

Your hunt, ready in about 15 minutes.

Two free routes. Print one, or run them in different rooms. Playing usually takes 20–30 minutes; that is an estimate, so go at your own pace.

Picture Trail • ages 4–7 with a grown-up

Riddle Route • ages 8+

1–8 seekers

You'll need

- The cards for your route, printed and cut out (about 5 minutes)
- Tape or fridge magnets
- A small treat or prize for the treasure
- A phone for the free companion, optional with the paper tracker or decoder

Setting up

1. Send the seekers to another room.
2. Hide the cards in the order on the next pages (about 10 minutes). Tick each one off.
3. Open the companion, choose your route and "Printed cards".
4. Hand the seekers the start card and say go!

Safety notes

- Keep every card away from stairs, ovens, hobs, heaters, sockets and high shelves.
- Keep little ones indoors and in sight. Close doors to the street.
- Use tape or magnets, never pins. Make sure the bath is dry and empty.
- Check treats for allergies. Avoid small hard sweets for children under 4.
- Agree a "stop" word, and switch the lights on for anyone who prefers it.

No printer?

Put a small treat at each spot instead of a card. Choose "No printer" in the companion. Each clue appears on the phone, and you tap to confirm every find. Riddle letters appear on screen.

Playing again

Once seekers know the hiding places, the surprise is gone. For another round, use the "No such spot?" alternatives, move the treasure, or swap routes.

Companion and fresh copies: playatyour.com/halloween-scavenger-hunt

Running both routes?

Hide the picture cards in one part of the home and the riddle cards in another, so little seekers don't pick up a riddle card. The orange cards are the Picture Trail; the purple cards are the Riddle Route.

Bigger group?

Split into teams of 2 to 4, each with a reader. Print a second set for a race, hiding it at the alternative spots. Give every team the same treasure at the end.

Picture Trail • hiding order

Card codes: card 1 bat • card 2 pumpkin • card 3 ghost • card 4 cat • card 5 moon • card 6 spider • card 7 witch hat • tag sweet.

CARD	HIDE IT HERE	NO SUCH SPOT?
☐ Start card (pillow picture)	Hand it to the seekers when you begin	—
☐ Card 1 • bat code	Under a pillow on a bed	Any cushion on a bed, or a sleeping bag
☐ Card 2 • pumpkin code	On the fridge door at child height, with a magnet or tape	The freezer door or a low kitchen cupboard door
☐ Card 3 • ghost code	Inside the bath. Make sure it is dry and empty	A dry shower tray, or on the bath mat
☐ Card 4 • cat code	On the shoe rack, or tucked inside a shoe	A pair of shoes by the door
☐ Card 5 • moon code	Between two books on a low shelf	Under a pile of books
☐ Card 6 • spider code	Leaning against a plant pot	Beside a vase of flowers
☐ Card 7 • witch hat code	Under a sofa cushion	Under an armchair cushion
☐ Treasure + tag	The treat and its treasure tag go on the doormat inside the front door	A rug just inside any door

Every spot is indoors and fits a small apartment. Keep the treat inside, not on a doormat that opens to a street.

Riddle Route • hiding order

CARD	HIDE IT HERE	NO SUCH SPOT?
☐ Start card (riddle 1)	Hand it to the seekers when you begin	—
☐ Card 1 • letter O	On or beside a clock	An alarm clock, a kitchen timer or any clock you own
☐ Card 2 • letter F	Tucked beside a mirror at a height children can reach	Any mirror in the house
☐ Card 3 • letter B	Folded inside a hanging towel	A kitchen towel or a bathrobe on a hook
☐ Card 4 • letter D	Tucked under a teddy bear's arm	Any soft toy or doll
☐ Card 5 • letter S	In the folds of a curtain, low down	Below the blinds at the edge of a low window frame
☐ Card 6 • letter H	Taped under the kitchen or dining table	Under a coffee table or a desk
☐ Card 7 • letter E	Beside the cereal box on a low shelf	A bread bin, a snack box or a box of crackers
☐ Card 8 • letter N	On top of the clothes in the laundry basket	A laundry bag, or on top of a closed washing machine
☐ Card 9 • letter A	In the pocket of a coat on a hook	A hoodie or raincoat pocket
☐ Card 10 • letter I	Inside a boot or shoe by the door	A slipper, or a shoe on the shoe rack
☐ Treasure + tag	The treasure and its tag go behind the sofa	No sofa? Use the biggest comfy chair and call it "the sofa" tonight

Answer key

RIDDLE	ANSWER	LETTER FOUND THERE
1	Clock	O
2	Mirror	F
3	Towel	B
4	Teddy bear	D
5	Curtains	S
6	Table	H
7	Cereal box	E
8	Laundry basket	N
9	Coat	A
10	Boot	I

Letters arrive as **O F B D S H E N A I** and unscramble to **BEHIND THE SOFA**.

Every spot is indoors and fits a small apartment. Got a porch or yard? The coat and boot clues work at a back door; keep doors to the street closed and a grown-up outside.

Hints, one step at a time

Read a nudge first. Give the strong hint if they are still stuck, and the answer only when they ask.

Picture Trail

#	NUDGE	STRONG HINT	ANSWER
1	Where do you rest your sleepy head?	Go to a bed. Look at the soft, squishy end.	Under a pillow on a bed.
2	What keeps the milk cold?	Go to the kitchen. Find the big, tall door that hums.	On the fridge door.
3	Splash, splash! Where do you get squeaky clean?	Go to the bathroom.	In the dry bath.
4	Where do your shoes wait for you?	Look near the front door, down low.	On the shoe rack.
5	Where do the stories live?	Look for lots of books standing in a row.	On the bookshelf.
6	What is green and drinks water?	Look for leaves growing in a pot.	By the plant pot.
7	Where does everyone sit together?	Find the sofa. Lift the squishy cushions.	Under a sofa cushion.
8	Where do you wipe your feet?	Go to the front door and look down.	On the doormat. Treasure!

Riddle Route

#	NUDGE	STRONG HINT	ANSWER
1	It has a face and two hands, but no nose and no arms.	It goes tick-tock and tells you the time.	A clock. Look on or beside it.
2	It copies you perfectly but never makes a sound.	You see yourself in it when you brush your hair.	A mirror.
3	It gets wetter the more it works.	Look in the bathroom or kitchen, on a hook or rail.	A towel. Check inside its folds.
4	It's soft, stuffed and loves a hug.	Look on a bed or a toy shelf.	A teddy bear or soft toy. Look by its paws.
5	Here, "drawn" means pulled across, not drawn with a pencil.	It hangs beside a window.	The curtains. Check the folds, low down.
6	Four legs, but it never goes anywhere.	You eat dinner at it.	The kitchen or dining table. Look underneath.
7	Flakes, loops and crunch... what's for breakfast?	Look in the kitchen, where breakfast lives.	The cereal box.
8	Muddy jeans and worn socks wait here.	Clothes go in it before they are washed.	The laundry basket. The card is on top.
9	Two arms, no hands, and it hangs on a hook.	You wear it outside when it's cold.	A coat. Check its pockets.
10	A tongue and a sole, but it isn't a person or a fish.	Look by the front door, where shoes wait.	A boot or shoe. Look inside.
✦	Ten letters with THE in the middle: a 6-letter word, THE, then a 4-letter word.	The first word means "at the back of". The second is a comfy seat for the whole family.	BEHIND THE SOFA.