

labyrinth[ˈlæbərɪnθ] *n*

1. 1) лабиринт

he was trying to find his way through the labyrinth - он пытался найти выход из лабиринта

2) лабиринт, путаница; запутанность

a labyrinth of contradictions - лабиринт противоречий

the labyrinths of city life - неразбериха городской жизни

3) (Labyrinth) *греч. миф.* лабиринт, лабиринф (на о-ве Крит)2. *анат.* лабиринт (уха)**labyrinth**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

laby·rinth [laby·rinth laby·rinths] *BrE* [ˈlæbərɪnθ] ^m *NAmE* [ˈlæbərɪnθ] ^m **noun**

(formal)

a complicated series of paths, which it is difficult to find your way through

• We lost our way in the labyrinth of streets.

• (figurative) a labyrinth of rules and regulations

compare ↑ **maze**Derived Word ↑ **labyrinthine**Word Origin:late Middle English (referring to the maze constructed by Daedalus (a craftsman and father of Icarus) to house the ↑ **Minotaur** in Greek mythology): from French **labyrinthe** or Latin **labyrinthus**, from Greek **laburinthos**.**лабиринт**

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: labyrinthus, from Greek labyrinthos]

1. a large network of paths or passages which cross each other, making it very difficult to find your way **SYN** **maze****labyrinth of**

a labyrinth of underground tunnels

2. something that is very complicated and difficult to understand

labyrinth of

Decisions are frequently delayed in the labyrinth of Whitehall committees.

—**labyrinthine** /ˌlæbəˈrɪnθaɪn/ *adjective*:

labyrinthine corridors

labyrinth

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