

08 FOR LITTLE DETECTIVES

Treasure hunt

Getting started, step by step

A treasure hunt through the house or the garden: every post hides behind a clue, gives a stamp and a letter, and the letters open the treasure. Here is how to make your first hunt, and how the hunting goes.

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🕒 Ready in about 15 minutes



What you need



A phone or tablet with a camera

NEEDED

One for each team, with an up-to-date browser and internet: a guest's phone is fine, it needs no account. The camera reads the posts; typing the code under the barcode works too.



Something to make the hunt on

NEEDED

The same phone or tablet, or a computer: handier for typing the clues and printing. A hand scanner works too, if you have one.



A printer

NEEDED

For the posts, a START sign and a passport for each team, clue cards if you like, and the diploma at the end. Ordinary paper is enough.



Your email address

NEEDED

For your free account. There is no password: you log in with a link or a code from the email.



A treasure

NEEDED

Something nice in a box or a bag (a box with a letter lock is extra fun), tape for the posts, and good hiding places indoors or in the garden.

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Setting up

Do this once, together with your child. After that, they can carry on by themselves.

1 Make a free account

Go to **beeptown.app** and tap **Try for free**. Enter your email address. You get an email with a link and a 6-digit code: click the link or type the code.

2 Open Treasure hunt

Choose Treasure hunt among your play worlds. On an iPad, tap **Share** in Safari, then **Add to Home Screen**: the play world then opens like a real app, full screen. Log in there with the code.

3 Try the camera

Tap **Camera** at the bottom and allow the browser to use it. **Settings** → **Test your scanner or camera** shows whether a code comes through. No camera? A hand scanner or typing works too.

4 A new hunt

Tap **Game master**, then **New hunt**. Give it a name, choose a theme (pirates, space, dinosaurs or detectives) and a secret word: every post gives one letter of it. Aged 7 or more? Choose **As a puzzle**: they put the letters in order themselves.

5 Clues and hiding places

For every post, write a clue ("Where is it cold, even in summer?") and where you hide it, or tap **Idea** for a ready-made one. A hint, a photo for little ones or a question are optional. Then add the teams.

6 Print everything

Print everything: the posts, twelve to a sheet, plus a START sign and a passport to fold for each team. Print at actual size (100%) and cut the posts out. Hunting on paper too? **Clue cards per team** gives every team its clues in its own order.

7 Hide the posts

Only safe places: no roads, ponds, high shelves or anything hot. Outdoors, use matt paper, out of the sun and rain. Then scan every post once at **Test the posts**: green means it works. Tape the START signs to the front door.

The screenshot shows the 'Game master' screen in the BeepTown app. At the top, there's a navigation bar with icons for 'Hunt', 'GROWN-UPS', 'Game master' (active), 'Settings', 'Scanner ready', and 'EN'. Below the bar, it says '← All hunts'. The main title is 'Captain Noor's treasure' with the hunt code 'K7QF'. Under '1 The story', there's a form for 'Name of the hunt' with 'Captain Noor's treasure' entered. Below that is a 'Theme' section with four buttons: 'Pirates' (selected), 'Space', 'Dinosaurs', and 'Detectives'. A small instruction says: 'Ahoj! The captain hid the treasure somewhere around here.. Follow the clues, find every post and collect the letters!'. Then, there's a 'The secret word' section with a text input field containing 'C A K E S'. At the bottom, there's a row of icons: 'Camera', 'How does it work?', 'Type a code', 'Type a code and press Enter', and 'Feedback'.

The game master: a name, a theme and the secret word.

The first game

Who does what? A grown-up (or a big kid) is the game master: they make the hunt and hide the posts. The children hunt in teams, each with its own phone or tablet. Next time, a child can be the game master.

1 Scan START

Each team scans its START sign. The QR code carries the whole hunt: even a guest's phone opens it with its own camera. Tap **Let's go!** and the first clue appears.

2 Follow the clue

Read the clue (or tap **Read it to me**), go and look, and tap **Found it? Scan the post** when you find the post.

