



How To Bury Your Treasure

Have you plundered a treasure-chest of gold? Are you hiding a handful of diamonds? Do you need somewhere to stash your cash until your pesky pirate pals disappear? It sounds like you need to bury your treasure! Follow these steps and you'll be safe and secure before you know it.

You need to decide where to bury your treasure first. This is where you might have a problem. Choose a popular island and anybody could find it. However, if an island is a secret, you won't know it's there. The best thing to do is set sail. Keep going until you hit a beach. That will tell you that you are on an island.

Your island must have lots of features. These might be palm trees, mountains, caves or ponds. These are critical. You will need to use these things to help create your map. Don't do this until you've buried the treasure.

When you bury your treasure, you need to think about what will happen when people find it. Other pirates might give up if it's too deep. You want a pirate to find it when their spade hits the wooden chest. They will be even more surprised that way. Let's make this an adventure for them as well! Most pirate ports will sell you a wooden chest for this purpose. Definitely don't bury your gold in a sack.

Everybody knows that X marks the spot. Pirates are very forgetful. You don't want to

RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. Find one reason why you might want to bury your treasure.
2. How will you know you've reached an island?
3. List two things that might be on your island.
4. What shouldn't you bury your treasure in?
5. Why do pirates put a map into a bottle?



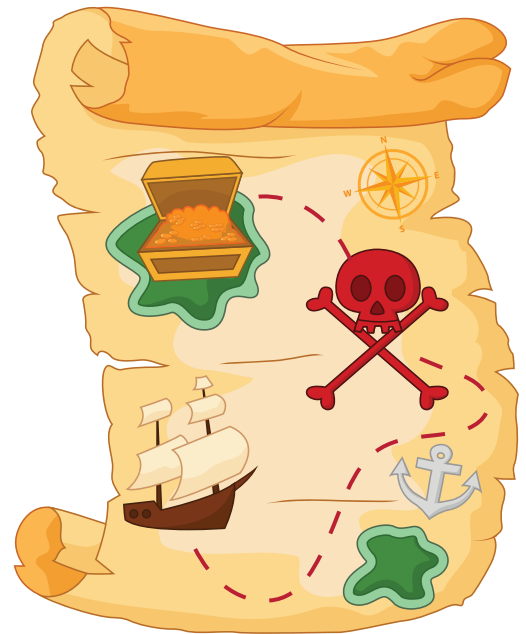
be different here. How will you know where to look if your map is covered with lots of strange symbols?

Remember that somebody else might find your map. It's no use just drawing an X. You must send anybody who comes looking on a long-winded tour of the island. Draw a dotted line from the beach to your treasure. Make sure it goes past everything else on the island. It's called a treasure-hunt and not a treasure-find for a reason!

Once you have buried your loot and drawn a map, you have two choices. You can be greedy and keep it to yourself, like a true pirate.

Alternatively, you could roll the map up and put it in a bottle. Nobody has any idea why pirates do this. You can then throw it into the sea for somebody else to find.

Whatever you do, happy treasure hunting!



VIPERS QUESTIONS

V

Which word has a definition closest to “something that is on it”?

I

Why is it important to mark the treasure with an X?

V

Find a word that means something is important.

S

What should you do straight after you’ve buried your treasure?

E

Why do you think the author asks a lot of questions at the beginning of the text?

Answers:

1. You have a chest of gold, a handful of diamonds, somewhere to stash your cash
2. You will hit a beach
3. Two of: palm trees, mountains, caves or ponds
4. A sack
5. Nobody knows

V: Features

I: You might forget where it is if you do something different.

V: Critical

S: Mark the X on the map

E: To persuade the reader to read on/to explain what the text would help with