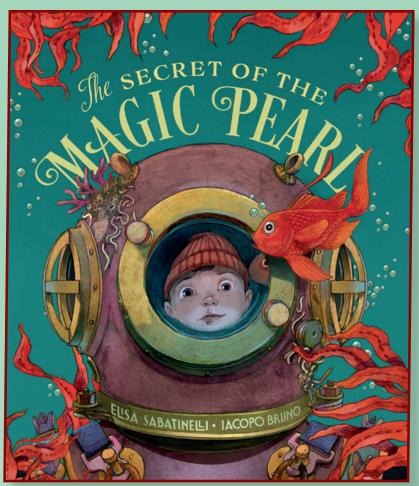
ACTIVITY KIT

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Hector lives with his family in an Italian coastal town. Hector's dream is to become a deep-sea diver, just like his father. Then, one day, an unscrupulous entrepreneur moves in next door to the Marina. This man has a single purpose, to find the legendary Pearl in order to sell it and make money. Hector decides to find a way to thwart the plan and save what matters most to him: the sea, his family, and his dream.



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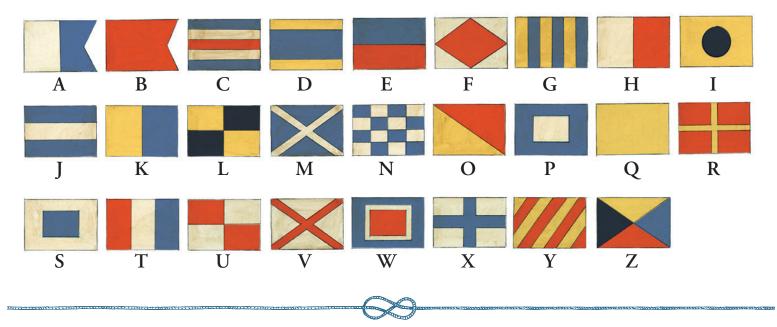
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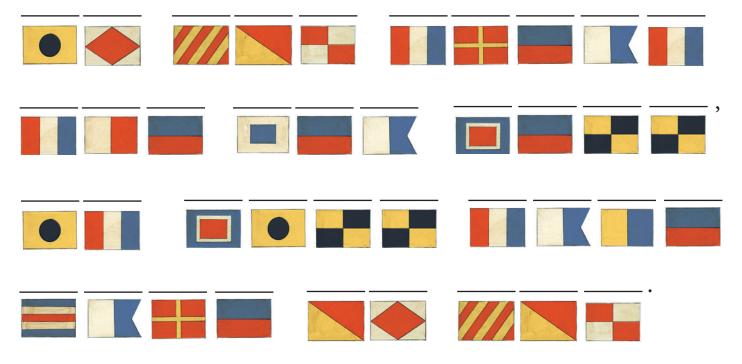
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FLAG FACTS

Nautical flags have been used by mariners for centuries to communicate with sailors on other vessels and people on shore. The only colors on nautical flags are black, blue, red, yellow, and white, which are clearly visible from long distances or through binoculars. Each flag represents a letter of the alphabet.



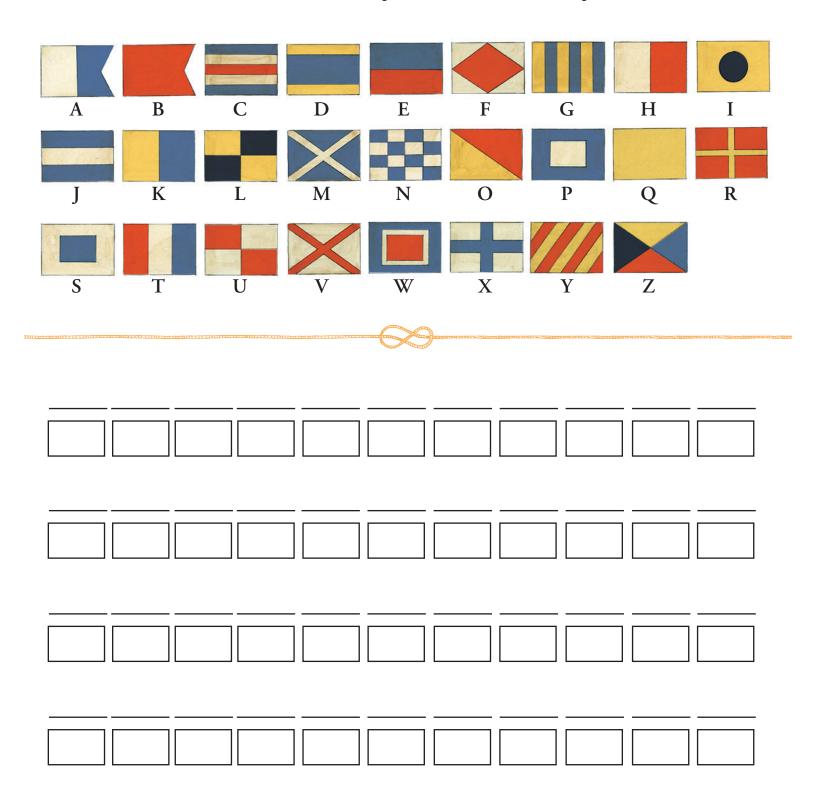
Decode the flags below to reveal an important truth Hector's Grandpa reveals to him in a dream.



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SECRET MESSAGE

Using black, blue, red, and yellow markers or colored pencils, write a message in nautical flags for a friend to decode. Make sure to leave a blank space between words and add punctuation, if needed.



WHAT'S YOUR AVATAR?

Each character in *The Secret of the Magic Pearl* has a different avatar, or creature, that represents them. What sea creature would you choose as your avatar? Draw a picture of it below.





ITALIAN TO ENGLISH

The Secret of the Magic Pearl takes place in Italy. See the Italian word for each image below. Can you guess the English translation?

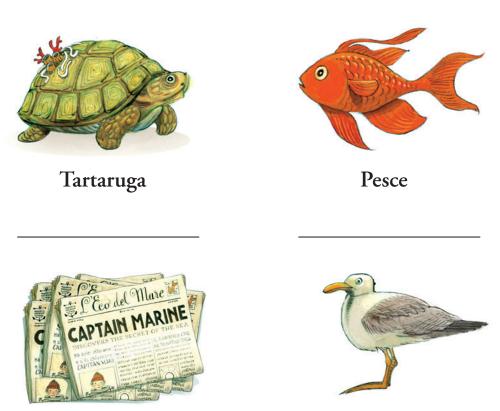


Corallo

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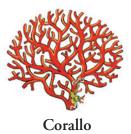


Uccello

ANSWER KEY

Flag Facts: If you treat the sea well, it will take care of you.

Italian to English:



Coral



Paguro

Hermit Crab



Tartaruga

Turtle







Pesce

Fish



Uccello *Bird*