



Letter hunt – the secret word

AT A GLANCE

	Place	Woods, park or church grounds (approx. 200 × 200 m)
	Goal	Find 10 stations, solve tasks, collect letters, crack the word
	Effort	Materials 15 min (print, cut) · Preparation 45 min (put up stations)

 60–75 minutes

 teams of 3–5 children

 8–12 years

 5 pages, black and white

Materials

- ☐ Station cards 1–10 (appendix 2)
- ☐ 1 score sheet per team (appendix 1)
- ☐ 1 pen per team
- ☐ sticky tape or clothes pegs
- ☐ whistle and watch
- ☐ optional: small reward, stamps

How the game works – to read aloud

- 1 You are a team and get a score sheet.
- 2 There are 10 cards hanging in the area. Each one has a **number**, a **letter** and a small **task**.
- 3 First you do the task together. Then you write the letter in the box with the same number.
- 4 When all 10 boxes are full, read the secret word and run back to the start quickly.

 **Example:** You find card **4** with the letter **H**. You solve the task and write **H** in box **4**.

Rules

- Stay together as a team – nobody runs off alone.
- Leave the cards hanging, do not tear them down.
- At the long whistle, everyone comes straight back to the start.



For leaders



Preparation

- 1 Print the appendices and cut out the score sheets and cards along the dashed line.
- 2 Spread the cards around the area – easy to see, but not right on the path. Do **not** hang them in number order.
- 3 Let teams start at different stations so that not everyone crowds together.
- 4 Show the boundaries of the play area beforehand (e.g. "as far as the stream and the bench").



Solution

Station	Letter	Task
1	P	Count all the trees within 10 steps.
2	A	Stand still as a team statue for 10 seconds.
3	T	Find three different leaves and show them to each other.
4	H	Say the alphabet backwards together from E to A.
5	F	All balance on one leg at the same time until you have counted to 10.
6	I	Name five animals that live in the woods.
7	N	Everyone says something nice about another team member.
8	D	Lay an arrow out of sticks that points to the start.
9	E	Hum a song – the others guess which one it is.
10	R	Give each other a team high five.

Solution word: PATHFINDER



Your own word? Any other 10-letter word works too, e.g. ADVENTURES. Simply write over the letters on the cards with a thick marker.



Score sheet



Letter hunt score sheet

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Team name _____

Names _____

Start _____ Finish _____

Enter the letters – station 1 in box 1, and so on:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Solution word _____

Leaders' stamps:

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Station cards 1–6

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Station cards 7–10

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