
Organiser's Guide

Treasure Hunt – Dinosaurs

For George

Your guide: Professor Rex

Age: 10–12 years

Players: 5 children

Duration: 60–90 minutes

Steps: 10 (4 riddles + 6 challenges)

At a Glance

1. Read the welcome letter to the children and give them the first activity and the map board.
2. Each riddle they solve reveals the name of a hiding place. For the challenges, you tell them the hiding place once they have completed the challenge.
3. In each hiding place, the children find a map piece + the next activity: they glue the piece onto the map board.
4. In the last hiding place, they find the last map piece (the one with the treasure chest) + the map letter.
5. They put the map back together and work out where the treasure is.
6. They go to the place marked on the map and find the treasure, the congratulations letter and their certificates!

What You'll Need

- The printed game kit (it has everything: riddles, challenges, letters, treasure map and cut-outs)
- The treasure map, cut into 10 pieces along the dotted lines
- The map board, and some glue to stick the pieces on
- The challenge cards, cut out (see the 'Cut-outs' pages of the game kit)
- The treasure to hide (sweets, small toys, etc.)
- Everything you need for the 6 challenges (details in the 'Step-by-Step Guide' section)

Tips

- If the children get stuck on a riddle, give them a clue (for example: 'the answer starts with...')
- Encourage the children to search together and help each other
- Keep an eye on the time so you can adjust the pace
- For the challenges, tick the box on the challenge sheet when the children succeed

Getting Ready (at least 30 minutes before)

- ☐ Print the game kit (from the 'Game Kit' section onwards)
- ☐ Cut the treasure map along the dotted lines (10 pieces)
- ☐ Cut out the challenge cards ('Cut-outs' pages of the game kit)
- ☐ In each hiding place, hide a map piece + the next activity:
 - ☐ In the letterbox: map piece + Riddle 2
 - ☐ Kitchen: map piece + Challenge 3
 - ☐ Under the bed: map piece + Riddle 4
 - ☐ Living room: map piece + Challenge 5
 - ☐ In the fridge: map piece + Challenge 6
 - ☐ Under the cushion: map piece + Riddle 7
 - ☐ Bedroom: map piece + Challenge 8
 - ☐ Bathroom: map piece + Riddle 9
 - ☐ Study: map piece + Challenge 10
 - ☐ Hallway: map piece + map letter



The map piece with the treasure chest must be hidden in the last hiding place (Hallway).

- ☐ Put the treasure in the place marked on the map, together with the congratulations letter
- ☐ Get everything ready for the challenges (details in the 'Step-by-Step Guide' section)
- ☐ Keep the welcome letter + Challenge 1 to hand to start the hunt

Step-by-Step Guide



Welcome letter

Read the welcome letter to the children and give them the first challenge.

1. Challenge: The Quiz

Answer questions about the theme of the adventure.

What you'll need:

- Question sheet (included in the printable kit)
- A pencil for each child or each team

Getting ready:

1. Print the question sheet (included in the kit)
2. Read the questions out loud if the children can't read them yet
3. Let the children talk it over before they answer
4. After each answer, read out the fun fact: it makes the moment even better!

Questions and answers:

1. A T. rex measures 12 metres long, and its head is one and a half metres long. How many heads, end to end, would it take to match its length?

Answer: 8 heads

Did you know? The biggest T. rex skulls were about one and a half metres long: almost as tall as a 12-year-old!

2. Mary Anning, who lived about 200 years ago, found giant skeletons of creatures from long ago near her home. In which Dorset seaside town did she live?

Answer: Lyme Regis

Did you know? She found her first big skeleton when she was still a child, and she became one of the most famous fossil hunters in history! If you ever look for fossils on a beach, go with a grown-up, check the tide times and keep well away from the cliffs: they can crumble!

3. A Stegosaurus weighed as much as an elephant. Was its brain as big as an elephant's, or about as big as a dog's?

Answer: About as big as a dog's

Did you know? A huge body does not mean a huge brain: Stegosaurus had a tiny brain for its size!

4. Who has lived on Earth for longer so far: the dinosaurs or humans?

Answer: The dinosaurs

Did you know? Dinosaurs ruled the Earth for more than 160 million years, while our species has only existed for about 300,000 years!

