# Grown-up guide

## Hunt 1 · Home riddle trail · 20 min

Cut out the 13 cards. Hide them following the host key: clue 1 in the stocking, clue 2 under the tree and so on; the treasure card goes under the sofa cushion with the prize. Hand the start card to the hunters. Missing a place (no wreath, no coat hooks)? Take out the card whose rhyme describes that place; the card after it takes its spot.

## Hunt 2 · Yard nature hunt · 30 min

One checklist per child or pair, a pencil, warm boots. Items are spotted and ticked, not collected, apart from a pine cone, a feather and a stone for the nature bag if you like. The six riddle cards are for older children: they decide what counts and explain why.

## Hunt 3 · Christmas lights hunt · 45 min, on foot or by car

One scored checklist per team: easy decorations score 1 point, rarer ones 2 and 3. Add the bingo cards for the back seat and the best-house ballot for the end. Walkers stay on the sidewalk, cross at crossings and admire from the street; drivers keep the hunting to passengers.

## Prizes that need no shopping

- Home trail: the hunters find a treat, a book or "you pick tonight's film" written on the treasure card.
- Yard: everyone who finds 15 gets a champion badge.
- Town: highest points chooses the cocoa toppings.

## Printing

- Clue cards and badges: plain paper or light cardstock, cut on the dashed lines.
- Checklists and bingo: one per child or team.
- Print at 100%, not "fit to page". Letter and A4 files are in the ZIP.

# Hunt 3 • Christmas lights hunt • scored checklist

Common sights score 1 point, rarer ones 2, the hard-to-find 3. A decoration counts once per team. **Team:** _____

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| ☐ An inflatable snowman | 1 pt | ☐ Lights that change colour | 2 pt |
| ☐ Reindeer on a roof | 2 pt | ☐ Santa climbing a ladder | 3 pt |
| ☐ A house with only blue lights | 2 pt | ☐ A sleigh with reindeer | 2 pt |
| ☐ Candy-cane lights along a path | 1 pt | ☐ Icicle lights along a roof | 1 pt |
| ☐ A wreath on a front door | 1 pt | ☐ An inflatable penguin or polar bear | 2 pt |
| ☐ A star on a rooftop | 2 pt | ☐ Lights that spell a word | 3 pt |
| ☐ A lit tree in a window | 1 pt | ☐ A dog in a sweater | 3 pt |
| ☐ A nativity scene | 2 pt | ☐ A train or carousel display | 3 pt |
| ☐ A projector sprinkling lights on a wall | 1 pt | ☐ Paper snowflakes in a window | 1 pt |
| ☐ A lit palm tree or cactus | 3 pt | ☐ A door wrapped like a gift | 3 pt |
| ☐ One bulb that has gone out | 3 pt | ☐ A tree so tall you must look up | 2 pt |
| ☐ A snowman family of three or more | 2 pt | ☐ A house with no decorations at all | 1 pt |

## Score

1-point finds ____ × 1 = ____
2-point finds ____ × 2 = ____
3-point finds ____ × 3 = ____
**Total** _____

## Best house ballot

Brightest: _____
Funniest: _____
Most elegant: _____
Our favourite street: _____