



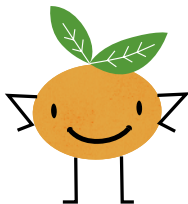
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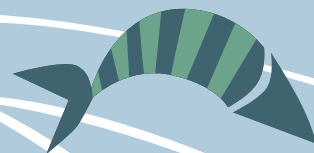
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Hi boys and girls! Welcome to my beloved town - let me tell you all about it!

Vinaròs is right up in the north of the Valencian Community, in the province of Castellón. Although we are only a small town, you and your family will find lots of great things to do here during your holiday. You can go to the beach, build huge sand castles, enjoy the jumps and slides at the aquatic park, go exploring along the north coast, even dress up as your favourite character during our famous Carnival. This guide will tell you all you need to know about these and many other activities, designed just for you. And at the end, you'll find some games so you can have fun while you see what you've learned about Vinaròs. I hope you have a great time!

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Before you listen to any more, let me introduce you to two of my friends:

Here are Merchant Sebastián Guimerà, and Llagostinet: they'll both be telling you a lot more about Vinaròs.

I hope you listen carefully to what they have to say!

Greetings, children, I am a merchant of the town of Vinaròs, and my name is Sebastián Guimerà.

And I'm Llagostinet!





The “Vinaròs Destí Familiar” Product Club

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Welcome to Vinaròs, the first destination in the Valencian Community specialising in family tourism through the Vinaròs Destí Familiar Club.

We wanted to improve the quality of our services for our tourists, and in 2008 we had the idea of adapting our tourist facilities to cater for one of the segments that needs most special provision when they're on holiday: families. Travelling with children isn't easy, and until recently our tourism wasn't keeping up.

The “Vinaròs Destí Familiar” Club was founded to make holidays easier for people travelling with children, by bringing them services and activities that had been specially designed for all the family.



Misericòrdia Hill



Club businesses For your comfort and safety, all companies associated with the Club meet most of the following requirements:

Hotels

- Covered safety plugs to prevent accidents
- Bibs for meals
- High chairs for meals
- Children's TV channels
- Blocking of channels not suitable for children
- Soft ground in play areas
- Swimming pools with non-slip surrounds
- Swimming pools with lifeguards
- Safety systems in lifts
- Cots
- Access ramps for prams and pushchairs
- Signing of all places and areas
- Signing and fencing off of potentially hazardous places

Apartments

- Covered safety plugs to prevent accidents
- Children's TV channels
- Blocking of channels not suitable for children
- Soft ground in play areas
- Swimming pools with non-slip surrounds
- Swimming pools with lifeguards
- Safety systems in lifts
- Firefighting systems
- Cots and extra beds
- Safety distances observed in balcony railings
- Access ramps for prams and pushchairs
- Signing of all spaces and area

Restaurants

- Children's Menu
- Nappy changing facilities in toilets
- Games and painting
- High chairs for children
- Bibs for children
- Access ramps for prams and pushchairs
- Signing and fencing off of potentially hazardous places



Pinar Cove

Beaches

- **Accessible Beach service:** easier access with pushchairs, bags and older family members with mobility problems.
- **Children's play area** on the beach at El Fortí, Forat del Forat and El Clot.
- **Lifeguard and rescue service**
- **Children's recreation activities** on all beaches
- **Identity bracelet service**
- **Child minding service** on El Fortí beach
- **'Biblioplaya'** beach library with special children's activities from April to September.



Panoramic view of the Misericòrdia Sanctuary

Places of Historical Interest

- Church-Fortress of the Assumpció
- Casa Membrillera Museum
- Municipal Market
- Port and Fish Market
- Sanctuary of the Misericòrdia
- Special cultural audio guides for families



Aquatic Park on El Fortí beach

Leisure, cinema and entertainment

- Municipal Auditorium (consult agenda)
- Municipal Library (consult programme of activities)
- Summer cinema on the Esplanade
- Activities for all the family: Year-round programme of cultural and leisure activities for children. (Consult municipal website www.turisme.vinaros.es)
- Family cultural audio guides: self-guided visit with a children's route
- Pleasure parks

Activity and nautical tourism

Pathwalking and excursions (all paths are signed and there are interpretation panels to tell you about the places you visit)

- GR-92 path (most parts can be covered by bike)
- El Puig de la Misericòrdia path (the section between the hermitage and the wood is ideal for families)
- Route through the Aiguadoliva Ravine
- Walk along the Sol de Riu (this is a short (1.2 km) walk over easy ground, an ideal family excursion)
- Municipal bike hire service
- Ecuvin Riding Centre (where you can learn to ride)
- Sporting and Leisure Complex (with karting track)
- Vinaròs Maestrat Aeroclub

Aquatic activities: sailing, scuba diving, water skiing and boat trips.