5. On a map, Africa and South America fit together like two jigsaw pieces. Why do you think that is?

Answer: Because they used to be joined together

Did you know? When the first dinosaurs lived, all the continents formed one giant block called Pangaea!

6. Were the pterosaur, which flew, and the plesiosaur, which swam in the sea, dinosaurs?

Answer: No: they were other kinds of reptile

Did you know? Dinosaurs lived mostly on land. The flying and swimming reptiles lived at the same time, but they belonged to other families!

7. When someone says 'He is a bit of a dinosaur', what do they mean?

Answer: That he is old-fashioned (or has been around for a very long time)

Did you know? People say it about old machines too, like a computer that is far too slow!

8. When the asteroid hit, many small animals survived, but not the giant dinosaurs. Why do you think that is?

Answer: They needed little food and could hide in burrows

Did you know? The mammals that survived were small, about the size of rats. Later, some mammals grew much bigger!

9. Layers of rock pile up over time. Is a deep layer older or younger than the one above it?

Answer: Older

Did you know? It is like a pile of pancakes: the one at the bottom was cooked first. That is one way of working out how old a fossil is!

10. The asteroid that hit the dinosaurs made a huge hole, like the ones you can see on the Moon. What is this kind of hole called?

Answer: A crater

Did you know? The crater is hidden under the land and the sea in Mexico, and it is about 180 kilometres wide!

✓ Once they succeed, tell the children the name of the next hiding place: **In the letterbox**



The children go to the hiding place 'In the letterbox' and find Riddle 2 + a map piece

2. Riddle: Rex's Riddle

Answer: **KITCHEN** (= the next hiding place)

📍 The children go to the hiding place '**Kitchen**' and find Challenge 3 + a map piece

3. Challenge: The Feely Bag

Guess the objects hidden in a bag just by feeling them, without looking.

What you'll need:

- A bag you can't see into (a cloth bag or a pillowcase)
- Objects to guess (as many as there are children playing)
- Optional: a blindfold, for even more mystery

Getting ready:

1. Choose objects that are easy to recognise by touch: nothing sharp or breakable
2. A few ideas: ball, spoon, toothbrush, soft toy, key, pine cone, sponge, comb
3. Put all the objects in the bag before the children arrive
4. Write down the objects so that you can check the answers

Examples and ideas:

Tennis ball, Wooden spoon, Toothbrush, Small soft toy, Key, Pine cone, Sponge, Comb, Cork, Clothes peg, Rubber, Toy figure, Seashell, Smooth pebble

✅ Once they succeed, tell the children the name of the next hiding place: **Under the bed**

📍 The children go to the hiding place '**Under the bed**' and find Riddle 4 + a map piece

4. Riddle: Rex's Secret Code

Answer: **LIVING ROOM** (= the next hiding place)

📍 The children go to the hiding place '**Living room**' and find Challenge 5 + a map piece

5. Challenge: The Flamingo Relay

A relay race hopping on one foot between two points, without putting the other foot down.

What you'll need:

- 2 markers for the start and the finish (cones, chairs or anything easy to see)
- Optional: a baton to pass on (a scarf or a soft toy)

Getting ready:

1. Clearly mark the start and the finish
2. A good distance is 5 to 10 metres, depending on age
3. Make sure the floor is flat and nothing is in the way
4. The children go one at a time and pass the relay on with a high five

✅ Once they succeed, tell the children the name of the next hiding place: **In the fridge**

📍 The children go to the hiding place '**In the fridge**' and find Challenge 6 + a map piece

