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PIRATE

ACADEMY

ACTIVITY PACK





**PIRATE ACADEMY, CORAL SEA PROVINCE –
TEMPORARY VISITOR PERMIT
Ref: OCE8N23**

Your name: _____

Great news! You have been granted a rare visitor permit to spend a short time at Pirate Academy, Coral Sea Province.

We trust you will find your visit here informative and inspiring. Maybe it will even encourage you to pursue piracy as your own career choice. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

By entering this protected zone, you agree not to share any of the secrets you uncover here. Always remember . . . what happens at Pirate Academy stays at Pirate Academy!

Signed: Captain Mayday Salt

on behalf of the Pirate Federation.

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MEET THE BARRACUDAS

Pirate Academy is no ordinary school! All the kids come from pirating families and hope to one day become pirate captains, with their very own ship and crew! As it's your first day at Pirate Academy let's introduce you to some of the young pirates from Barracuda Class ...



Name: Jasmine Peacock
Parents' ship: *The Blue Marlin*
Top marks in: Everything
Favourite class: Pirate history
Roommate: Ocean Lermontov



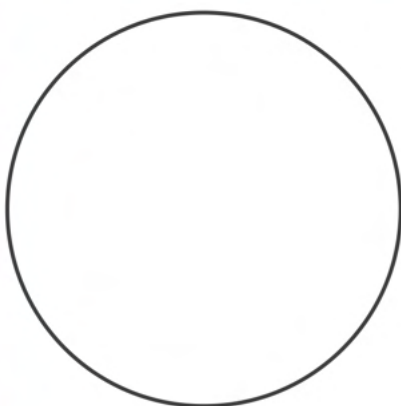
Name: Neo Splice
Parents' ship: Unknown
Favourite class: Knots class
Worries about: Seasickness
Has a secret? Yes



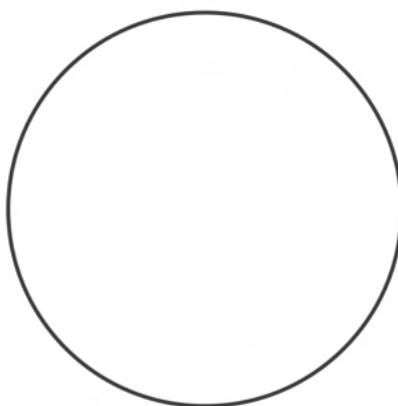
Name: Jacoby Blunt
Parents' ship: *The North Star*
Top skill: Ocean navigation
Doesn't like: Spiders
Roommate: Wing Moon

YOU AND YOUR CREW

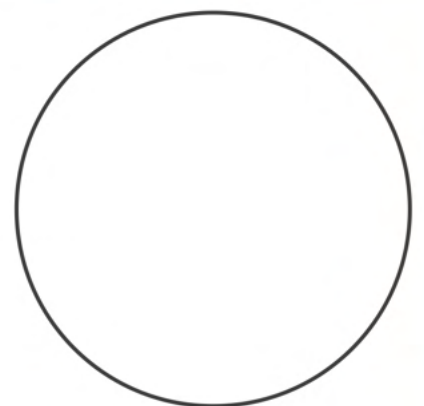
Welcome to Pirate Academy. You arrive here with your own unique set of skills. Draw a picture of yourself and the two friends you would like to join you at Pirate Academy.



Name:
Likes doing:
Doesn't like:
Best skill:
Favourite class:



Name:
Likes doing:
Doesn't like:
Best skill:
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NAME YOUR PIRATE SHIP

With a pirate's life in their blood, it's no surprise that the kids at Pirate Academy have spent much of their young lives on some impressive pirate ships, with a range of different names. Jacoby Blunt's family ship is called **The North Star**. Jasmin Peacock's is **The Blue Marlin**. Wing Moon's parents captain two ships: **The Enigma** and **The Conundrum**.

But here's the BIG question... What would YOUR family's pirate ship be called?

DESIGN YOUR PIRATE FLAG

Once you've decided on a name, it's time to design your pirate flag. This might include a skull and crossbones or it could have images on it that connect to the name you have chosen. Will it strike fear in the hearts of all who see it, or wonder and awe? That's for YOU to decide!

WORDSEARCH

The young pirates at Pirate Academy are trained to see order within confusion. Hidden among these random letters are words every student at Pirate Academy should know.

