

JOEY

Solution: Start with the F and head north (up) for the first leg of the trip (8 letters) FORSYT(H)IA (missing an H). From the ending letter A, there are lots of choices AM(B)ER, AP(P)LE or A(M)PLE, (G)AITY, (F)AINT, AGAP(E)... But only one of these matches one of the clues: Fruit that floats = APPLE. And so on, with each ending letter being the next starting letter. The missing letters (in order of the clues, not the order in the trip) spell out the solution shown below.

Paying a foreign friend one of these used to take months. **VI(S)IT**

Place to purchase a "My parents went on a cruise, and all I got was this lousy T-shirt" T-shirt. **GIFTS(H)OP**

Long before Starbucks served up this drink, Starbuck served as first mate on the Pequod. **FRAPPUC(I)NO**

Fruit that floats. **AP(P)LE**

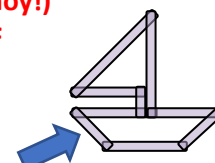
Fishy antecedent. **(S)OMETHING**

First ahoy! This bush is one of the first to bloom each spring. **FORSYT(H)IA** (anagram of First Ahoy!)

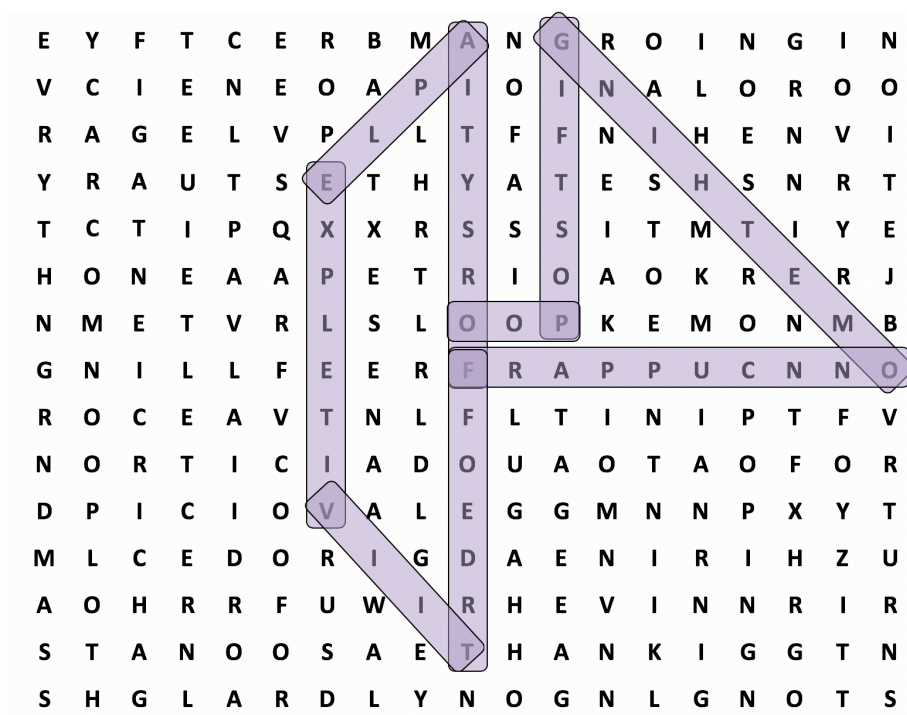
The adventures at sea are awesome, but all that swabbing and hoisting is exhausting. **TR(A)DEOFF**

The number two deck. **POO(P)**


What an indelicate seaman is likely to use in conversation. **EXPLETIV(E)**



SHIP SHAPE (Check your answer with a 90* turn to the left!) Do you see the shape of a ship!?

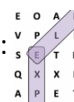


EXTRA CHALLENGE: So what is the significance of the eight "corner letters" - the letters where one word ends and the next begins? **Each corner letter in semaphore code shows the precise direction to turn:**

A in semaphore is  and that is the direction to turn at the A:



The next corner is E which in semaphore is  and that is the direction to turn at the E:



The fact that all the clues and the puzzle itself all have to do with ships and boats and seamen and floating and hoisting and decks... should have all pointed toward this semaphore connection!