Game Kit



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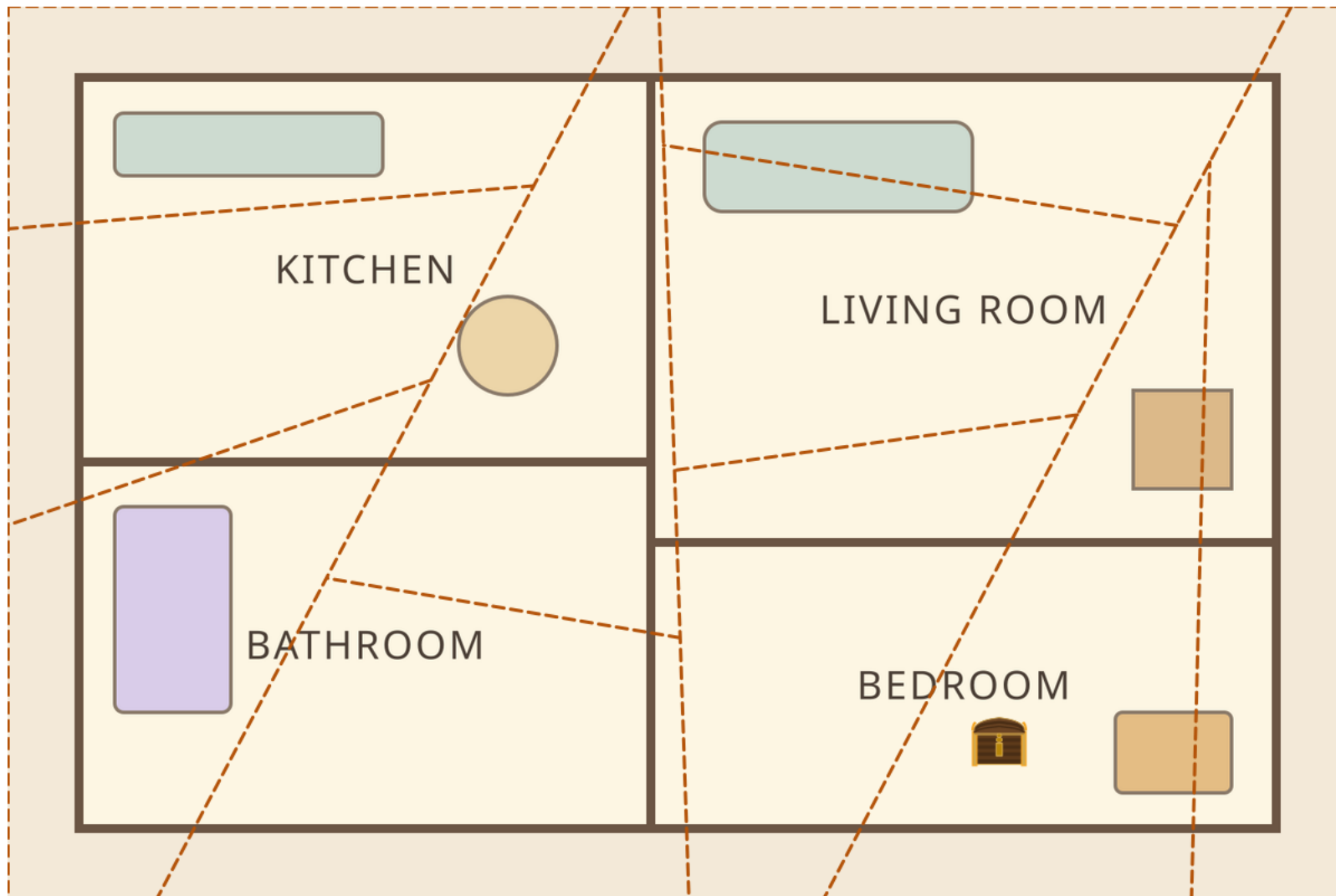
This kit has everything you need to print: the welcome letter, the riddles and challenges, the map letter, the congratulations letter, the map board and the cut-outs (treasure map and challenge cards).

Treasure Map – Cut Out

Cut out the 10 pieces along the dotted lines. Hide each piece in its hiding place (see the checklist for getting ready).