- Vinaròs Yacht Club and Sailing School
- Boat trips to the Columbretes Islands.

Be a merchant for a day

Greetings, boys and girls. My name is Don Sebastián Guimerà Miralles, and I'm a well-known merchant born and bred in Vinaròs. I'll be telling you about the history of this noble town.



Misericòrdia Sanctuary



Church-Fortress of the Assumpció

Back in the 17th century, my family and I worked in the transport of merchandise. Vinaròs was an important goods port at the time, exporting wine, salt, wood, wheat, flour, cocoa and wool to the rest of Europe and America. As you may know, because it was such an important port, Vinaròs was often attacked by pirates and Berber corsairs. Have you heard of the pirate Red Beard? Well, he was one of the pirates who had a habit of attacking our lovely town. Eventually the terrified residents decided to build a great wall all round the town, with high towers from which they could scan the sea and warn the population if they saw danger approaching. One example of these fortifications that you can still see today is the parish church of the Assumpció.

You can see its defensive nature in its high bell tower, built in the 17th century. More than 33 metres high and with thick, strong walls, it's a perfect place for defence and for surveillance of the enemy.

But this is not the town's only famous building. Almost opposite the church you can see the house Casa Angel Giner, an example of the Modernista style from the 19th century. It has very fine ornamental motifs taken from nature: flowers, leaves, drops of water and animals are just some of the decorations which you can admire if you visit this house.

Another of our town's famous buildings is Vinaròs market, which has recently been renovated. In this large building they sell meat, fish and seafood, fruit and vegetables. You can buy



Detail of the town market

anything you want here – from oranges and olives to squid and mussels, freshly caught by the local fishermen. And of course, Vinaròs king prawns, the quality seafood for which Vinaròs is famous all over Spain.

The most important part of this early 20th century building is the way was built. If you look carefully, you can see that only iron and other metal has been used in the structure - incredible, isn't it? Well, this kind of building is known as "Iron Architecture ", and the most famous example is the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

But you're not just interested in buildings, are you? To find out how the local people, the Vinarocenses lived, I recommend a visit to House Casa Membrillera . This stately 18th-century home was occupied by people who worked on the land. Nowadays, on each floor you can see displays of tools and machinery representing Vinaròs' three main economic sectors: fishing, farming and industry. You'll also discover that Vinaròs was very important in the manufacture of chocolate, among other things!



Esplanade

Vinaròs audio guides

If you want to hear more of my stories, you take your parents to the Tourist Office and ask about the audio guide service. They'll give you an audio player in which I tell you more about Vinaròs as we tour around the 10 most important points of this lovely town. At the end of the tour, you can work out the puzzles and check how much you remember about everything I've told you. You can also tell your parents that the audio guides are available on the Internet at this website: www.audioguiasvinaros.com. Don't miss the fun!

In search of the sea



Aiguadoliva beach



Hi, boys and girls, my name's Llagostinet, and I've been asked to tell you about some of the most important parts of my favourite coast, the coast of Vinaròs: the sea, the beaches and the coves.

As you can imagine, Vinaròs has always been closely linked to the sea. It has more than 12 km of coastline and a famous port, which my friend, Merchant Sebastian, has already told you about. So the people of Vinaròs have had this relationship with their coast for a very long time.

Did you know that we have more than 25 coves and beaches? It would be hard to find a place with so many beaches where you can play and go swimming.



