

childhood day

mile 

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Treasure Hunt

How to go on a treasure hunt

- 1 Measure a mile for the area you're going to walk.
- 2 Ask the children to look around as they walk and come to you with suggestions of items they see on their walk and the first letter of the word (e.g. cloud begins with C).

- 3 **Choose from these activity options:**

- a) Hide items for children to locate
- b) Give them a list of items to find
- c) Leave it up to the children to be inventive.

Suggestions could be

Flowers, e.g. daisy, dandelion, buttercup,

Trees, e.g. oak, silver birch etc
depending on your location,

Insects, e.g. bee, wasp, fly, ladybird, butterfly
(different types by name e.g. cabbage white), earwig

Birds, e.g. sparrow, blackbird etc,

Miscellaneous, feather, twig, pebble,
water fountain, statue, fence etc.

You might want to include items that can be found inside the classroom as well as those outside, and maybe include items which are pictures on the walls – to give a wider range of letters. Items could include colours, for example Y for yellow.

- 4 When a child finds or suggests an item, they are given its initial letter. Children can work individually, in pairs or teams to find as many letters as possible during the walk.

- 5 The children use the letters they collect to spell out one or more words. You can set the children the task of finding letters to spell a specific word or phrase, (such as Childhood Day Mile – see below) and the first to make up the word(s) win.

The winner(s) can be given a Childhood Day Mile task winner certificate.

Depending on your surroundings there may be many items for the children to find or they may be limited, so this game can be adapted to suit your own school. Below is a suggestion for words spelling out 'CHILDHOOD DAY MILE.'

C	chalk/cabbage butterfly/crayons/cake/cucumber/cloud/climbing frame/centipede/car/child
H	history book/herbs/hand soap/hairbrush/handle/
I	insect/ice-cream/insole
L	leaf/light/lamp/lawn/ladybird/lips/leg/lettuce
D	door/daisy/dragonfly/dog/desk/dirt
H	hook/hopscotch/hair/ heatwave/hair grip
O	outdoors/oak tree/orange/older person/ornament
O	as above
D	door/daisy/dragonfly/dog/desk/dirt
D	as above
A	apple/acorn/art/art book/art supplies
Y	yellow/young person/you
M	moss/mint/millipede/mandarin/molehill/mushroom
I	insect/ice-cream/insole
L	leaf/light/lamp/lawn/ladybird/lips/leg/lettuce
E	earwig/earthworm/entry sign/elastic band/envelope

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