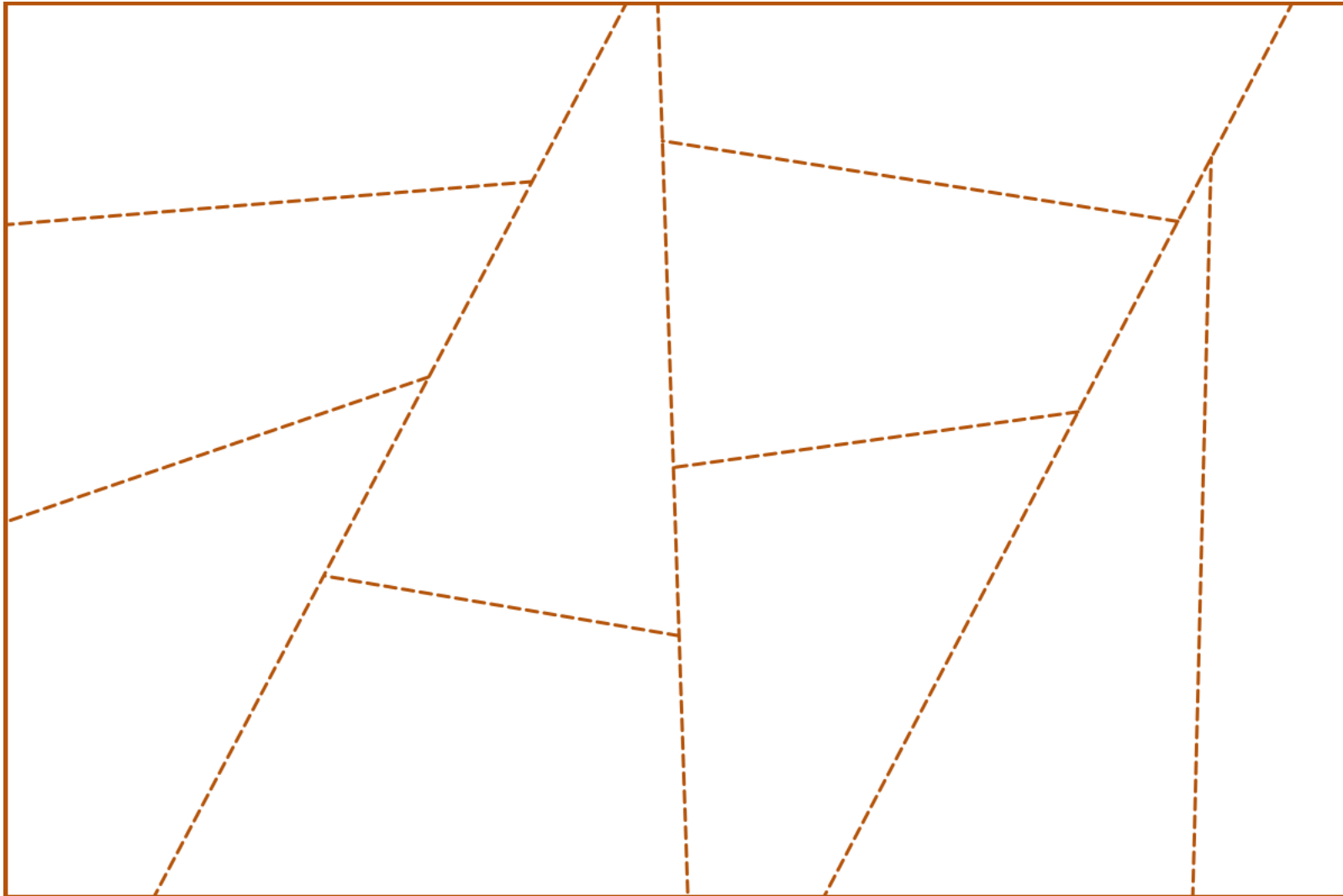
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Treasure Map Board

Glue each piece you find onto its shape. Once the map is complete, it shows where the treasure is hidden!

Give this to the children at the very start of the hunt, with some glue.



Cut-outs

Cut out the cards along the dotted lines, fold them and put them in a hat or a bowl to pick from.

