

Modern Language Treasure Trail

Follow a treasure trail with foreign language clues

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Background

An outdoor treasure hunt is a great way to consolidate directional and positional vocabulary in a foreign language. We've used **French** but it could be adapted for any language.

Continuez toute droite - Continue straight on

À droite - to the right

À gauche - to the left

Tournez - turn

(Trois) pas - (three) steps

Passez - pass

Nord, sud, l'est, l'ouest - north, south, east, west

Au dessus - above

Au dessous - below

En face - opposite

À côté de - next to

Preparation

- A defined route around your grounds
- Some treasure at the end of it like croissants if it's in French!
- A set of direction cards placed along the route
- Practice of directional and positional language in class!

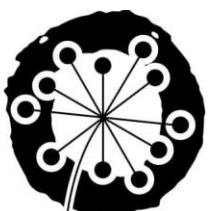
Activity

1. Give the children the first clue at the starting point
2. At each point on the way the children should find a new instruction to guide them to the next point
3. At the end point they will discover the treasure - "Au dessous du banc" (under the bench) for example.

More Challenging

Teams of pupils could design their own individual treasure trails and test whether another group is able to locate the treasure based upon their instructions.

Combine the instructions with **mathematical positional language** for a truly interdisciplinary activity.



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