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In this booklet you will read some instructions to show you how to make a treasure map, and some information about different kinds of clues.

In the next booklet you will read a story about a treasure hunt.

What you need

- paper (squared or plain)
- pencil
- coloured pencils or felt tips
- tea bag, sand or dirt
- rubber
- ruler



Before you start

You need to decide:

- what your treasure will be
- where you will hide your treasure
- what kind of paper you will use



Useful Tip

Squared paper is great because you can use the squares to help you give directions.

Step 1: Making your paper look old

You can make your paper look hundreds of years old like a real treasure map. There are lots of different ways to do this.

You could:

- rub sand or dirt onto the paper
- smudge pencil, crayon, chalk, ink or paint onto the paper
- wipe a wet tea bag over the paper to turn it a light brown colour
- tear the edges to shape the paper
- crumple the paper to make it look old and worn



Useful Tip

It helps if you make your paper look old before you begin to draw your map. If you make your paper look old after drawing the map, you might spoil your work.

Step 2: Drawing your map

Now you can draw your map. Put in details to show the places where the treasure-hunters need to search.

These could be:

- trees
- houses
- shops
- rooms and objects in your house
- things around your school and playground



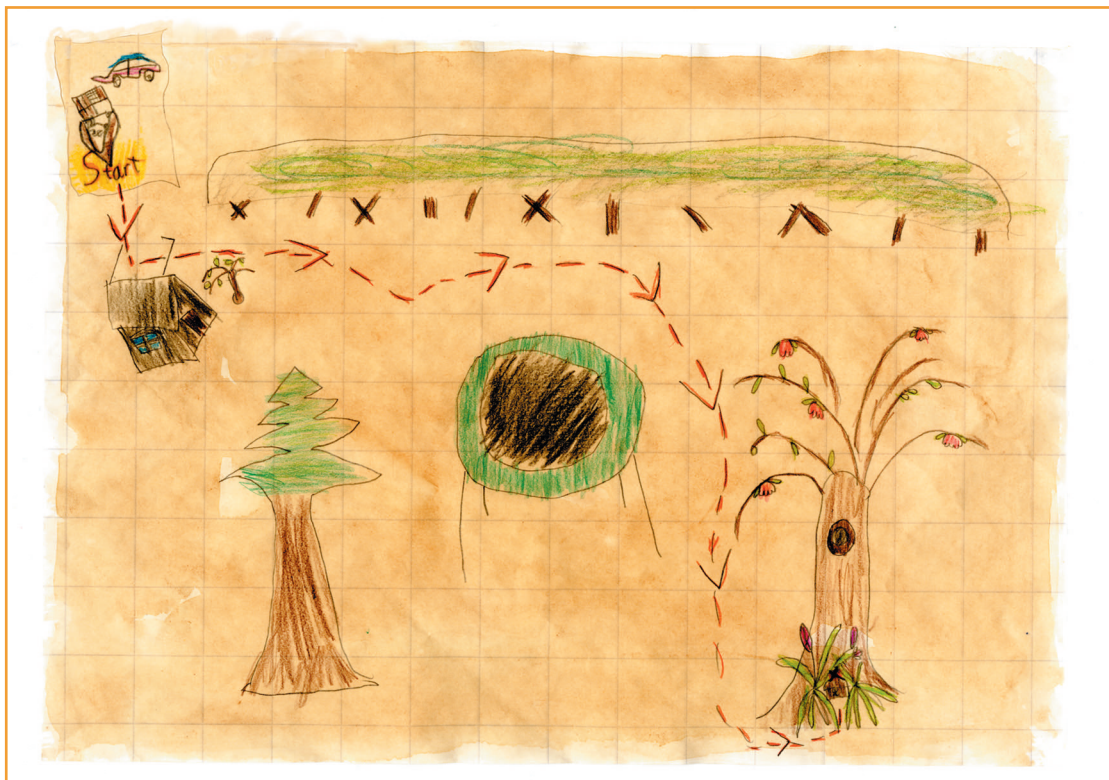
Useful Tip

The treasure-hunters need to know where to start the hunt. Remember to put a starting point and make it quite easy to find. You don't want to confuse the treasure-hunters before they have even started!

Step 3: Writing directions

Next, you need some directions. Use the different places and objects on your map to help you write the directions.
For example:

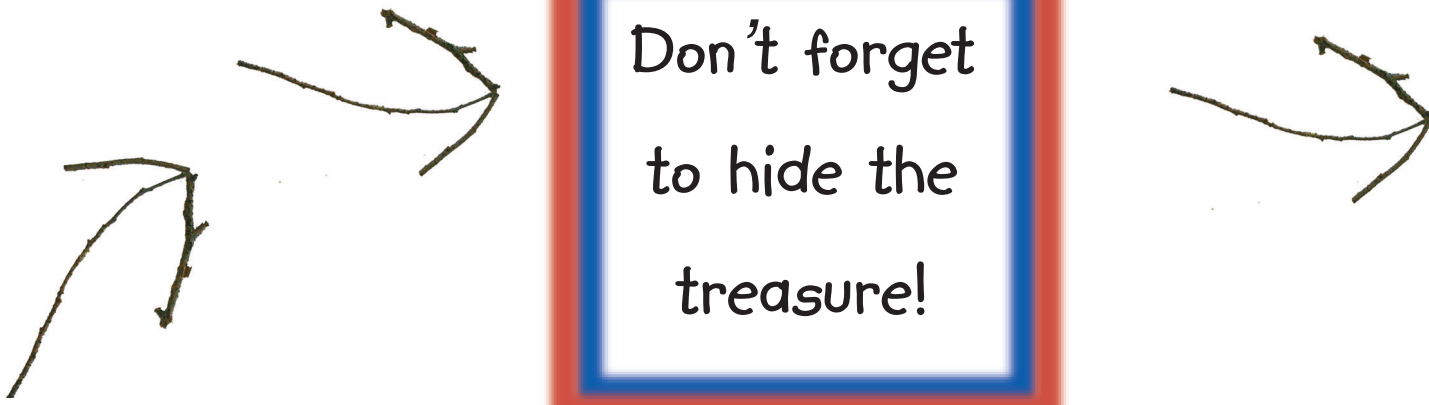
Start at the garage where the rabbit be,
Then go to the shed and then to the tree,
Go halfway down the hedge and past the trampoline,
Look at the flowers by the tree - the treasure will be seen!!



Step 4: Checking your map

Look carefully at your map to check you have not missed out any details. Try out your directions to make sure they work.

Your map is now ready to hand over to the treasure-hunters, and the hunt can begin.



Don't forget
to hide the
treasure!



Give us a Clue

Using a map is not the only way to lead someone to treasure. You can also use clues. Clues can make the hunt more interesting for the treasure-hunters. If your clues are difficult to solve, the treasure-hunters will take longer to find the treasure!

Some different kinds of clues are:

Trails

You can make a trail to show the treasure-hunters where to go. You can lay bits of twigs on the ground to make arrows. Tying coloured paper around the branches of trees is another way to show treasure-hunters they are going the right way.

Word clues

You can write word clues that will trick people. Some of these are tricky because they are hard to work out. You can make your word clues even more difficult by writing riddles and rhymes or scrambling letters.

Beware!

Sometimes you can give people clues through what you do, rather than what you say or write. You might look at the place where you have hidden the treasure, even though you don't mean to.

Picture clues

You can draw pictures to show your treasure-hunters where they should go next, or to lead them to the next clue.