Animal Charades

Triceratops



Diplodocus



Spinosaurus



Stegosaurus



Tyrannosaurus



Giant tortoise



Ankylosaurus



Crocodile



Velociraptor



Pterodactyl



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The Mystery Drawing

Fossil



Skeleton



Meteorite



Volcano



Bone



Tooth



Footprint



Fern

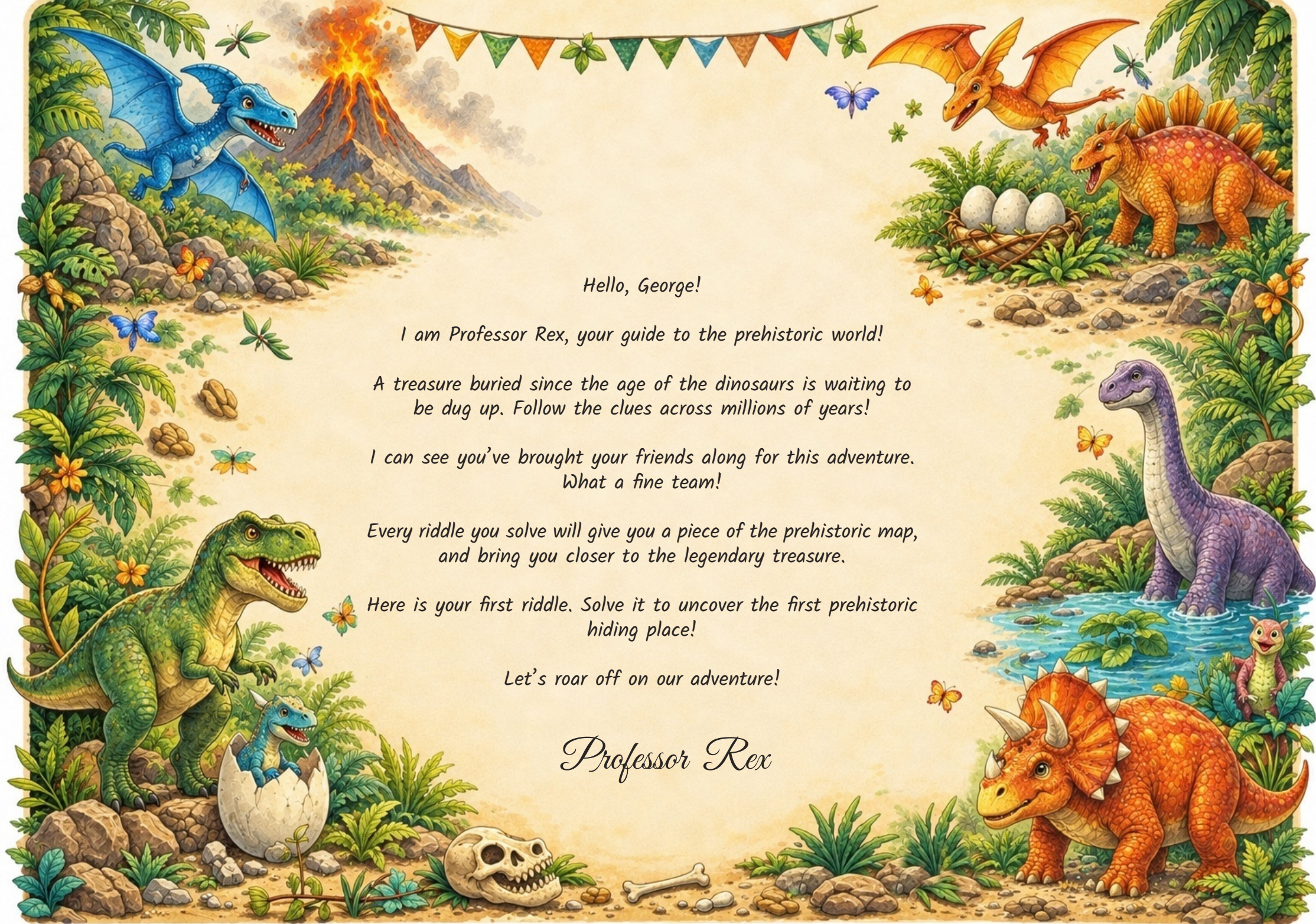


Dinosaur egg



Nest





Hello, George!

I am Professor Rex, your guide to the prehistoric world!

*A treasure buried since the age of the dinosaurs is waiting to
be dug up. Follow the clues across millions of years!*

*I can see you've brought your friends along for this adventure.
What a fine team!*

*Every riddle you solve will give you a piece of the prehistoric map,
and bring you closer to the legendary treasure.*

*Here is your first riddle. Solve it to uncover the first prehistoric
hiding place!*

Let's roar off on our adventure!

