

Treasure hunt

Have a treasure hunt, indoors or outside. Give your child clue cards with a word, drawing or photo on them telling them where to look. To start with, you could read the word with them or give them an extra clue or prompt. When they have solved the first clue, give them another and then another. Don't have too many clues to start with or make them too hard - you want your child to succeed in finding the treasure!

More ideas to develop the game

Over time, you can add more clues and make them trickier. Why not build up to include rhyming clues or sentences? To add interest, give them things to collect along the way, for example five forks or six socks, or even objects whose first letters spell their name or the name of the treasure.

Here is an example to get you going!

Start off with simple clues. Make little cards, each with a clue on it directing your child to the next clue. Start off with simple words such as mat, bed, tap, and stick to three clues initially. Hand your child the first clue, e.g. mat. This is where they need to look to find the next clue. Under the mat, they will then find the second clue, e.g. bed. They will need to look in the beds to find the final clue or treasure. The treasure could be something simple like an apple, a sweet or a sticker.

Happy hunting!

KEY SKILLS

- Speaking and listening
- Linking sounds and letters
- Word blending/decoding
- Concentration
- Logic
- Observation

Parent activity sheet

