

Marcellus tells the story of another boy who, like Rufus, didn't listen to his father!

DAEDALUS AND ICARUS

Minos, King of Crete, asked Daedalus, a famous designer and inventor, to build a maze for him. However, as soon as the maze was finished, the king became angry with Daedalus and locked him and his son Icarus away in a tower on his island.

They could not escape by land or sea. Daedalus was determined to get away, and he used his skills to make wings for himself and for Icarus by joining feathers together with thread and wax. When Daedalus attached the wings to their arms, they were able to fly up into the sky.

"Fly close by me," Daedalus warned his son. "If you fly too high, the sun will melt the wax. If you dive too low, the sea will make the feathers wet."

Daedalus flew safely to Sicily, but Icarus disobeyed his father's instructions. He flew too close to the sun. The wax melted, the feathers fell off, and the boy plunged into the sea.



Remember that adjectives are describing words which tell us more about nouns.



WORDS TO REMEMBER

servī slaves
mīles soldier
cibus food
vīlla house
parvus/parva small
improbis/improba naughty

bonus/bona good
optimus/optima very good
ēheu! oh dear!
euge! hooray!
sedē sit
nōlī lacrimāre don't cry