KNOTS CLASS	JASMINE	SWORD	COMMODORE	TIDE
DECK	ANCHOR	FEDERATION	PRIYA	SWASHBUCKLE
MAYDAY	NAVIGATION	JACOBY	TREASURE	WING
COSMO	SHIP	FRIENDS	LEIF	PIRATE ACADEMY
SAILING	NEO	HEADCAPTAIN	MAPS	OCEAN
PIRATE FLAG	BARRACUDAS	CREW		

C	N	D	P	K	G	O	F	R	I	E	N	D	S
M	P	B	I	N	O	A	N	C	H	O	R	M	H
D	R	A	R	O	C	J	I	N	K	Q	H	A	I
P	I	R	A	T	E	A	C	A	D	E	M	Y	P
N	Y	R	T	S	A	C	R	V	E	C	A	D	F
C	A	A	E	C	N	O	E	I	C	O	P	A	E
O	T	C	F	L	R	B	W	G	K	S	S	Y	D
M	R	U	L	A	W	Y	J	A	S	M	I	N	E
M	E	D	A	S	I	L	P	T	X	O	C	L	R
O	A	A	G	S	N	E	O	I	T	I	D	E	A
D	S	S	R	H	G	S	W	O	R	D	Z	I	T
O	U	F	S	A	I	L	I	N	G	W	S	F	I
R	R	S	W	A	S	H	B	U	C	K	L	E	O
E	E	L	H	E	A	D	C	A	P	T	A	I	N

Now arrange the letters in **bold** (in the order they appear) to discover the hidden phrase.

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LESSONS

Pirate Academy may have some similarities to your own school, but there will likely be a few differences too! The lessons attended by Barracuda Class, for instance, might be a tad different to those on your own school timetable ...

Each day at Pirate Academy begins with **Strength, Stamina & Motivation**. For the Barracudas, this means a brisk 5 km run around the lush Academy gardens. SSM is the brainchild of Captain Pavel Platonov, but several of the teaching captains take part.

Captain Lisabeth Quivers teaches **Knots Class** – her classroom is known as Knots Lab.

Treasure Class is taught by the deputy headcaptain, Captain Mayday Salt.

Combat Class is taught by Captain Victor Molina, known to be one of the most accomplished swordfighters in pirate history.

Talking of **Pirate History**, this is currently taught by Captain Porfirio Wrathe. He also has the exciting and mysterious title, “Librarian of Swords”.

Three of the Academy’s teaching captains instruct the Barracudas in **Sailing Class**. They are Captain Pavel Platonov, Captain Shivaji Singh and Captain Floris van Amstel.

Captain Kirsten Larsen (Leif Larsen’s mum) teaches **Navigation by Map and Moon**.

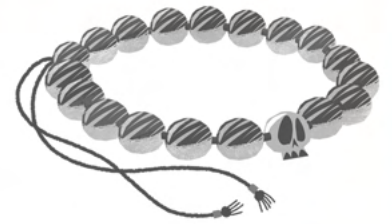
The curriculum at Pirate Academy is always changing – to reflect the needs of its young pirate apprentices. Your next challenge is to come up with a new lesson for the Barracudas. Think about what would be a really good skill for a young pirate to master ...

While you’re at it, can you come up with the name of a Pirate Captain to teach your class?

BURY YOUR TREASURE

Treasure. Loot. Plunder. However you say it, a good pirate needs to know all about treasure! In Treasure Class at Pirate Academy, Captain Mayday Salt teaches how to find it, how to value it, and – most important – how to hide it.

Here's a challenge from Captain Salt to you. Draw a map of an island. Where will you moor your ship? Where will you hide your treasure? What obstacles will be in the way? How will you stop other pirates finding your loot? How will YOU remember where you hid it?



CONSTELLATIONS

It's really important for a good pirate to know how to navigate clearly, day or night. At Pirate Academy, the young students go to Captain Kirsten Larsen's Navigation by Map or Moon Class. Captain Larsen has set YOU a special challenge – to identify the constellations shown below. She'll be super impressed if you get all six correct!

