accusative.

relinquō, relinquere, relīquī, relictum — leave behind.

sine + ablative — without; sine eā = without her.

neglegō, neglegere, neglēxī, neglēctum — neglect, disregard.
oblīvīscor, oblīvīscī, oblītus sum — forget; oblītus est = he forgot.
cotīdiē — daily, every day.
dolor, dolōris m. — grief, sorrow; dolōre victus = overcome with grief.
dēiciō, dēicere, dēiēcī, dēiectum — throw down.
Aegaeum Mare — Aegean Sea.
appellō, -āre — call, name.
fīnis, -is m. — end.