READING COMPREHENSION TREASURE HUNT GAME

Cut out the cards below. Have the children read the cards, follow the directions and answer the questions to move on to the next card. Put the cards face down and have them turn them over as they answer the questions correctly. We like to have the children move while they learn so we set up the cards like a treasure hunt where they move from one station to the next but you could also play this at a table. Cut out templates and prepare before playing the game. Put a “treasure” in the box with the heart.

The powerful wizard, dressed in red robes, shuffled to the desk drawer and took out a beautiful golden key. The wizard, hunched over with age, mumbled something about how the key would only fit in the right blue box. The key sparkled and shone as the wizard held it in his outstretched hand. (Take the key)
You take the key and the wizard is gone. You turn around and you see a path covered in red rubies. It is kind of bumpy walking on the path but you want to see where the path leads to. All of a sudden, a troll jumps in front of you snarling, “Who gave you the key?” You answer nervously, “A wizard!”

“What did this wizard look like?” snapped the troll.

(Answer the question to get the next card)
Answer the question correctly to get the next card. If the answer is incorrect, no problem, just go back to the previous card and read it again.

Answer: The wizard was hunched over, old and dressed in red robes.

The troll is happy with your answer. He smiles and hands you a bouquet of flowers. “Go to the castle and find the blue box with the heart on it. If you see a princess with red hair give her these flowers.” You keep walking until you reach a castle. To get to the castle you need to go through a wooden gate. At that gate there is a guard who asks, “What path brought you here?”

(Take the flowers & answer the question to get the next card)
Answer the question correctly to get the next card. If the answer is incorrect, no problem, just go back to the previous card and read it again.

Answer: You followed a bumpy path covered with red rubies.

The guard is happy with your answer and he opens the wooden gate. “By the way,” the guard says as he lets you in, “Your key does not fit in the blue box with the star.” The ruby path is now a gently curving brick path winding through a beautiful garden. There is a play area in front of you where three young girls wearing crowns are playing. One has golden hair, one has brown curls, and another has long flowing red hair. You remember that you are supposed to give the bouquet to a princess.

(Which princess do you give the bouquet of flowers?) (Answer the question to get the next card)

You yell a greeting to the young girls. They run up to you laughing. “Welcome to our castle! Would you like to play with us?” they ask. You nod, yes, and hand the bouquet of flowers to the red haired princess. But an elderly woman is watching. She has white, tangled hair and is wearing a long purple cloak.

“Wait!” she growls hoarsely, “What gate did you come through to get here?” (Answer the question to get the next card)
The elderly woman nods, she is satisfied because the wooden gate only opens to those who are good hearted. “These are Princesses Bay, Goldie and Rosa. You and Princess Rosa should take the bouquet of flowers and a bowl of tomato soup to the queen. Go ask the cook for the bowl of soup. You should also know that your key will not fit the blue box with a moon.”

You feel that this whole journey has been a little strange but nothing bad has happened and you really want to find the box that the key will open.

So you go with Princess Rosa to the cook and ask for a bowl of soup for the queen. The cook, a young man with a wild mustache, looks confused and asks you, “Who sent you to get this bowl of soup?”

(Describe who sent you to get the soup to get the next card.)

Answer the question correctly to get the next card. If the answer is incorrect, no problem, just go back to the previous card and read it again.

Answer: An elderly woman with white, tangled hair, wearing a long purple cloak.

Take the soup and move onto the next card.
The cook ladled the steaming soup into the bowl and hands it to you. Princess Rosa leads you to the dining room where you see a nice looking woman sitting at a big brown table. She smiles at you and says, “Darling Rosa, who is your friend?” Princess Rosa introduces you to the queen and tells her that you have brought her some delicious soup.

“What gave you the soup and what type of soup is it?”

Answer the question correctly to get the next card. If the answer is incorrect, no problem, just go back to the previous card and read it again.

Answer: The young cook with a wild mustache gave you tomato soup to bring to the queen.
The queen nods happily and murmurs how much she enjoys a good bowl of tomato soup. “Thank you so much for visiting our castle and bringing us soup. I have some beautiful blue boxes. Please choose one that you would like to keep. You see three blue boxes. One with a flower, one with a star and one with a heart.

Which one will your key open?

Open the correct box and collect your treasure. To extend this activity tell a story or act out what happens next.
Box Templates

Print on blue paper or color blue.