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Orion

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Ursa Minor

☐

Hercules

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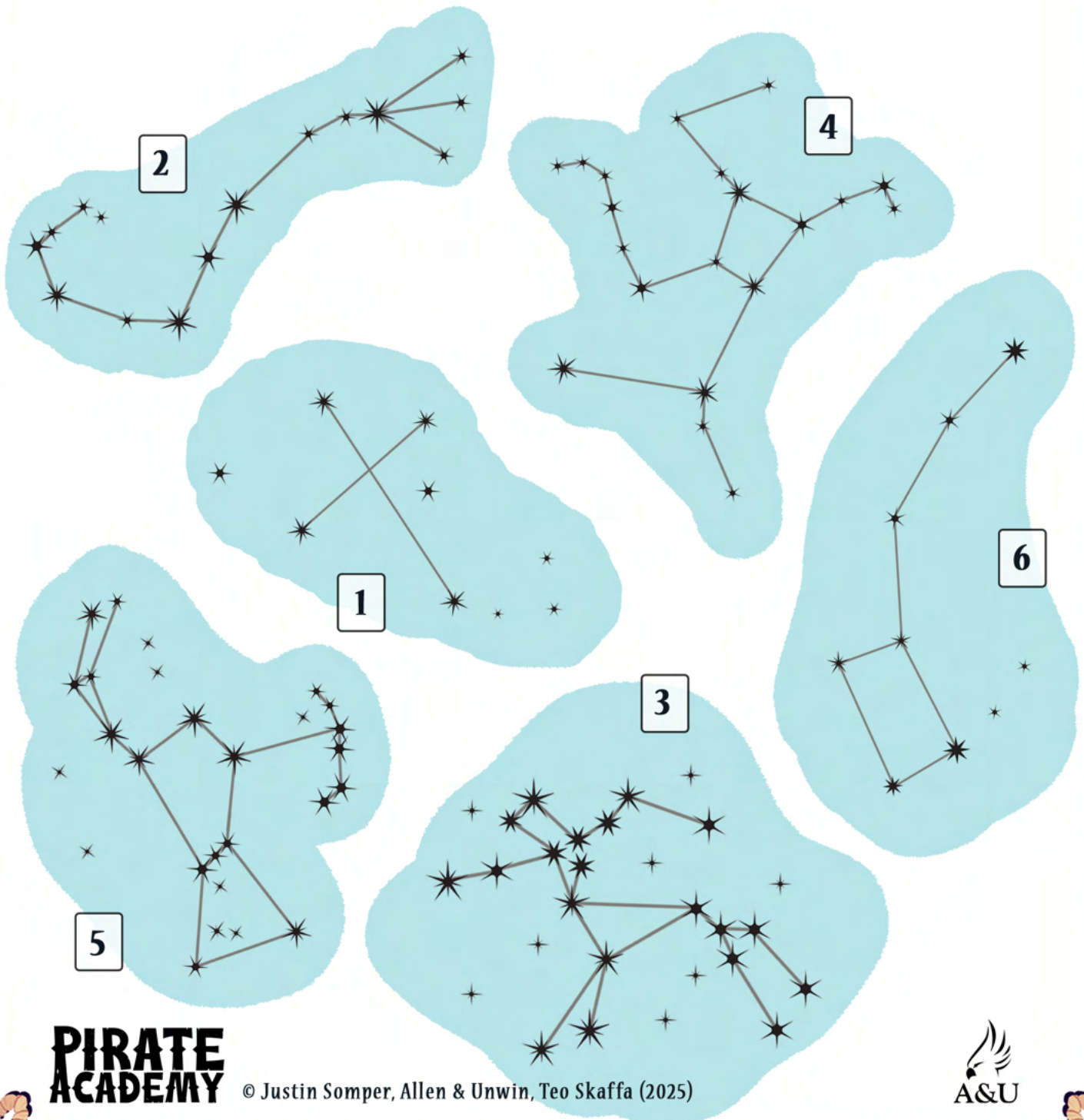
Centaurus

