

The Mermaid's Treasure Hunt

Parent guide · ages 7–9 · 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 cabinet — 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.



Answer Sheet

For parents only — keep it out of sight!

Envelope	Hide it …	Letter
1	The children get this one in their hands	C
2	under the pillow	A
3	in a shoe by the door	B
4	by the toothbrushes	I
5	on the bookshelf	N
6	under a sofa cushion	E
7	next to a houseplant	T
8	under the doormat	—

Code word: CABINET — that is where the treasure is.

1

Hello, treasure hunters! The mermaid has lost her pearl treasure and needs your help. The first clue is where you rest your head every night.

Your letter: C



2

Well done! Now look where your feet slip in before you go outside.

Your letter: A



3

Great job! The next clue is waiting where you brush your teeth every morning and night.

Your letter: B



4

Brilliant! Look where lots of stories live — they have a spine, but no legs.

Your letter: I



5

Keep going! This is where the whole family snuggles up to watch TV. Look under the cushions!

Your letter: N



6

Nearly there! I am green, I drink water and I live in a pot. Where am I?

Your letter: E



7

Last clue! Everyone wipes their shoes on me before they come in.

Your letter: T



8

You did it! Put your 7 letters in order. They tell you where the mermaid's pearl treasure is hidden!



Envelope

1

Top secret!

Envelope

2

Top secret!

Envelope

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Top secret!

Envelope

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Top secret!

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Top secret!

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Top secret!

Treasure Hunter Certificate

This certifies that

_____

found the mermaid's pearl treasure!

Brave, clever and quick — a true friend of the sea!

Date: _____

