

Topic

The *English at Home* Treasure Hunt

Aims

- To provide teachers or parents with a lesson to use with children during the school closures or to use as homework
- To practise English vocabulary found in the house and the prepositions in, on and under
- To give early primary children reading, writing and drawing practice
- To encourage students to have fun while learning English at home
- To encourage children to find evidence of English in their environment

Age group

Young learners aged 6-8 years

Level

CEF Level A1 - beginner

Time

20 - 50 minutes

Materials

- The *English at Home Treasure Hunt* worksheet (one per student to print out at home; or they could copy the worksheet from their computer screen if they don't have a printer)
- Materials: students need a pencil or pen
- Optional: coloured pencils, pens or crayons
- LearnEnglish Kids website (see links below)

Introduction

In this lesson children complete a worksheet by following the instructions to search for objects and words found at home. Children are asked to find and draw objects, tick boxes and write simple English words and sentences in this fun activity which aims to give practice to children learning at home. They share the information with their parents, or their teachers and classmates online. Ideas for extending the lesson are provided below.

Procedure

Before the lesson	<p>If using during the present school closures, send the <i>English at home treasure hunt</i> worksheet to your students by internet. In this case, the warmer below gives you the instructions you need to get the children started on the treasure hunt.</p> <p><i>Note: If students don't have a printer at home, they can copy out the worksheet from their computer screens, or write and draw their answers on a piece of paper, reading the instructions on the screen as they go along (see instructions below).</i></p>
1. Warmer/ instructions (3-5 minutes; spoken or written)	<p>Hello, children and parents, how are you today? Here's some English homework for you! Please look in your home to find the objects and words. If you can, print the worksheet and answer the questions; or copy the worksheet from your screen.</p> <p>You could also read from the screen and write and draw your answers on a piece of paper.</p> <p>When you've finished, send your answers to me, or show someone in your family the things you've found and some of the English words you know. Have fun!</p>
2. (5-10 minutes)	<p>If students are attending your classes online, start by modelling your own answers to the first question (and more, if necessary). For example, for question one, you may want to show the students a real flower as well as a flower on a cup, your pet dog or a toy as examples of 'flower' or 'dog', with ticks or crosses in a box or two. Using real and inanimate objects will help children to be more creative in their searches around the home.</p> <p><i>NB: You could set a time limit for each section (e.g. 5 minutes) or for the whole treasure hunt (e.g. 20 minutes).</i></p>
3. (15-20 minutes)	<p>Children follow the instructions on the worksheet to look for objects and tick the ones they find at home. They look for English words in rooms as well as in books, in games, on toys and on TV and copy them in the spaces provided. They draw pictures of the things they find on a table, under their bed and in a box. Students write three sentences about things they like to do at home and after they have done these activities, they tick the boxes next to the sentences. Finally, children draw a picture of their favourite things at home and label it. If children wish, they colour the pictures.</p> <p>Students send you a scan or a photograph of their work.</p>
4. (15-20 minutes)	<p>If students are attending your classes online, start by going through one or two of your own answers. If you have several children attending, to keep everyone interested, make a list of the students' names and get each student to answer just one question. Children may like to show the rest of the class the some of the objects they found when completing the worksheet.</p>

5. (5 – 10 minutes)	<p>If classes are not online but you are using an online platform, you could display the treasure hunt answers there so children can see each other's work.</p>
6. Extension activities	<p>a) Ask children to video themselves talking about their worksheets to send to you. Help them with the pronunciation of any words they're struggling with.</p> <p>b) Ask children to find their favourite: t-shirt, toy, food, picture, book, shoes, plant, cup and chair in their houses. Children take a photo or draw a picture of each or some to send to you. Post online as an 'Our favourite things at home' display.</p> <p>c) Use the links below, which will take you to activities on the learnenglishkids website on the same topic.</p> <p>Word games</p> <p>Rooms https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/word-games/rooms</p> <p>Home objects https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/word-games/home-objects</p> <p>Furniture https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/word-games/furniture</p> <p>Places to live https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/word-games/places-live</p> <p>Game to print and play at home</p> <p>Parents can play this game with their child (or the teacher could send the words and ask children to do the activity with a family member)</p> <p>Words around the house https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/top-tips/words-around-the-house</p> <p>Songs</p> <p>The Goldilocks Song https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/songs/the-goldilocks-song</p> <p>Animal house https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/songs/animal-house</p> <p>Craft activities</p> <p>How to make a desk organiser https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/how-videos/how-make-desk-organiser</p> <p>Chores https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/word-games/chores-1</p>

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/word-games/chores-2>

All Homes and Furniture activities:

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/category/topics/homes-and-furniture>

All Housework activities:

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/category/topics/housework>

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