

The Haunted House Treasure Hunt

Parent guide · ages 8–12 · about 30–45 minutes · 1–6 children

You will need

- this printout - thicker paper works best
- scissors and a little tape
- 8 envelopes of any kind
- a treasure: treats, stickers or small toys

How it works

1. Cut out the cards and envelope labels. Put each card in the envelope with the same number.
2. Hide the treasure in a dresser - at the end, the children work out exactly that word.
3. Hide envelopes 2 to 8 in the places on the answer sheet. Keep envelope 1.
4. Give the children envelope 1. Each riddle leads to the next hiding place.
5. Every card has a letter. At the end, the letters spell out where the treasure is.
6. Finally, fill in the certificate and hand it over with ceremony!

Tip: missing one of the places? Pick a similar spot nearby and give a little hint. Hide everything indoors.

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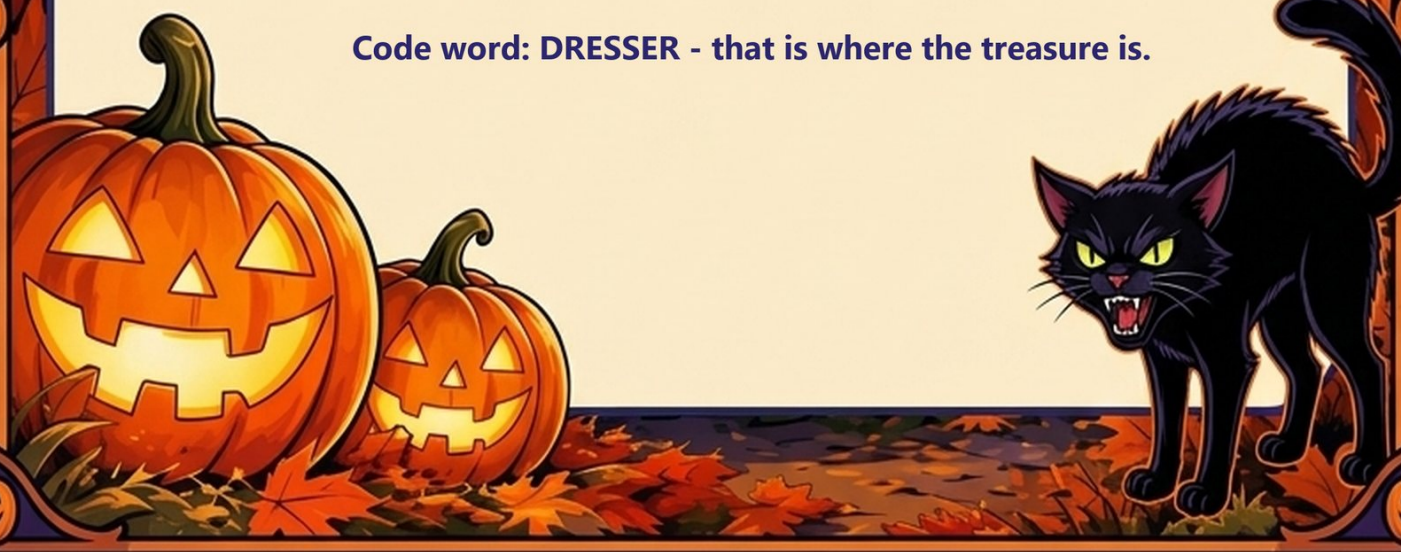


Answer Sheet

For parents only - keep it out of sight!

Envelope	Hide it ...	Letter
1	The children get this one in their hands	D
2	under the pillow	R
3	in a shoe by the door	E
4	under a towel in the bathroom	S
5	on the bookshelf	S
6	on the fridge, under a magnet	E
7	next to the TV remote	R
8	under the doormat	-

Code word: DRESSER - that is where the treasure is.



1

Welcome, ghost hunters! First riddle: I am soft and square, I sleep on the bed, and every night a head rests on me. What am I?

Your letter: D



2

Well done! I have a tongue but never talk, and I go wherever you walk. Look inside me, by the door!

Your letter: R



3

Spooky skills! The more I dry, the wetter I get. Find me in the bathroom!

Your letter: E



4

Brilliant! I have a spine but no bones, lots of leaves but no branches, and I tell stories without a mouth. Look where many of us stand side by side.

Your letter: S



5

Keep going! I am cold inside even in summer, and a light comes on when you open my door. Look under one of my magnets.

Your letter: S



6

Nearly there! I have lots of buttons but no shirt, and I change the picture without a brush. Look right next to me!

Your letter: E



7

Last clue! I lie by the front door, everyone steps on me, and I say welcome without a mouth.

Your letter: R



8

You did it! Put your 7 letters in order. They tell you where the scarecrow's treasure is hidden - if you dare to look!

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Envelope
1
Top secret!


Envelope
2
Top secret!


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Top secret!


Envelope
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6
Top secret!


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7
Top secret!


Envelope
8
Top secret!

Treasure Hunter Certificate

This certifies that

_____

found the scarecrow's treasure!

Brave, clever and fearless - a true ghost hunter!

Date: _____