



What words describe their movement?



Who is the statue of?



How does it feel waiting to enter the arena?



#### Sentence Prompts

1. Start your sentence with an adverb of place.
2. Describe the sounds you could hear.
3. Use the power of three.
4. Include a simile.
5. Use two powerful verbs in the sentence.
6. Start with an adverb of manner.

*Screams and chants of support echoed around the coliseum; thousands of citizens were absorbed by the spectacle. In the middle of the arena, a secutor was facing a retarius who tightly gripped his trident in his right hand, whilst flailing his net in the other. Fiercely, he lashed out with his three-spiked spear, catching his opponent in the shoulder. Upon his dais, the Emperor clapped his hands together, amused at the sight of blood.*

#### The Gladiators Inspiration Station

<i>coliseum</i>	<i>gladiator</i>	<i>trident</i>	<i>grappling</i>	<i>torso</i>
<i>Emperor</i>	<i>retarius</i>	<i>sword</i>	<i>Empire</i>	<i>slave</i>
<i>volunteer</i>	<i>fierce</i>	<i>opponent</i>	<i>dagger</i>	<i>helmet</i>
<i>chariots</i>	<i>spear</i>	<i>shield</i>	<i>battle</i>	<i>fighting</i>
<i>cruel</i>	<i>gamblers</i>	<i>procession</i>	<i>senators</i>	<i>death</i>

#### *DADWAVERS Openers*

*Description – The arena was magnificent to behold: thousands of brick arches, row upon row and each niche filled with a statue of a God or a famous warrior.*

*Action – An elegant lady, seated close to the Emperor, gasped and brought her hand to her mouth as the sword swiped downwards.*

*Dialogue – “Today we will fight for our freedom; if we live we will be free, and if we die then we will truly be free,” a tall warrior from Carthage called, in attempt to rally the other slaves.*

*Where – From his platform, at the edge of the battle arena, the Emperor raised his thumb.*

*Adverb – Fiercely, the gladiator rushed in, with his sword raised above his head viciously slashing it towards his opponent.*

*Verb – Waiting behind the slatted gate in the darkness, the warrior stood listening to the mob chant the name of his opponent.*

*Estimation of time – Within minutes, the arena was strewn with bodies.*

*Rhetorical Question – Lying on his back, he opened his eyes, “Am I alive?” he whispered to himself.*

*Simile/Metaphor – The man was a giant: as strong as an ox, as fast as lightning, and today he would become a champion.*