Platja nudista
del riu de la Sénia

Riu de la Sénia

Cala de
Sòl de Riu

Platja de
les Deveses

Cala de
les Timbes

Cala de
les Llanetes

Cala de la
Roca Plana

Cala
de la Foradada

Platja
de les Cales

Cala
del Pastor

Platja
del Triador

Cala
del Pinar

Platja de la
Barbiguera

Barranc de la
Barbiguera

Platja
del Saldonar

Barranc del
Saldonar

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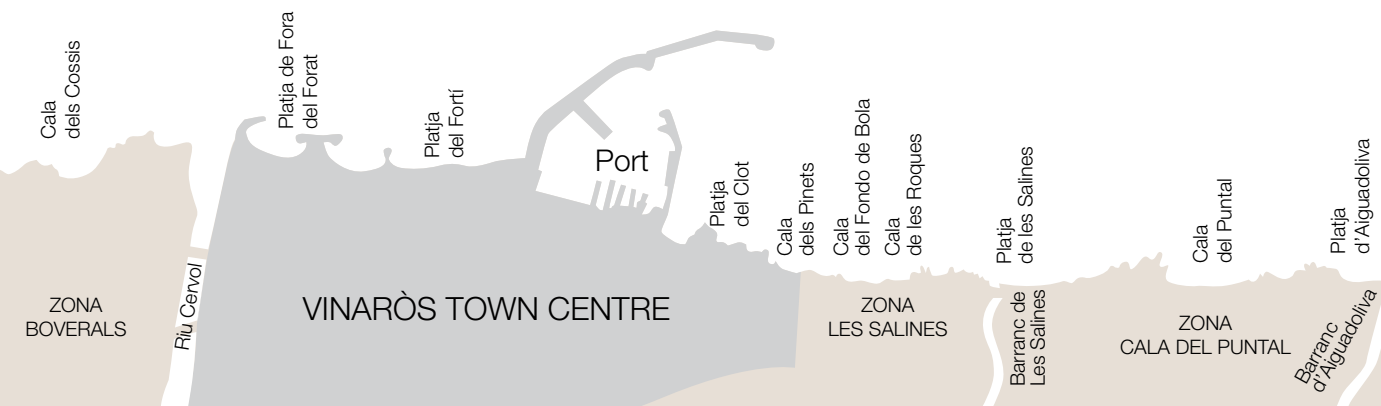


Solariums on the south coast

Finding them is easy, since our coast is divided into three areas: the north, where there's a lot of coves, the centre with its convenient beaches, and more coves in the south.

In July and August, on the El Fortí, Fora del Forat and El Clot beaches near the town centre you can enjoy the exciting aquatic park and the fun activities and games put on for you at the Biblioplaya (beach library).

If you visit the coves you'll find a beautiful landscape and you'll discover some coves tucked away between cliffs, pathways and typically Mediterranean plants. Close your eyes, and you can imagine the pirates which Merchant Sebastián told you about, attacking the town or perhaps burying their treasure in the sand or between the rocks.



Let's dress up!



Hi again boys and girls!

I'm now going to tell you about the different festivals and traditions of our town.

Vinaròs preserves its traditions and festivals, which are held throughout the year: we celebrate Sant Sebastià's day, Easter, Festivals and the Fairs of Sant Joan and Sant Pere, the Festival of the King Prawn and the traditional Living Nativity Scene.

But the most important festival of all is held in February: it's Carnival. This is great fun. For eleven days, all the local people dress up in fancy dress and have a wonderful time. Best of all are the days when there are processions of comparsas, which are groups of people who parade through the streets, dancing in time to their music, with incredible costumes, carriages and lots of light and colour.

Carnival ends with the trial and burning of His Majesty Carnestoltes, the Carnival King, also the burial of the sardine and a huge castle of fireworks. During Carnival, you can enjoy the many fun activities which are put on for children. With all of this going on, it's no wonder that Vinaròs Carnival has been declared a Local Festival of Tourist Interest.





Esplanade

Pinar Cove



Do you like adventures and expeditions?

Well in Vinaròs you can have some fascinating adventures right in the heart of nature, walking through pretty woods or along the impressive cliffs that line our coast.

