

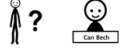
CAN BECH – TOWN HALL



Palafrugell's Town Hall building



is known as Can Bech.



It was built in 1925, as a residence for



Josep Bech de Careda Olivas and Rosa Plana Avellí.



The Bech de Careda family was from Agullana,



but they had a close relationship with Palafrugell,



because they used to go there to sell cork stoppers.



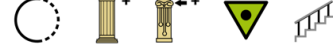
The building is a large "noucentista" house,



with classical decorative elements,



such as columns, capitals, floral motifs and balusters.



The capitals decorated the columns



and the floral motifs decorated the walls.



Balusters are short columns



that decorate stairs or balconies.



On the property, there was also a house for a guard,



as well as several patios and gardens, which took up several streets.



In 1963, the Town Hall bought the property



to reduce traffic jams in the centre of town.



The following year, it moved the municipal offices there.



The Josep Pla Avenue was also opened up



and a public car park was built.



The old garden was turned into a park.



On the same property, the Telefónica building



and the Josep Pla Cultural Centre were built.

