



Treasure Hunt



10 mins



8 - 12 years

Experience

Preparation: Encourage your child to draw a map of their house/ apartment/unit/backyard. On the map, mark together a starting point and draw a dotted line to indicate the path the clues will appear on.

On small pieces of paper write and number the clues (adult to complete). Clue examples could be; "If you are hungry, you go here to find food" (next clue in fridge), or "you put these on before shoes" (next clue in sock draw) etc.

One game could contain 10-12 clues. As the adult, take the map and place your written clues on the path (without your child watching you).

To Begin: Place one paper clue at the starting point on your child's map. Encourage them to take the map and solve one clue to locate the next one. The last clue is the location of the treasure (could be one of their toys).

Variation: Each treasure hunt could be themed to suit your child's interest e.g. Archaeology (dinosaur toy treasure), African jungle (animal soft toy treasure) etc.

Learning benefits

- Promotes problem solving, deductive thinking, concentration and following directions.
- Foster fine motor/eye hand coordination

Materials

Paper
Textas
Pencils
Toys

Hints and Tips

Indoors or outdoors

You can work in a team or on your own

Make clues simple and clear