



Cipher Quest Clue Cards

FOR 10 YEAR OLDS

Six ciphers, riddles & a two-step puzzle (with answers) + a how-to.

How to run it

- 1 Choose 8–12 hiding spots — home, garden or a safe neighbourhood loop. Add a story: a lost map, a secret mission.
- 2 Cut out the cards and hide each at the spot the previous clue solves to. Several different ciphers to crack.
- 3 Aim for 60–90 minutes and finish at the locked treasure box with the certificate.

Safety first

For neighbourhood hunts, agree boundaries and check-in points, and keep teams together.

Clue cards — cut along the dashes

CLUE 1

CAESAR CIPHER (shift back 3):
G H V N

(answer: D-E-S-K = desk)

CLUE 2

TWO-STEP: work out 7×8 , then
find the book on the shelf whose
number is the last digit.

(answer: 56 → shelf 6)

CLUE 3

RIDDLE: I have a spine but no
bones, hundreds of leaves but no
tree.

(answer: a book)

CLUE 4

ATBASH CIPHER (A=Z, B=Y...): K
O Z M G

(answer: P-L-A-N-T = plant)

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RIDDLE: The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

(answer: footsteps — follow them to the door)

CLUE 6

Final code cracked! The prize is locked — the combination is the number of front-door steps.

(answer: count the steps)

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Ciphers cracked, mission complete. Outstanding work, agent!

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