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Crux

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Scorpius

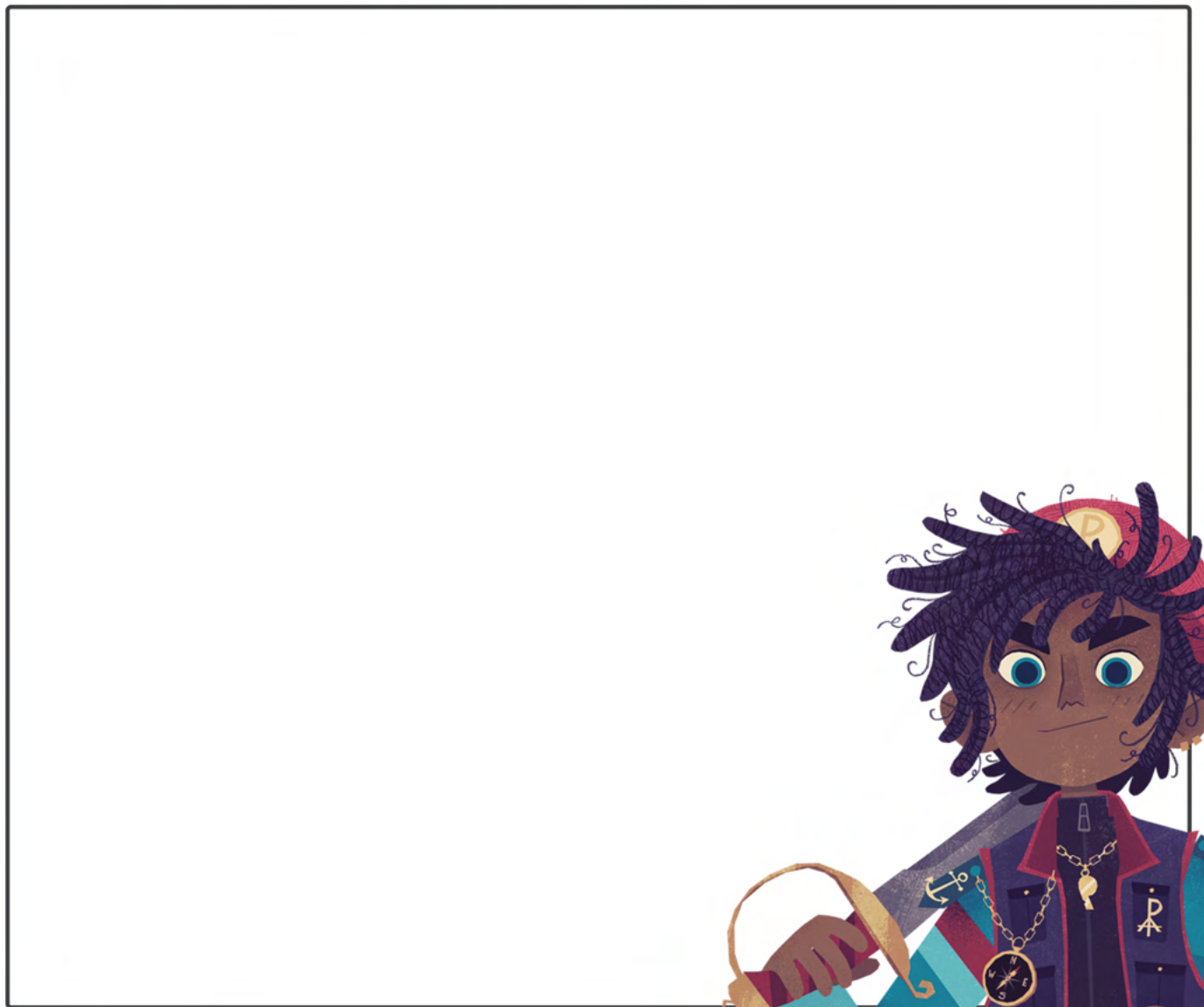


DESIGN A NEW UNIFORM

The students at Pirate Academy are an active bunch! For most of the school day, they are exercising, sailing or honing their combat skills. They need a uniform that easily adapts from one activity to another – including going from land to water – and from wet to dry!

Their uniforms need belt loops and buckles to hang their weapons from and pockets to transport key equipment. As well as being highly functional, their uniform needs to be smart, streamlined and carry with it a touch of swashbuckle!

We think official Pirate Academy artist Teo Skaffa has done a brilliant job of creating the Barracudas' uniform. Is there anything you would add or do differently? Here's some space to work on your own Pirate Academy uniform design.



