

# Mermaid's Treasure Hunt for Ages 5–6

Picture clues — no reading needed · about 20–30 minutes · 1–6 children

## You need

- this printout — thicker paper works best
- scissors and some tape
- 8 envelopes
- a treasure: sweets, stickers or a small toy

## How it works

1. Cut out the 8 cards, the 8 labels and the 8 jigsaw pieces.
2. Stick a label on each envelope. Put card 1 and jigsaw piece 1 into envelope 1, card 2 and piece 2 into envelope 2, and so on.
3. Hide the treasure in a cupboard and envelopes 2 to 8 at the places on the hiding plan. Keep envelope 1.
4. Hand over envelope 1. Read the line on each card aloud — the picture shows where the next envelope is.
5. Each envelope holds a jigsaw piece. Lay the 8 pieces on the puzzle board: they show the treasure!

*Tip: no doormat or houseplant? Swap a picture card for a place you have and point the children there.*

# Hiding plan

For grown-ups — keep it away from the children!

1 You hand it over

2  under the pillow

3  in a shoe

4  by the toothbrushes

5  on the bookshelf

6  under a sofa cushion

7  next to a houseplant

8  under the doormat

 **The treasure: in a cupboard**

1

Read aloud:

**Hooray! Where is the next clue? Look here:**



Jigsaw piece 1

2

Read aloud:

**Hooray! Where is the next clue? Look here:**



Jigsaw piece 2

3

Read aloud:

**Hooray! Where is the next clue? Look here:**



Jigsaw piece 3

4

Read aloud:

**Hooray! Where is the next clue? Look here:**



Jigsaw piece 4

5

Read aloud:

**Hooray! Where is the next clue? Look here:**



Jigsaw piece 5

6

Read aloud:

**Hooray! Where is the next clue? Look here:**



Jigsaw piece 6

7

Read aloud:

**Hooray! Where is the next clue? Look here:**



Jigsaw piece 7

8

Read aloud:

**Hooray! You found them all — the treasure is here!**



Jigsaw piece 8

Envelope

1

*Top secret!*

Envelope

2

*Top secret!*

Envelope

3

*Top secret!*

Envelope

4

*Top secret!*

Envelope

5

*Top secret!*

Envelope

6

*Top secret!*

Envelope

7

*Top secret!*

Envelope

8

*Top secret!*

# Jigsaw pieces

Cut along the lines — one piece goes into each envelope.



# Puzzle board

Lay each piece on its number: what is the treasure?

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 |



# Treasure Hunter Certificate

This certifies that

_____

**found the treasure!**

*Brave, clever and quick — treasure found!*

Date: _____