Professor Rex

The Quiz

Challenge 1/10

Answer the 10 quiz questions. Talk it over together to find the right answers!

Rules:

- A grown-up or a child reads the questions out loud
- Talk it over together before giving the final answer
- Anyone can suggest an answer
- The challenge is complete if most of the answers are right

Answer these questions:

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Answer:

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Answer:

3. A Stegosaurus weighed as much as an elephant. Was its brain as big as an elephant's, or about as big as a dog's?

Answer:

4. Who has lived on Earth for longer so far: the dinosaurs or humans?

Answer:

5. On a map, Africa and South America fit together like two jigsaw pieces. Why do you think that is?

Answer:

6. Were the pterosaur, which flew, and the plesiosaur, which swam in the sea, dinosaurs?

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Answer:

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Answer:

9. Layers of rock pile up over time. Is a deep layer older or younger than the one above it?

Answer:

10. The asteroid that hit the dinosaurs made a huge hole, like the ones you can see on the Moon. What is this kind of hole called?

Answer:



Challenge done!

The organiser ticks this box, then tells the children the next hiding place (see the guide).

Rex's Riddle

Riddle 2/10

Solve this riddle to discover your next destination!

*In me, flour and eggs become a treat,
Then hungry tummies sit down to eat.
My kettle sings and my toaster springs,
Search my worktops, among the things!*

The answer is:

Find the secret word, then look for the map piece in that place!

The Feely Bag

Challenge 3/10

Put your hand into the feely bag and guess what you can feel, without looking! One object for each child.

Rules:

- Each child gets to feel ONE object
- The child says what they think they can feel
- The challenge is complete when at least half of the objects have been guessed
- No peeking into the bag: that's the whole mystery!
- Only one guess per object, to keep it exciting

Answer sheet – Write down what you think you touched:

No.	Child's answer (object guessed)	Right	Wrong
1		☐	☐
2		☐	☐
3		☐	☐
4		☐	☐
5		☐	☐
6		☐	☐
7		☐	☐
8		☐	☐
9		☐	☐
10		☐	☐

Score: ___ / 10



Challenge done!

The organiser ticks this box, then tells the children the next hiding place (see the guide).

Rex's Secret Code

Riddle 4/10

Use the code chart to crack the secret word!

Code table:

A @	B #	C \$	D %	E &	F \$	G !	H +	I =	J -	K ^	L *	M <
N >	O ()	P []	Q { }	R //	S **	T ##	U @@	V &&	W %%	X ++	Y ==	Z ~

Secret message:



Write the letters in the boxes:

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Find the secret word, then look for the map piece in that place!



**You've found all
the map pieces!**

George, you're nearly there!

*You have found every single piece of the prehistoric
map!*

It's amazing what you and your team have achieved!

*Quick, put the map back together to uncover the
hiding place of the dinosaur treasure! ROAR!*

Professor Rex

A vibrant prehistoric landscape. In the top left, a blue pterosaur flies near a volcano. In the top right, an orange pterosaur and a Stegosaurus are near a nest of three eggs. In the bottom left, a large green T-Rex stands next to a small blue dinosaur emerging from an egg. In the bottom right, a purple long-necked dinosaur is in a pond, and a Triceratops is on the ground. A small pink dinosaur is also visible near the pond. The ground is sandy with rocks, and there are various plants, flowers, and butterflies throughout the scene.

Congratulations!

Dear explorers,

You travelled back in time and got your hands on the prehistoric treasure! I am so proud of you! ROAR!

What an incredible expedition! Every one of you has been a brilliant explorer, from start to finish!

See you soon for more prehistoric adventures!

Professor Rex

Adventurers' Certificates

A personalised certificate for every player. Hand them out at the end of the treasure hunt to congratulate all the adventurers!



Certificate

TREASURE HUNTER

Name: *George*

Date: *22 May 2027*

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Party Invitations

4 personalised invitations to print and hand out to your guests. Cut out each card along its edges.

