The 2015 Treasure Trails Christmas Activity -

The I-Spy Presents Challenge

Introduction

This game is a fun way to hide a Christmas present around your home, and then enjoy a break whilst someone hunts high and low trying to find it!

To find the final present, the present hunter must solve a series of clues which are written on cards. The clues are in the form of 'I-Spy statements' which, when solved, reveal the location of where the next clue card is hidden. The player should be able to find the final present if they have found and solved the whole chain of clues.

We recommend a minimum of 5 clues, but the more you set, the longer the peace and quiet you will have!



What You Have To Do

- Print off the clue cards.
- Hide the present in a place in the house that cannot be found by accident. The place needs to be easily described in the form of an 'I-Spy instruction' (see below).
- Write the 'I-Spy clue instruction' to the hiding place of the final present in the space on the 'golden' clue card.
- Hide this 'golden' clue card somewhere else in the house, away from where the final present is hidden.
- Now write an 'I-Spy clue instruction' to the location of the 'golden' clue card on one of the 'normal' present clue cards.
- Hide this clue card somewhere else in the house, away from where the 'golden' clue card is hidden.
- Now write the clue to the location of this 'normal' clue card on one of the other 'normal' present clue cards.
- Repeat this process until you have a chain of at least five cards.
- The clue to the location of the first hidden clue card in the chain should be written on a card and handed to the present hunter to start the game.
- NB we strongly suggest also keeping a separate record of your clues and answers, just in case you forget what they are!!
- If you plan on setting up two or more I-spy Trails for different people, write the name of each present hunter on the back of their cards so that they know they are on the right trail!

The I-Spy Clues

The clues should be in the form of 'I-Spy with my little eye something beginning with' statements. The twist is that, rather than use one letter, the statement includes several letters. For example:

"I-Spy with my little eye something beginning with: U the B B in the K"

could mean:

Under the Blue Bowl in the Kitchen

Depending on how easy or difficult you want to make it, you can add full words instead of letters to give the present hunters a fighting chance!

Obviously every house and home is different, but listed below are some suggestions of varying difficulty to help inspire you and get you started:

UTT in the L = Under the television in the lounge.

Behind the M in the SB = Behind the Mirror in the small bedroom.

In the RS in the SC = In the red shoe in the shoe cupboard.

ITCB = In the clothes basket.

Behind the R in the LR = Behind the radiator in the living room.

U the C in the S = Under the clock in the study.

At P47 in HP and the P of A = At page 47 in Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban.

In the SB in the C by the S = In the sugar bowl in the cupboard by the sink.

Behind the C in our B = Behind the curtain in our bedroom.

In the black G in the 3rd D of the CC = In the black glove in the 3rd drawer of the coat cupboard.

UTDSB = Under the dog's sleeping basket.

Under the FD = Under the front doormat.

It is clearly up to you how many clue cards you use and how hard you make the clues. Just remember that the first one should be handed to the present hunter(s).

We hope you and your family enjoy this activity. It is a great way to warm up the family before setting off on one of our Treasure Trails post Christmas to burn off the turkey!



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