You can get to these places on foot or by bike, and you'll discover some fabulous landscapes. If you like woods and mountains you should visit the Misericòrdia Sanctuary. From here there are beautiful views, and you can see the outline of the long coastline on which our town is set. You'll be surrounded by unspoilt countryside, and with a bit of luck, if you keep your eyes open, you may even see some squirrels. Nearer the sea you can also take a walk along the coast. The Jardí de Sòl de Riu is a short path on the north coast which will show you what our cliffs are like, and the places where our young friend Llagostinet lives

Adventures in the woods and along the coast

Where
we are
going
to eat
today?



Paseo Fora del Forat



Vinaròs king prawns

Vinaròs is famous for its wonderful gastronomy. With your parents, you can visit some of our special family restaurants and try out all kinds of rices and paellas, fish and seafood like mussels and some very tasty meat, also our traditional sweets like pastisssets, cocs and llepolstins.

Did you know that the Langostino (the Spanish for 'King Prawn') is the most famous product of Vinaròs? Over the years, our delicious taste has made us famous all over the world. So much so, that legend has it that the great Duke of Vendôme died in our town as a result of eating too many Vinaròs king prawns, back in the year 1712.

But as you know, there are king prawns in many other parts the world. I'll give you some clues so you don't mix us up with other prawns:

- We measure around 20 cm long and are quite thick.
- We have orange and pinkish stripes running around our bodies.
- We are the only king prawns you can find in the waters off the coast of Vinaròs.

Just to prove how important we are, every year they celebrate a National Cookery Competition in our honour, with us as the star attraction. A great many chefs take part, making the most delicious recipes, with king prawns as the main ingredients. These chefs who come from all over Spain and even from abroad, prepare their recipes in public, so you can watch how they do it. At the end, the best dish is awarded a prize. Can you guess what it is? Yes, a Golden King Prawn!



Guide to “Vinaròs Destí Familiar” Club Companies

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activities and excursions near Vinaròs

Museums and cultural venues

- **Museum of La Valltorta, Tirig:** this interesting prehistory museum is only 42 km outside the town. As well as visiting different rooms where you can see materials and tools and how people lived in prehistoric times, you can make guided visits to caves and rock shelters, and admire its cave paintings which have been declared Heritage of Mankind by UNESCO.
- **The Abrics de l'Ermida Interpretation Centre for Cave Art, Ulldescon, some 20 km away:** This centre, located in the La Pietat Hermitage, has exhibitions and audiovisual rooms to introduce visitors to prehistory. There are something like 13 rock shelters in the area, where you can see paintings in the Levantine style, like the ones at Tirig. They have also been Heritage of Mankind since 1998.
- **The Morella Museums Network:** in this beautiful town, around 62 km from Vinaròs, you can visit any of a whole network of museums, among which are the 'Time of the Dinosaurs' Museum, where children can wonder at bones, fossils, etc.
- **Museum of Iron, Torre d'en Besora:** 55 km away is the old La Esperanza mine, now adapted for tourists to visit so they can experience the working conditions of mining for themselves, and see how they mined the iron that had so many uses at the time.
- **Sant Jordi Museum of Artisan Barrelmakers:** In a neighbouring village, Sant Jordi (14 km), an original museum shows you many different ways of producing and bottling wine.



Field of olive trees (Photo provided by the Mancomunidad de La Taula del Sènia)



Ebro Delta (Photo provided by Eduardo Barrachina PNDE)

Nature

- **The Parrot Garden** (El Jardín del papagayo) , Benicarló: 9 km away is this spectacular zoo which houses more than 50 different species of parrots in a subtropical garden of great biological value. As you go round it you are in direct contact with the birds, and you can both observe and interact with them.
- **Ebro Delta, Tarragona:** Nature Park of great ecological value where you can watch large numbers of birds in rice field and wetland habitat. You also have a great choice of activities, including bike rides, pathwalking routes, boat trips, etc. It is only 25 km outside Vinaròs.
- **The ancient olive trees:** In the neighbouring municipalities of Uldecona, Canet and Xert you can enjoy a pleasant stroll among some of the oldest olive trees in Spain. It is easy to imagine yourself back in the times when the Moors or even the Romans planted them, so many years ago, for their excellent quality oil.

