III Medieval trades and crafts



1. "Gàrgola de muixons" from Miravet.

2. "Pitxell del carro" from Miravet.

ABC BRAINSTORMING

What trades or crafts do you know? Write them down in the **chart**.

A	G	М	S
В	Н	N	Т
C	1	0	U
D	J	Р	V
E	К	К	W
F	L	R	XYZ



Medieval pottery in Miravet

'Good day, traveller. I am Guifre and I earn my living as a **pottery craftsman**. I live in a village with my beloved wife, Susanna, our seven-year-old son, Jofre, and my apprentice, Tomas. I have a **potter's workshop** in the outskirts of Miravet, a tiny village not far from Tarragona.

Next to my workshop there are other pottery workshops, so in my village the main **craft** is pottery. I wake up early and I work until dark. I work very hard! My work consists of shaping fine **earthenware** pottery with a **potter's wheel** and then baking it in my furnace. I make **pitchers** to drink water, very big **jars** to keep olive oil in and **basins**. My wife helps me to sell

Most of my **pots** are carried by mule or by cart and they are sold in the markets all over Catalonia and Aragon (Spain). My pots are bought by humble folks in the villages and cities.

Jofre is already learning my craft and he likes it. One day he will become a **pot-maker** and he will inherit my workshop'.¹

1. True/false

- A workshop is a building where goods are manufactured.
- A craftsman is a person who works in a factory.
- \Box Earthenware is pottery made of clay².
- Miravet is a big village not far from Tarragona.
- Guifre's son doesn't want to be a craftsman.
- To shape earthenware pottery a potter's wheel is needed.

Rewrite the false sentences.

2. Complete the chart

Verb	past	past participle	kind of verb	translation
inherit			regular	
earn				
wake up				
shape				
carry				
sell				
make				

¹ Look at this video to see how pottery is made today <u>miravet.avi</u>. In Jordi Avante's traditional workshop in Miravet. See this power point about <u>Traditional pottery</u> in Miravet.

² Sticky earth used to make pottery, bricks, ceramics, etc.

3. Look at the text and the pictures and answer the questions.



Pottery in Miravet today.³

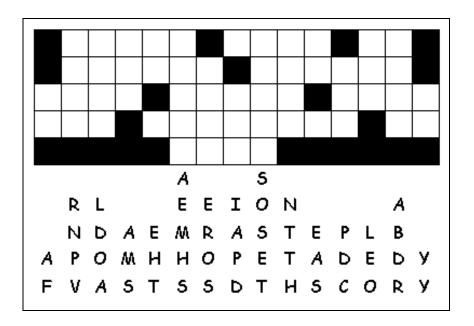
3. Potter's wheel.

4. Typical pitcher called botella (bottle).

2.

- What's the name of the craftsman?
- What is the name of the tool to make ceramics?
- What is the name of the material to make pottery?
- What is the name of the place to make pottery or another craft?
- What is the name of the most typical pot in Miravet?





³ Pieces from Jordi Avante's workshop (Miravet, Spain).



5. *Pitxell del tronc*, a pitcher.

6. Pitxell del carro, a typical pitcher.

5. Medieval crafts and trades word search

в	R	Ε	K	Α	Μ	Ε	0	Η	S
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5.1. Group the medieval crafts and trades that you have found in the word search in the following categories. Can you think of any more?

- a) Crafts which involve working with food: _____
- c) Jobs which work with other people:



Brewery. Lacock Abbey (Great Britain).
Use an encyclopaedia or the Internet.

a) In pairs write down the definitions of the following trades or crafts.

blacksmith
baker
miller
brewer
carpenter
masons
shoemaker
tailor
weaver
merchant
goldsmith
barber
teacher
dentist

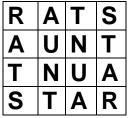
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b) Choose a description of a medieval craft or trade. Write about 100 words.²

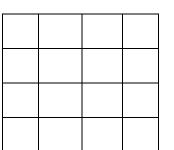
7. Do you know what palindromes are?

A Palindrome is a word, phrase or sentence that spells the same backwards as forwards. "A man, a plan, a canal, Panama!" 4

2 D palindromes are word squares in which every row and column reads a word in both directions. This is an example.



Can you make a 2D palindrome using the word pots?



8. Do you know what an anagram is?⁵ Can you make other anagrams with the word POTS?



1. An artisan working in the potter-wheel. 2. A pottery shop.

 ⁴ The Fun-with-words website has a section of palindromes.
⁵ An anagram is a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase. For example, *pots or* stop.

9. Fill in the blanks about trades and crafts.⁶

Hello,	boy. I am James and I make my living as a cloth(1). I live in a _					
	(2) with my wife, Miriam, our ten-year-old son, Simon, my journeyman ⁷ ,					
Jacob	and my(3), Aaron.					
I	(4) fine cloth for the(5) members of the nobility and I					
also in	port silk and(6) from the Far East. Michael is already					
learnir	learning my (7) and one day he will become a cloth merchant and inherit					
my bu	my business.					
As a n	erchant, I can tell you all about trade and travel and merchant's					
	(8). A guild is an(9) of craftsmen or merchants formed for mutual					
help a	nd protection.					
There	are merchant guilds, which include all the merchants of a town or city and					
	(10) guilds, which include all the(11) in a particular					
branch	of industry. Their functions are to establish trade monopolies, to set standards for					
quality	of (12) and to maintain stable(13).					
Crafts	guilds establish hierarchies of craftsmen based on level of training;					
	(14) journeymen, and apprentices.					
Word	bank					
mer	chant wealthy trade town association craft masters velvet					
	apprentice prices weave guilds craftsmen goods					
9.1.	Answer the questions about the trades and crafts.					
a)	What is James' job?					
b)	Is he a journeyman? What does he do?					
c)	What is the name of his wife?					
d)	How many children have they got?					
e)	How many workers has James got in his workshop?					
f)	Is James a weaver?					
g)	What does the merchant also do?					
h)	What is a guild?					

i) Did guilds only protect traders?_____

6. Use the information in this website: <u>http://www.mnsu.edu/emuseum/history/middleages/merchant.html</u> 13. A **journeyman** is an artisan.