



Treasure Hunt for Ages 5-12

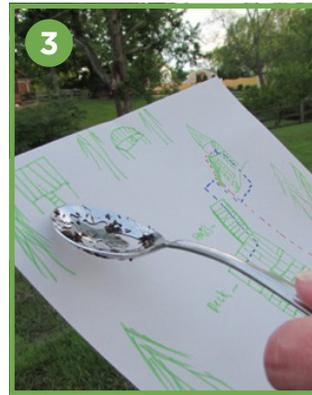
A treasure hunt is a great way to spark imaginations while exercising creativity and spatial awareness. It's also a great physical activity that encourages walking and exploring.

ITEMS YOU WILL NEED:

A treasure item from your house or outside, paper, and drawing tools

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

A digging tool (spoon or small shovel), a compass, or a magnifying glass



1. Choose a treasure to bury! Make sure it's something that can go missing for a while and won't be damaged by weather or soil.
2. Set off on a quest to find the perfect hiding spot. This spot will be top secret and only those who have a map will find the treasure. You can even bury your treasure and use sticks to make an 'X' marking the spot!
3. For an added challenge make this a multi-step process! Choose a starting point and then select other spots to hide digging tools or other clues that they will need to find first in order to find the treasure!
4. Create a treasure map. When creating a map, think about spots in your yard that can be used as landmarks. For example, sidewalks, large trees, a sandbox or swing set may help guide the way. Draw all of the important landmarks first. Then, draw the dotted path leading to the treasure.

If drawing a map is overwhelming or if you want to try a new way to search, have the child give you verbal clues to find the treasure instead of making a map.

5. Find someone up for the challenge! Ask an adult or a sibling in your home if they would like to go on a treasure hunt. Give them the map and enjoy watching them go on a treasure hunt.



TO FURTHER EXTEND THIS ACTIVITY:

Learn about why squirrels bury their acorn treasures and what happens if they forget where they are buried at Scishow kids. You can also try the squirrel challenge by hiding your treasure, waiting a week, then going out to find it again without a map!