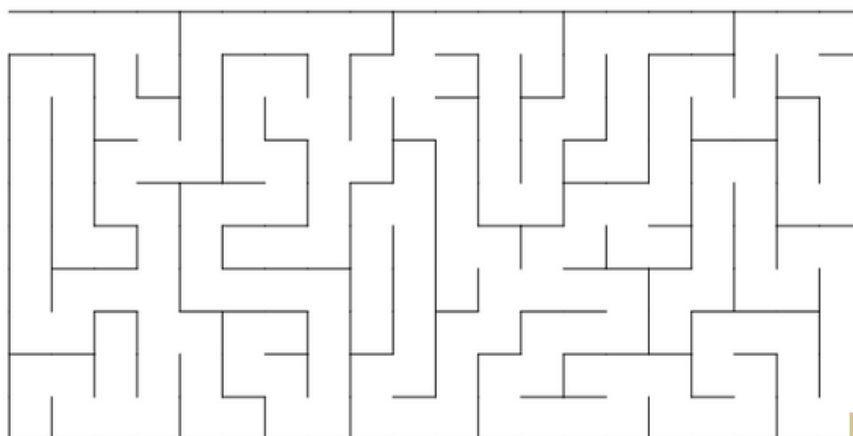


# LES PISTES DE ROBIN



"Hi, my name is Robin and I love the stories of the French Royalty. A very long time ago Louis, a 12-year-old boy and future king of France, stayed with his mother for a few weeks in Bourg. He had a lot of fun. To do like Louis and become a little prince, follow me and let's discover this Kingdom! Solve different puzzles and share your detective skills with me. Are you ready? Let's go! "

**Help Robin find the river that passes in front of the village of Bourg !**



## DID YOU KNOW ?

Today, it's the Dordogne River that passes in front of the old village of Bourg. However in the past, in the Middle Ages, the Ambès beak which is the place where the Garonne River and the Dordogne River meet was much more remote. The village was in front of the estuary of Gironde. Over the years, the Bec d'Ambès moves forward because of natural phenomenon such as the tide for example.

## YOUR TURN TO PLAY !

**Can you answer each of these questions?**

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We invite you to be vigilant during your journey and to take caution near the ramparts. The Tourist Office declines all responsibility in case of accidental falls during your journey.

1

On the side of the Tourist Office is the Éperon Square with several trees. The view of the Dordogne is beautiful. There are even benches to rest. They were built with Bourg stone from our quarries.

## 1 - How many benches can you count on this square?

- A) 6
- B) 10
- C) 15
- D) 20



*Bourg stone was in high demand at the time because it is of very good quality: it is resistant to frost, ageing, weight, air and diseases. Thanks to it, we could build very beautiful buildings such as the Grand Théâtre in Bordeaux.*

A) 6

**Answer :**



2

Walk down street Valentin Bernard to house number 6. Looking up, you will see faces carved in stone above the windows. These are called "mascarons".

## 2 - How many faces have a beard?

- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 4

*The function was originally to ward off evil spirits so that they would not enter the house. They are often located on the keystone of the arches of windows or doors. Sometimes there are mascarons on the fountains that spit water.*

A) 1

**Answer :**

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3

Go down street Saint Martin to street of Tertre, push the gate on your left and walk to the end. Be careful, the rampart is low. There is the pretty Mauresque house, facing the river.

## 3 - What symbols do you see on its facade?

- A) A diamond and a chocolatine
- B) A star and a croissant
- C) A square and a baguette
- D) A circle and a flower



The facade of this house is different from the others around you. This is because at the beginning of the 20th century, a man wanted to decorate his house with a new architecture called Moorish architecture. There is a lot of this architecture in North Africa.

B) A star and a croissant

**Answer :**

Then return to the gate and turn left, street of Tertre and go down towards the port. Now, take a good look at the photo and head towards this medieval gate, built in the ramparts (walls that protected the city).

It is the "Sea Door", called like that because it allowed to go down to the river.

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## 4 - Its opening has been enlarged several times to let pass what, in your opinion?

- A) The inhabitants who became bigger and bigger
- B) The sails of boats that took up too much space
- C) The carts and cars that were becoming wider and wider
- D) Farmers' cows getting bigger and bigger



Above this door is the belvedere on which you went to see the Mauresque house.

C) The carts and cars that became wider and wider

**Answer :**

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5

Turn around and walk up the street to the covered hall. The villagers used to party there. Today, the market takes place there on Sunday morning. In the Middle Ages, the small columns that supported the roof were made of wood.

## 5 - By what was wood replaced today?

- A) Cardboard
- B) Slate
- C) Stone
- D) Cast iron



Now that you know what a Mascaron is, look around. On this square and on a particular building, you will find other Mascarons. These allowed to know the field of work that the owner of the house did. On the lower right above the front door is Poseidon, the God of the Sea.

**Answer :**  
D) Cast iron



Pass to the left of the Jurade. You are now in a square with a stone rampart (wall) and trees: this is the District Square. Search along the rampart for the two cannons. They date from 1784. Before, the estuary of Gironde was the scene of real naval battles. These cannons were used to defend Bourg from pirate attacks.

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## 6 - What type of cannon do they most look like?



A)



B)



C)

They are here to recall the military past of the village of Bourg and come from the maritime arsenal of Rochefort. It was François Daleau who asked to bring these cannons here. This archaeologist discovered a cave not far from here: that of Pair-non-Pair in Prignac-et-Marcamps.

**Answer :**  
C)





7

Go to the church. Several Gargoyles are looking at you! Do you know what that is? These are nice stone monsters that are hidden at the top of the gutters. Go around.

