

# Where do the missing socks go?

This is a treasure hunt game for (very) young children, 4 years old and even younger.

This is the main version of the game, we encourage you though to create your own versions, depending on the age of the kids and the surrounding area.

## The plot

Mom<sup>1</sup> has lost one of her socks and her foot is freezing. Little detectives are called to solve the mystery of the missing sock. Mom is telling them what she remembers, giving them the clues. Will the kids find the sock before mom starts sneezing?

## The script

### Read aloud:

Detectives, I called you today to help me with a very serious problem. I have lost my sock and my foot is freezing! Will you help me?

(Wait for answer, hopefully a big YES!)

### Continue reading:

Today we were cleaning the house. The last time I remember wearing my sock was when I heard a sound like this:

(Play sound.mp3 or do a washing machine sound)

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*The kids now have to understand that this is the sound of the washing machine and head there to find the second clue. The second clue is a card with a picture of a pot. Depending on the age of the kids you can decide to put the clue on plain sight or hide it inside the washing machine.*

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### When they find the second clue, read aloud:

I remember now! When we put the clothes in the washer, I was wearing both my socks... What did we do next?

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*The kids have to assume they have to go to the kitchen and find the third clue. The third clue is a card with a picture of toys. The card could be hidden anywhere in the kitchen, e.g. in a pot.*

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### When the kids find the third clue, read aloud:

Right! We were in the kitchen, but I'm sure I still had both my socks on. Where did we go next?

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<sup>1</sup> or dad, or any person running the game

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*Kids should head to their room (or the place they keep their toys) to search for the next clue. The fourth clue is a card with the picture of a couch. It could be hidden anywhere in the room, again depending on kids' age.*

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**When the kids find the fourth clue, read aloud:**

I was definitely wearing my socks when we were tidying this room. What happened next?

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*Kids should head to the living room to find the couch. Hidden under the couch or the pillows is the missing sock.*

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**When the kids discover the sock read aloud:**

My sock! My foot will no longer freeze! Congrats detectives! You did an amazing job!

## How to prepare the game

Read the script in order to get familiar with the story. Find a sock, ideally a colourful one. Download the sound file. Cut the clue cards and hide them according to the scenario, adjusting the difficulty to kids' age. Call the kids and start playing!

## Placing the clues

**The sound**

Download the sound file and have it ready, on your pc, laptop or smartphone.

**Card 1: the pot**

Hide this card somewhere around your washing machine. Depending on the age of the kids you can decide to put the clue on plain sight (stick it on the machine) or hide it inside the washing machine.

**Card 2: the toys**

This card should be hidden in the kitchen. You could hide it in a pot, stick it on the freezer, put it on the table. Be creative but always have in mind kids' safety, kids' age and your house rules, e.g. NEVER touch the oven - no clue will ever be there!

**Card 3: the couch**

This card should be hidden among kids' toys, in their room or the room they use to play. Again decide on the hiding place taking into consideration your kids and their habits.

**The sock**

Hide the sock somewhere around your couch, maybe stuck it between the pillows. Consider making this step a little bit harder than the previous ones.



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