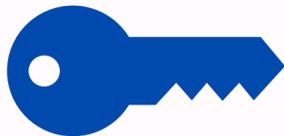


MAKE AN ESCAPE ROOM



You'll need a lock with a 4-digit combination lock to make this escape room. I used a bike cable lock. Use a room that has a clock in it. Clear stuff out of the room that might confuse kids or take ages to go through. A spare room with not much in it would be ideal. Put a small bottle of glitter (the 'cure') inside a box and wrap your bike lock around it.

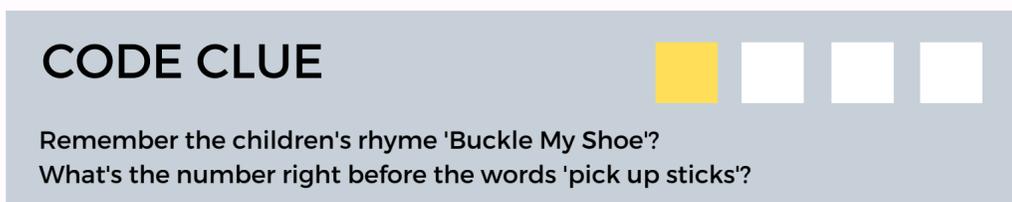
Invent a story

Cuddles the teddy bear has been cursed by an evil sorcerer. The cure is inside a magical chest with an enchanted lock around it. You must find and solve four riddles to come up with the 4 digit code, unlock the box and cure Cuddles! Only then can you escape the room!

Use the combination code to develop the four riddles. Let's say the code is 6354.

- 6 Remember the children's rhyme 'Buckle My Shoe'? What's the number right before the words 'pick up sticks'?
- 3 How many light bulbs/windows/drawers are in the room?
- 5 Remove the battery from the clock, turn hands to 5 o'clock and replace on wall
- 4 Make a number four shape from something in the room (could be books or furniture)

Make four code clue cards that look something like this:



Hide the code clue cards. The first one could be hidden under a table, perhaps. The kids figure out the answer is 'six' and the highlighted box top right reminds them that this number is first in the code sequence.

For the light bulb one, you could hide the code clue behind a poster on the wall, maybe. 'You're on the way to being free. Count the light bulbs: one, two, _____!'

The clock code clue you could stick on the back of the clock itself and you could write something like 'Nice work! You are holding the answer to the third number of the code.'

The number four shape I made for my teens out of tables because I had heaps of space to work with. It took the teens a while to see it, but they got there. Possibly you could use books or magazines. The code clue could be hidden anywhere and might say something like 'Stand by the door and look west to see the answer for the fourth digit'.



Good luck!

