

Around the World Scavenger Hunt

No matter where you live, you can learn about the world — even in your house! Mack and I thought it would be fun to teach you some fun facts about different countries and people by sending you on a scavenger hunt around your house.

There are 10 different clues in the scavenger hunt. Use the clues to guess the correct answer, and then you'll learn an interesting fact about how that item was invented! You probably have all these items around your house, or can guess them anyway. And if you need a little hint, your mom, dad or another adult can probably help you out!

So are you ready? Let's go on a scavenger hunt!

Instructions for Adults

1. Print out the scavenger hunt clues and the answers.
2. Give your kid(s) the clues, but don't let them see the answers! You'll share the answer with them as they guess correctly.
3. Give a hint if you need to, but try to have the kid(s) figure out the answers to these clues.
4. When the kid(s) are done, you can even spend some more time exploring the history of these items by researching online together! There's a lot of interesting information out there to discover about the world, right from your own home!



Scavenger Hunt Clues

1. You *write on me, read from me* and *make crafts* with me. What am I?

2. You can *mash me, fry me, bake me* and *boil me*. What am I?

3. "Your word is a *lamp to guide my feet* and a *light for my path*." What am I?

4. You can *see the whole world* when you look at me. What am I?

5. You use me to *make your smile squeaky clean*. What am I?

6. You put me together to *see the bigger picture*. What am I?

7. You can *do homework, learn new things, play games, listen to music* and so much more on me. What am I?

8. You can *bounce, roll, throw* and *catch me*. What am I?

9. You can *eat me* in *liquid* or *solid form*, and I'm usually *brown* and *sweet*. What am I?

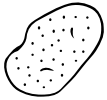
10. You use me to *add, subtract, divide* and *multiply*. What am I?

Scavenger Hunt Answers



1. Paper.

Did you know that paper was invented in China? More than 1.3 billion people live in China — that's more than any other country on earth!



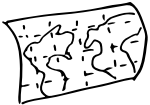
2. Potato.

Did you know that the potato originally comes from Peru? It's true! And today it's the fourth biggest crop in the world, following rice, wheat and maize (that's another name for corn).



3. The Bible.

Did you know that the Bible hasn't always been in English? It was originally written in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic. A man named John Wycliffe translated the Bible into English in the 1380s. That's a long time ago!



4. A world map.

Did you know that the first world map was made by a Greek scholar named Claudius Ptolemy? It was made in the second century!



5. Toothbrush and toothpaste.

Did you know that China is believed to have invented the first toothbrush, in the 15th century? And toothpaste was probably invented by the Egyptians back in 5,000 B.C. — before the toothbrush was even invented!



6. A puzzle.

Did you know that the first jigsaw puzzle was invented in 1767 by a man named John Spilsbury? Puzzles have been used ever since, both for teaching (like puzzle maps) and for fun!



7. A computer.

Did you know that the first computer was created by a British mathematician named Charles Babbage in the mid-1800s? That's almost 200 years ago!



8. A ball.

Did you know that balls have been around for a really long time? They used to be made out of things like stitched up cloth or pig bladders, but it wasn't until 1855 that the first rubber ball was made, by Charles Goodyear.



9. Chocolate.

Did you know that chocolate originally comes from Latin America? Chocolate history begins with the Maya people, and they used chocolate a lot — even as money!



10. A calculator.

Did you know that the first calculator was called an abacus? It was made out of beads and rods, and was first used by Sumerians and Egyptians around 2,000 B.C. Math has been around for a long time!