

Play-based learning at home

Why a number treasure hunt?

A number hunt is a fun experience that is created using items you can find in your house or yard, which will develop your child's numeracy awareness, as well as their language skills. The experience can easily be adapted to suit your child's level of understanding.

The number hunt will assist your child's:

- Communication skills, asking questions and verbalising numbers.
- Problem solving skills.
- Ability to follow directions.
- Numerical awareness and recognition.

Here's what you'll need:

- A stick to mark the numbers in the dirt.
- An item around your home or yard that you can find the same amount of as the number.

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How to start:

- Prepare for the experience by talking about numbers with your child and how you will be finding items to match to the numbers.
- Find a place in the yard where you can draw numbers in the dirt with a stick.

Here's how to do it:

- Draw the number '1' in the dirt with a stick and then ask your child to find one of something and bring it back.
- Repeat this process for the number '2', working your way up to number 10.
- Each time ask your child to count the number of items that they have brought back and discuss what they have found.

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Possible extension:

- Ask your child to trace the number or write the number themselves.
- Work on higher numbers.