## 7 - How many gargoyles are there on this church?

- A) 13
- B) 16
- C) 20
- D) 22



A gargoyle is used to drain rainwater away from the walls, and is often decorated with a monstrous animal or human figure.

Answer :  
B) 16



Walk to the Citadel Park. Louis took this path in a carriage. Pass the iron gate and enter the park with the gravel driveway. Walk to the big and beautiful house at the end of the driveway.

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## 8 - What is its name?

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Château de la Citadelle = Castle of the Citadel.  
Today, it is a municipal hall where weddings, birthdays or other festivities can take place. On the side, in the building, is the Carriage Museum.

Answer :



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9

On the two large stone vases on either side of the steps of the Castle of the Citadel, an animal head is depicted.

## 9 - What is it?

- A) Monkey
- B) Giraffe
- C) Aries
- D) Lion



*Pass the gate towards the garden and go to the terrace behind the Citadel Castle. A magnificent view awaits you... Downstairs is the campsite. Opposite, if you have good eyes, you can see the bridge of Aquitaine that goes to Bordeaux.*

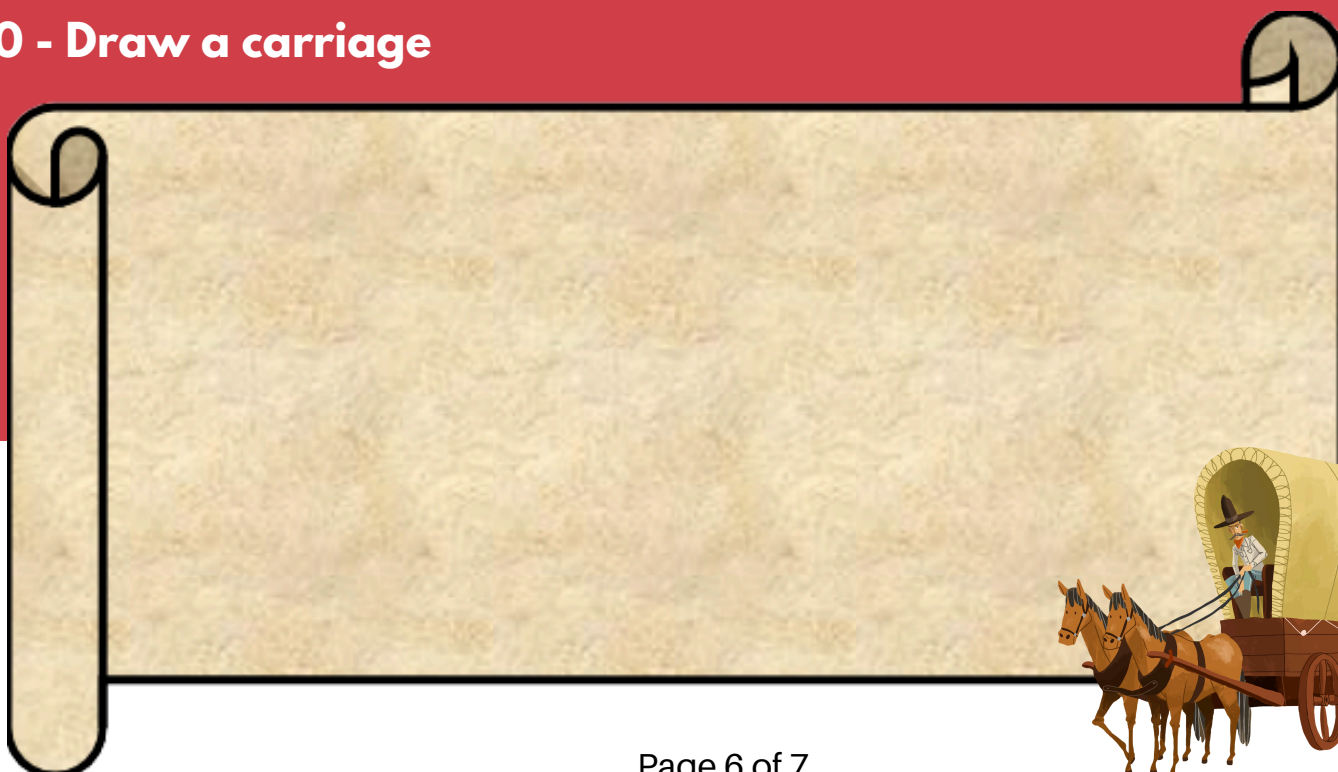
**Answer :**  
B) Aries



Before leaving the park, walk along the Citadel Museum. Inside are pretty carriages and an underground that Louis 14 took to secretly go down to the port.

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## 10 - Draw a carriage



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11

Turn right and go to the church. Above its front door you can see a large circle carved in stone.

## 11 - What is it ?

My first is a nice flower with thorns: \_\_\_\_\_

My second is the best card to play : \_\_\_\_\_

My third is the fifth letter of the alphabet : \_\_\_\_\_

My all is : \_\_\_\_\_

*Answer :  
B) "Rosace"  
If you have the opportunity to enter the church, know that there is an organ located at the  
top.*

## CONGRATULATIONS !



You answered all the questions, bravo! Your detective skills led you to the end. Now, go up the street Valentin Bernard to the Tourist Office where a surprise is waiting for you.

If you liked this enigma hunt in Bourg, discover the other ones in Gironde! Nearby, there is the enigma hunt of Saint-André-de-Cubzac. Then, you can explore the Bassin d'Arcachon, the city of Bordeaux or even the medieval city of Saint-Emilion...

See you soon !

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