Before these visits or excursions, you should check out timetables and other conditions at the Vinaròs Tourism Office.



january



On 20 January all Vinaròs residents get up early and put on their warmest clothes to climb to the top of El Puig hill, the site of the Sanctuary of the Misericòrdia and Sant Sebastià, the town's patron saint. Once at the top, when we reach the hermitage we light bonfires and roast meat to make some delicious snacks.

february



Vinaròs Carnival: You can take part in a great many activities - the Battle of the Confetti, the Battle of Flour, and fancy-dress activities specially designed with children in mind. This great festival has been declared a festival of Regional Tourism Interest.

march

Easter: As well as the traditional religious processions which you can go to with your parents, there are also some games and entertainment organised specially for you. But the best thing of all is being able to choose your favourite mona, an Easter figure made of chocolate, in one of Vinaròs' many pastry shops.

june



Festivals of Sant Joan and Sant Pere festivities

During these festivals lots of activities are put on specially for children. It's also your chance to make friends with the Nanos and Gegants, dwarf or giant 'big-headed' characters who are always happy to play with you as they parade through the town centre. Don't miss the fireworks in the streets of Vinaròs at 11 every night. And if you like fun fairs, you can visit the town's Grand Fairground.

july - august

In summer too you'll find lots to do: **summer cinema, the aquatic park on the beach, children's activities at the Biblioplaya library centre, the king prawn festival, and much more.** To find



Vinaròs festivals

out about all the activities available, ask for information from your friends at the Tourism Office.

The Virgen del Carmen Festival: If you like the sea, boat trips and eating sardines, then this is your day. Take your parents along and participate in all these entertaining and tasty activities

september



Vinaròs National King Prawn Cookery Competition: as I've already told you, you can go along with your parents to San Agustín Square and the town market where this competition is held. You will see famous chefs from all around Spain preparing delicious recipes using Vinaròs king prawns. Before the competition, if you can, you should go down to the port and the **fish market** where you can watch the auction of the fish caught in the waters off Vinaròs. This is great fun, because you can see for yourselves the hundreds of types of fish and shellfish that are caught in Vinaròs.

Note for parents: Before going to the port, please consult about access that day – it is not always allowed.

During the days before the competition, Juanjo Roda, an entertaining local chef, organises an activity for children called **'The Funny King Prawn'**. You should try to go along and learn more about this little sea creature and some of its seafaring friends.

december

I'm sure you know the most important event this month, don't you? That's right, **Christmas**. There are many children's activities at this time, among them the arrival of Father Christmas, the cavalcade of the Three Kings, the Christmas street markets, and the living nativity scenes.



1. Letter soup

Vinaròs is closely linked to the sea, and in the olden days was a very important port for merchandise. The sea is still very important to the town's inhabitants, for its marvellous beaches and its fishing activity.

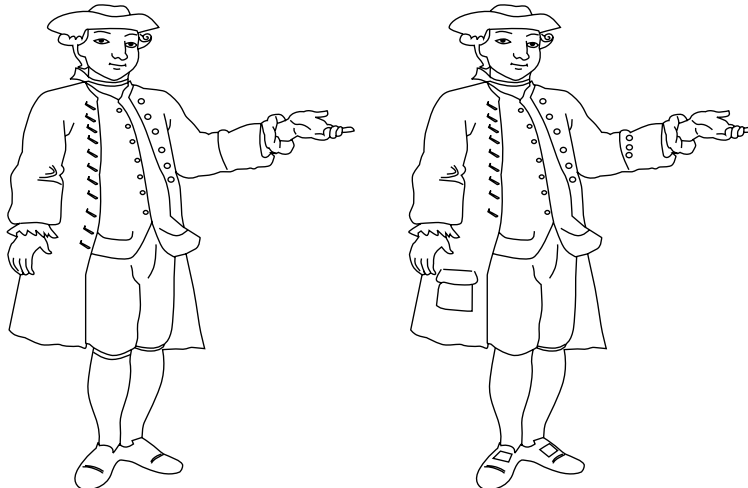
Find the 10 words mixed up in the soup. All the words are related to the sea, and they can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