3 A stamp and a letter

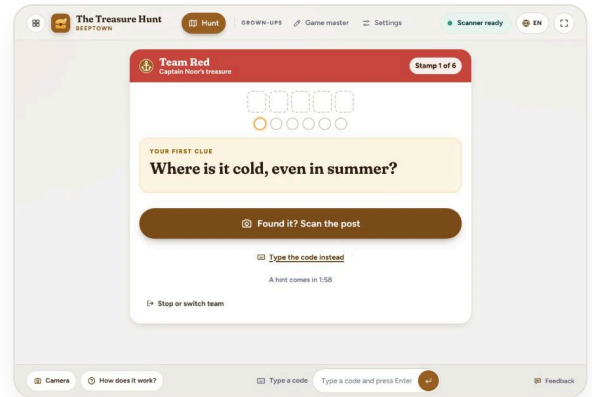
The right post gives a stamp in the passport, a letter of the secret word and the next clue. Every team visits the posts in its own order.

4 Stuck? Shh, not yet!

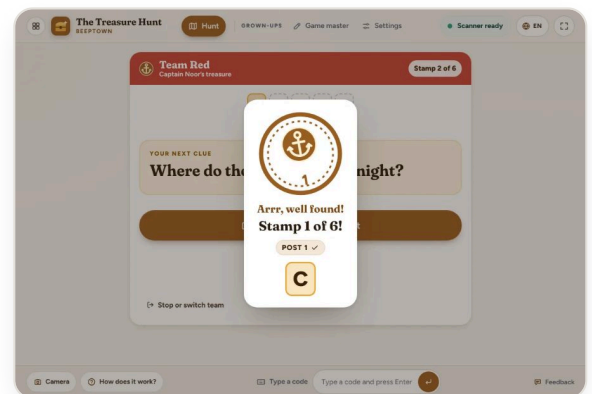
After two minutes a hint appears, a minute later a second one. A post found too early only says "Shh, not yet!": remember the place.

5 Open the treasure!

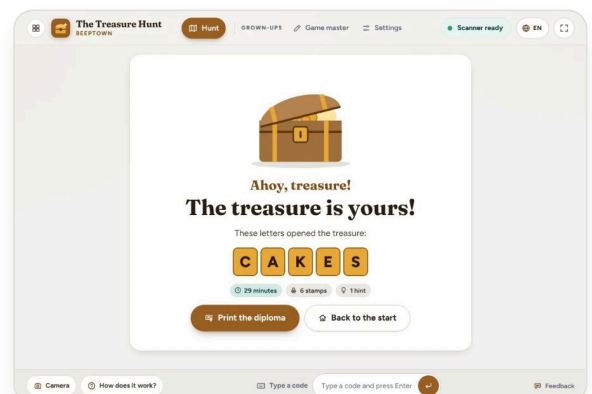
After the last post, the letters open the treasure: the code of the letter lock, or a word that says where it is. Then **Print the diploma**.



The first clue: where is it cold, even in summer?



Found it! A stamp and a letter.



All the letters: the treasure is theirs.

Real screenshots, with example data.



Tap **How does it work?** at the bottom of the screen together: a short tour shows everything, on the real screen.

Ideas for playing



A photo as the clue

Too little to read? Take a close-up photo of the hiding place: the photo becomes the clue.



A question at a post

Add a sum or a riddle to a post: only the right answer gives the stamp. Great for big kids.



The birthday hunt

Let the secret word say where the cake is hidden. Every team on its own phone? At the end, scan each team's finish code: the podium and the diplomas are ready.

Something not working?

A START sign doesn't open

Scan the big QR code: it carries the whole hunt, so any phone can start it. Not reading? Hold it closer, so the code fills the picture, or use the phone's own camera app. The short code under it only works on the device that made the hunt.

"Another hunt"?

That post belongs to another hunt, or to one that was deleted. Scan your own team's START sign, or print the posts again.

The camera won't start

Allow the browser to use the camera, and close other apps that use it. Hold the post still inside the frame, in good light. Typing always works: the code is under every barcode.

No email?

After a few minutes, look in your spam folder. A link and a code work once, for 15 minutes; otherwise ask for a new one.

Good to know

Try it free, pay once

With a free account you play 1 hunt with 3 posts and 1 team; a hunt from a START sign always plays in full. Want more? Any three play worlds of your choice cost €29.99 together; this one alone €17.99. You pay once: no subscription, no ads.

Everything stays at home

Names, photos and everything your children play stay in the browser on this device: we never receive them. A backup ( **Settings**) → **Export backup**) also moves everything to another device.

Safe hiding places

No roads, ponds, high shelves or anything hot. Outdoors, stay close by, and hunt together with young children.

Need help?

In the app,  **How does it work?** shows everything again. A question, an idea, or something not working? Email **hello@beeptown.app** or use the form on beeptown.app. We read every message ourselves.



Scan to start playing
beeptown.app/hunt

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