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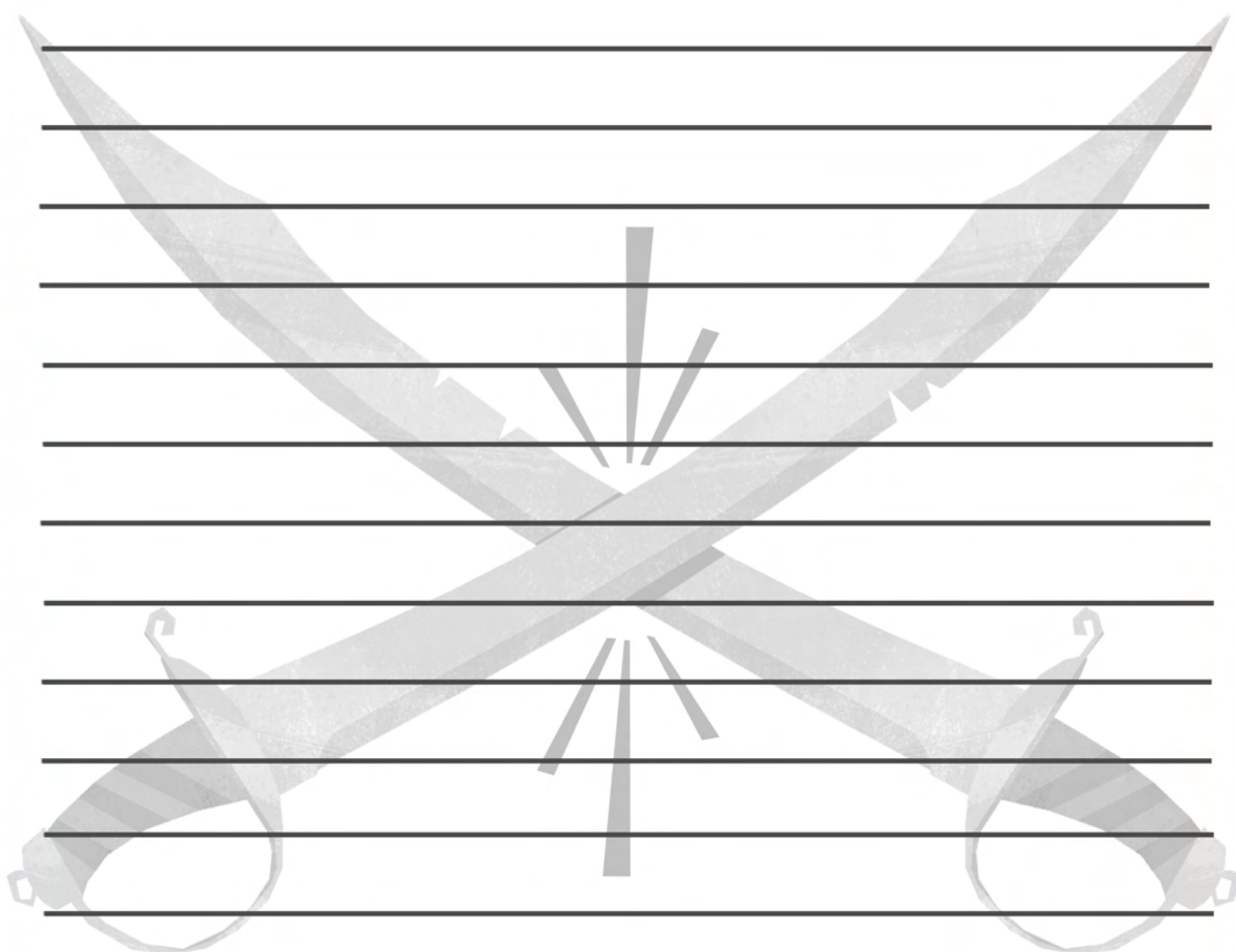
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MY DAY AT PIRATE ACADEMY

Imagine that you are one of the young pirate apprentices at Pirate Academy. Maybe you are in Barracuda Class, along with Jacoby, Jasmine, and Neo. It could be your very first day OR you might have been there a while and know the ropes! Remember that Pirate Academy is 'No Ordinary School'. Anything can happen... and usually does.

Write about one of the best adventures YOU have had at Pirate Academy.

A large sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. At the bottom left corner, there is a dark grey pennant with the text 'BARRACUDAS GO!!!' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The pennant has a small tail at the end. The rest of the page is blank with horizontal lines.



ANSWERS

Did you discover the hidden phrase on the wordsearch page?

N O O R D I N A R Y S C H O O L

Here's the answers to the constellation task. Did you get all six correct?