K	P	I	R	A	T	E	O	L	B
I	L	C	E	U	E	S	E	A	E
N	A	R	O	V	R	B	E	I	L
G	Y	T	O	E	U	E	N	O	L
P	A	C	U	J	A	A	Z	W	T
R	J	P	O	R	T	C	S	K	O
A	X	T	R	Q	J	H	A	L	W
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Solutions:
pirate - beach - king prawn - port - merchant - cove - bell tower - sea - boat - Vinaròs

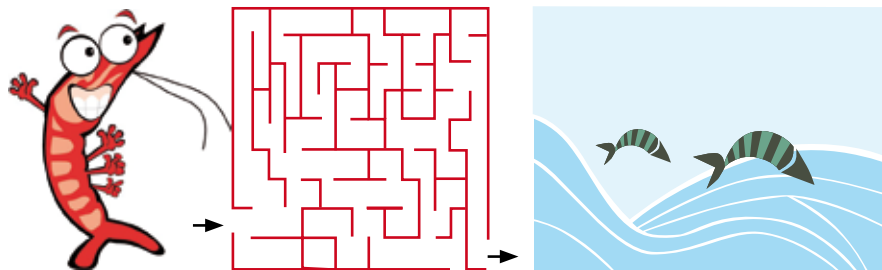
2. Find the 5 differences and colour in the merchant

These two drawings look the same, but there are five differences between them. Ring round the differences on the second drawing.

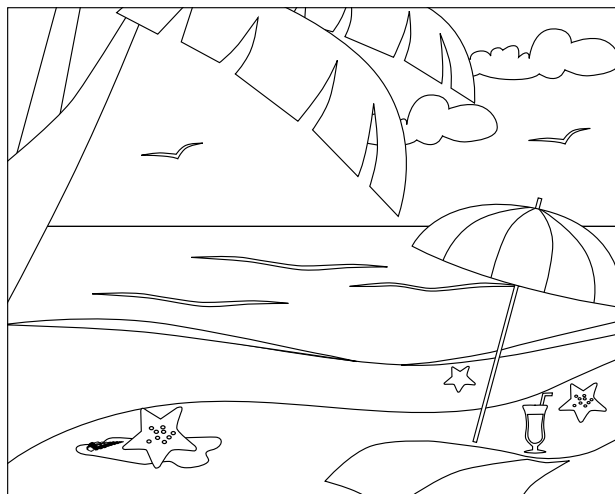


3. The labyrinth

Llagostinet has got lost and has turned up in the town of Vinaròs. Can you help him to reach the sea?



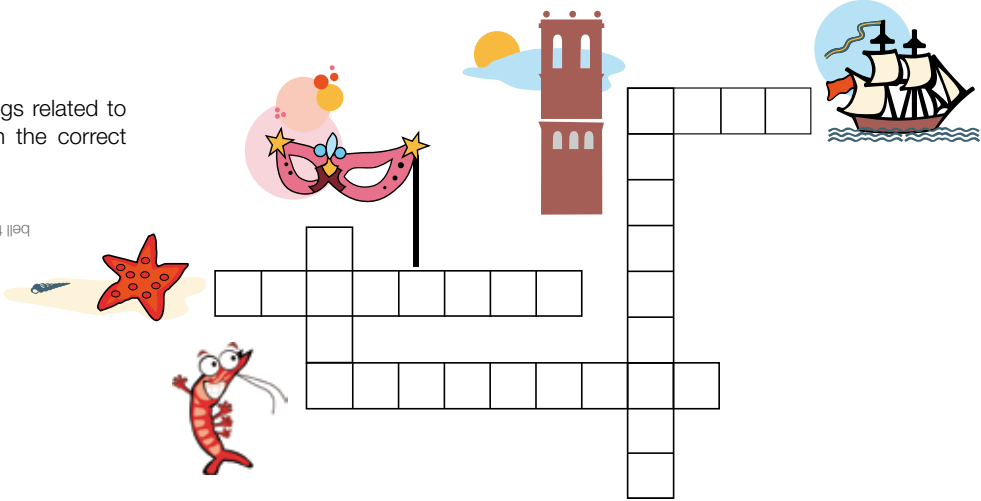
4. Paint and colour Take the following drawing as a model and colour in the blank spaces.



