

The Lost Treasure of Number Bay

Introduction:

Olex the Owl has found an ancient scroll! It says a famous captain hid a treasure chest on Number Bay. Inside is something magical, but it's locked! To open it, you must collect letters by solving number clues.

Tip: Each number is a letter: A=1, B=2, C=3 ... all the way to Z=26.



Part 1: The Old Captain's Letter

Olex flaps excitedly as he shows you the captain's letter. "Hoo-hoo! This is the start of our quest!" he says.

The letter reads:

"Ahoy, young adventurers! Find the letters that match these numbers: **14, 21, 13, 2**"

Example: A=1, B=2 ... so 14=?, 21=?.

Task: Write the letters you find. This will be the start of your secret treasure word.

Part 2 – The Cave of Counting Echoes

Olex swoops into the dark cave. "Listen... the walls are talking!" he whispers. The echoes turn into number riddles.

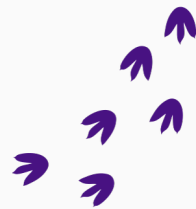
Riddle 1: "I am 10 minus 5" → Write the number, then the letter.

Riddle 2: "I am 9 + 9"

Riddle 3: "I am double 2"

Task:

Solve each riddle. Turn the numbers into letters using the code. Add them to your secret word.



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Part 3 – The Shipwreck’s Map

Olex lands gently on the deck of a broken shipwreck. The wood creaks under your feet, and seaweed sways in the waves. “I think this ship once belonged to the captain!” Olex says. You spot a soggy old map stuck between two planks. The map shows the numbers 1 and 25. “This could be the next clue!” Olex grins.

Task:

Change the numbers to letters and add them to your secret word.

Part 4 – The Treasure Chest

Following the map, you and Olex climb up a rocky hill. At the top is a golden chest half-buried in sand. The lock has strange shapes carved into it, but when you put your letters together, the lock clicks open.

The code spells...



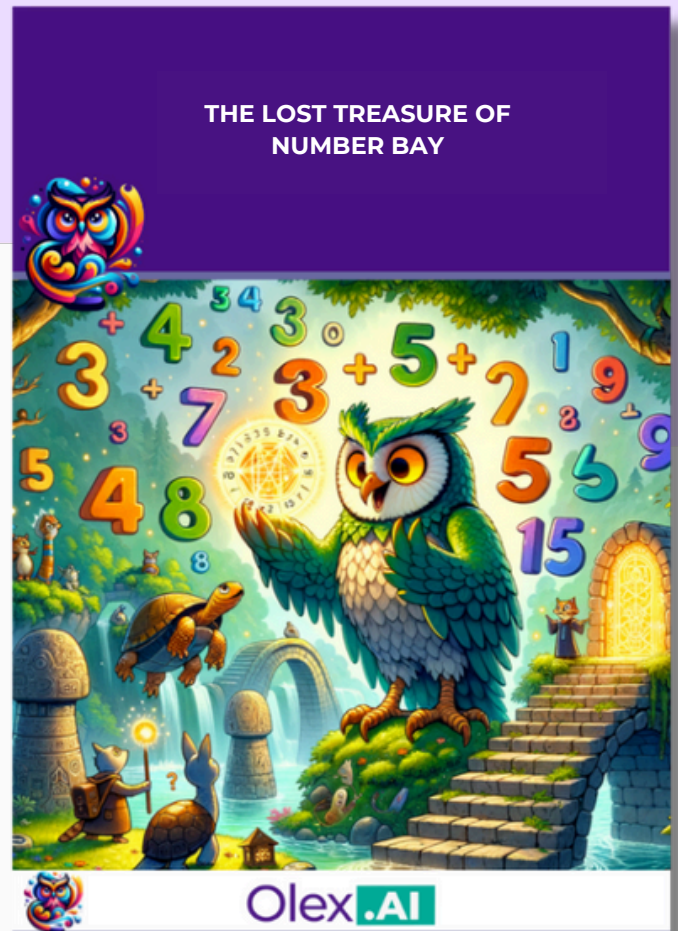
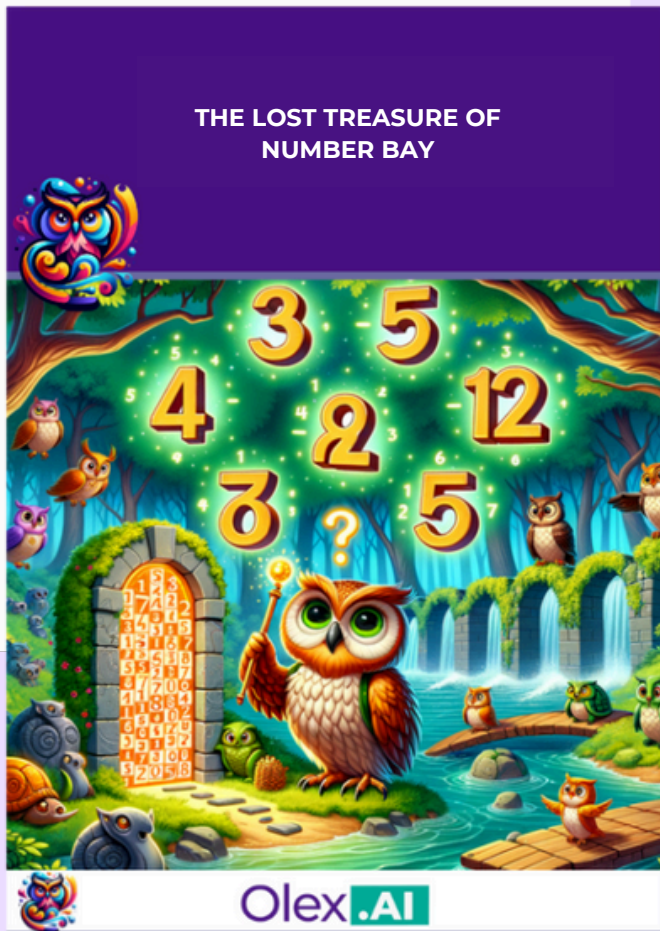
Olex’s eyes sparkle. “We’ve found it! Now, what will we put inside?” he asks.

Now it’s your turn to be the storyteller.

Write your own treasure ending: “When I opened the chest, I saw...”

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Can I help you practice with some examples?



Secret Word

Clue: 2, 15, 15, 11

Step 1: Use the code A=1, B=2, C=3... to find each letter.

- 2 = B
- 15 = O
- 15 = O
- 11 = K

Answer: BOOK

Simple Riddle

Clue: "I am $4 + 2$ " $\rightarrow 6 \rightarrow ?$

Step 1: Solve the maths: $4 + 2 = 6$.

Step 2: Change the number into a letter: $6 = F$.

Answer: F



Mystery Animal

Clue: 3, 1, 20

Step 1: Use the code A=1, B=2, C=3... to find each letter.

- 3 = C
- 1 = A
- 20 = T

Answer: CAT

