

How to make a treasure hunt

Treasure hunts are always a lot of fun, especially at Easter and birthdays when a reward can be found. But treasure hunts can be fun at any time and may involve looking for a toy or a book that is already owned.

You can make treasure hunts for children to follow or support children to make treasure hunts of their own.

Treasure hunts involve children in a range of tasks.

If they are the **finder**, they must:

- read the clues
- think about the location described and
- follow the clues.

If they are the **hider**, they must:

- decide on good places to hide the treasure and clues
- plan a sequence of clues
- write the clues
- hide the clues in the correct order
- hide the treasure
- give the finder the first clue
- support the finder's progress.

Make a treasure hunt

1. Think of a good place to hide your treasure and some other places to hide clues.

2. Write a list of the places and note where you will hide the treasure, for example:

- On the table
- Under the chair
- Beside the lamp
- Between the oranges
- In the wardrobe
- In front of the TV
- Next to the phone
- Behind the couch (**treasure**)

Other good places to hide clues include:

- On the stairs
- Under the mat
- Beside the computer
- Between the pillows
- In the drawer (**treasure**)
- In front of the mirror
- Next to the door
- Behind the clock



3. Write each clue on a piece of paper, for example:

Look on the stairs.

Look under the mat.

4. Place your clues in order. Put the clue that tells where the treasure is last. You could number the clues, or even make a map to plan the route (but don't show it to the finder!
5. Read your first clue. Put your second clue in the place that the first clue says. (You must keep your first clue to give the finder.)
6. Read your second clue. Place your third clue in the place that the second clue says.
7. Read your third clue. Place your fourth clue in the place that the fourth clue says.
8. Continue like this until you have placed all your clues. The treasure goes where the last clue says.
9. When all your clues and the treasure are hidden, give the finder your first clue. It is then the task of the finder to follow the clues to the treasure.
10. Enjoy!