5. Crossword

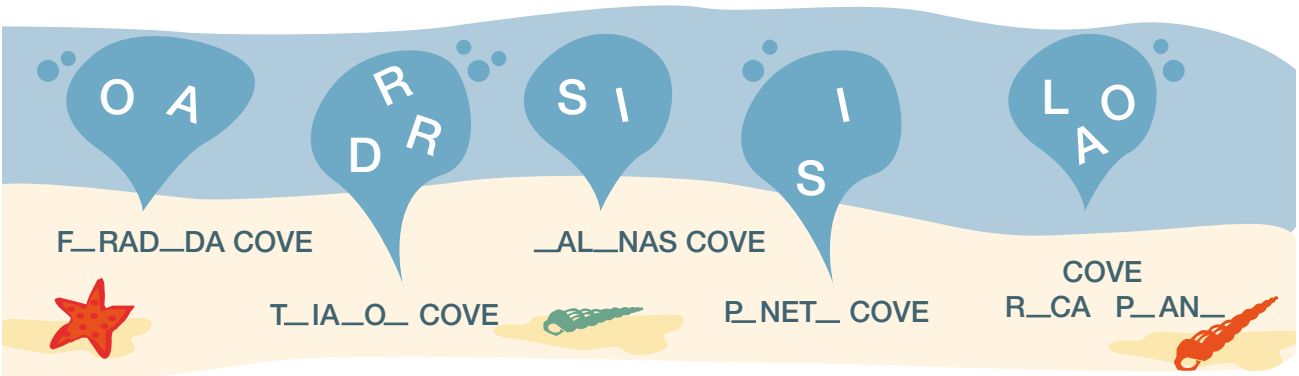
All these drawings are of things related to Vinaròs. Write their names in the correct squares.

Solutions:
bell tower - king prawn - starfish - mask - boat - startfish - king prawn



6. Do you know our coves?

Rescue the letters from the sea and complete the names of the coves.

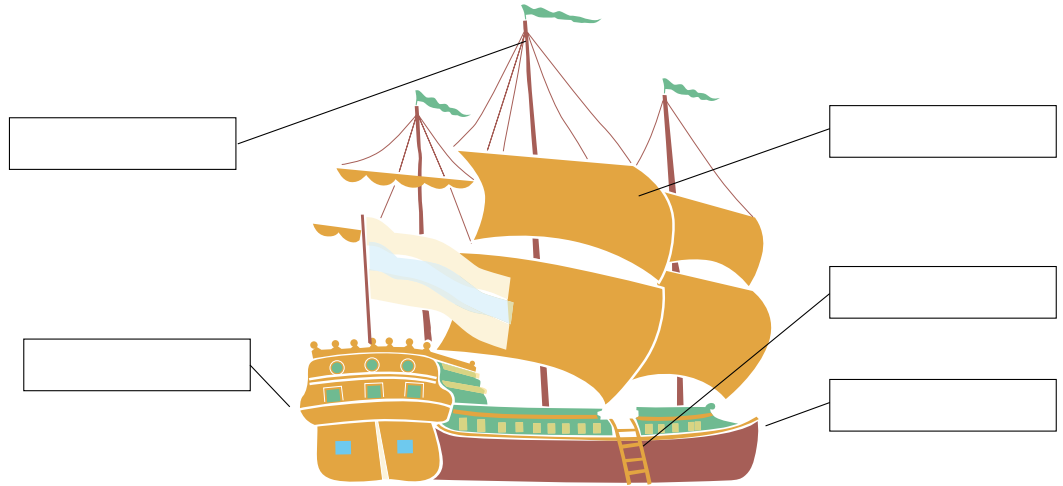


Soluciones: Foradada Cove - Triador Cove - Salinas Cove - Pinets Cove - Roca Plana Cove

7. Are you a good sailor?

Write the different parts of a boat in the correct squares

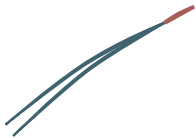
BOW – STERN - MAST - SAIL – STAIRWAY



8. The leaves on our trees

Around Vinaròs there are many different trees. Their leaves all have different shapes. Can you tell which leaf belongs to which tree? Complete the name of the tree with the following letters:

E-I-N-P



K-A-O



E-G-O-A-R-N



L-I-E-O-V



Solutions: pine – orange – oak – olive



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