5 Orion

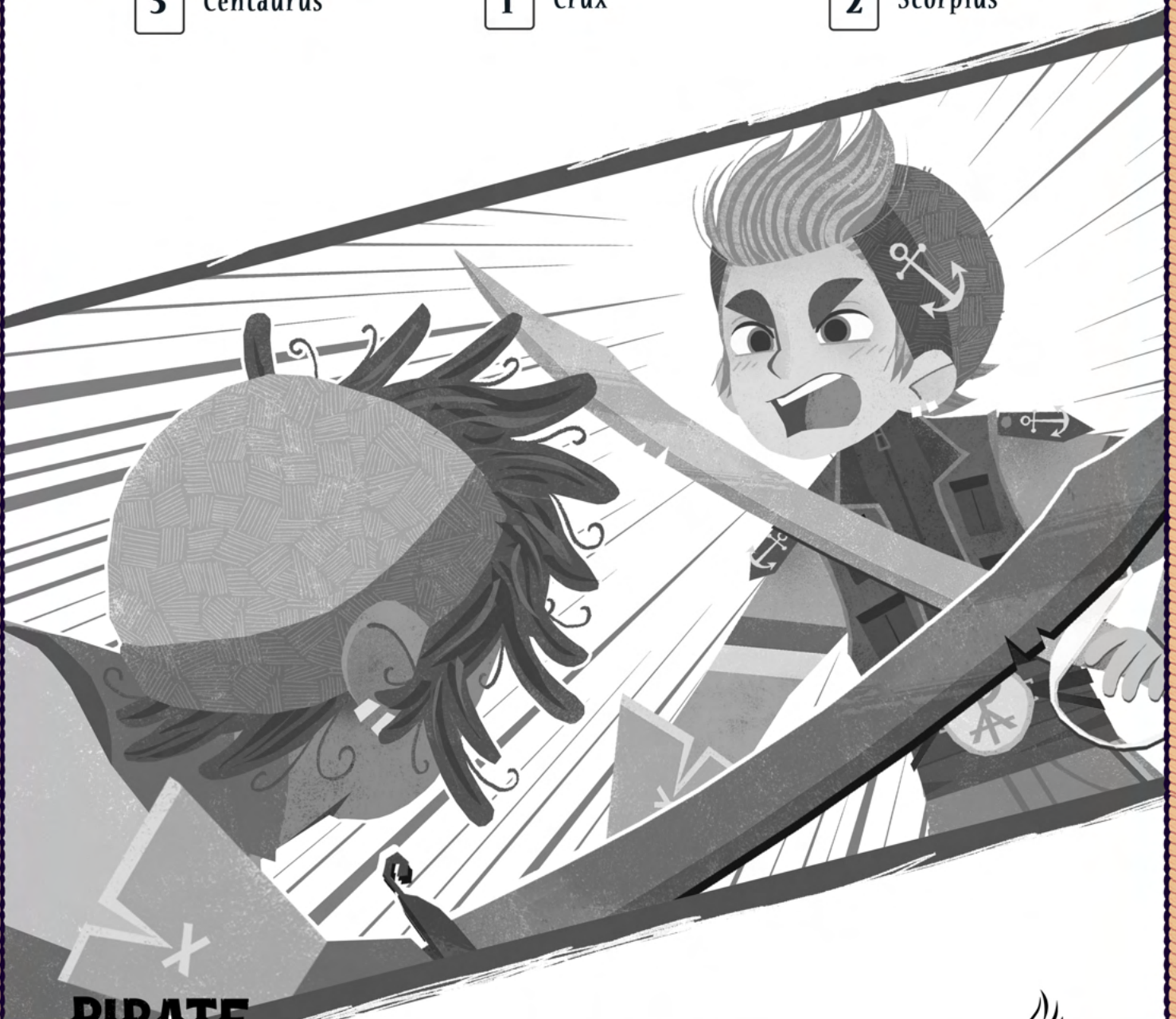
6 Ursa Minor

4 Hercules

3 Centaurus

1 Crux

2 Scorpius



THANKS FOR VISITING

We hope you have had fun diving into these activities inspired by Justin Somper's PIRATE ACADEMY books.

Pirate Academy – Book 1: **New Kid on Deck** is out now! Book 2: **Missing at Sea** and Book 3: **Sword Echoes** will be published in 2026.

The PIRATE ACADEMY books are published by Allen & Unwin. The books are brilliantly illustrated by Teo Skaffa.

Justin Somper is the award-winning author of the six VAMPIRATES books, which have been published in 35 countries and 25 languages. Justin is also the author of two books for young teenagers, **Allies and Assassins** and its sequel **A Conspiracy of Princes**. Justin is currently based in Perth, Western Australia, where he is writing the PIRATE ACADEMY adventures – in between refreshing dips in the Indian Ocean, inspiring visits to lighthouses and long-overdue sailing lessons.



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