

The Treasure Chest

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Riley read so many stories about pirates and treasure chests that he wanted to find a treasure chest of his own. "Treasure chests are only in books and movies," said his older brother Ted. "Why don't you forget about finding one?" Ted told Riley. Riley didn't pay any attention to his brother. *I will find a treasure chest*, he thought to himself.

The next day, Riley went to the library and took out a story about a man that buried expensive gold coins in his backyard in a chest. Riley was so interested in the story, he couldn't put the book down. "Time for dinner," yelled mom from the kitchen. "What have you been reading?" asked mom as Riley came into the kitchen. "He's reading another one of those silly treasure chest books," said Ted. "Mom, tell him that treasure chests buried in the backyard are only in books and movies," said Ted. "It could really happen," said Riley. "Riley's right," said mom. "If you believe in something strong enough, it could happen."

That night Riley's mom told Riley's dad how much Riley wanted to find a treasure chest. "I have an idea," said Riley's mom. "Next week is Riley's birthday." "Let's put his gift in a treasure chest and bury it in the yard for him to find." "That's a great idea!" said Riley's dad. "What should we put in the treasure chest?" "His new watch," said Riley's mom. "Then we will give him a map with clues to look for the treasure chest outside." "Sounds perfect!" said Riley's dad. Even Ted thought that would be a great gift idea for Riley.

After Riley left for school the next day, his mom wrapped the watch and went to the party store to buy a treasure chest. She came home and buried the treasure chest underneath the oak tree out back. She then drew a map with clues as to where the treasure chest was buried. When Saturday rolled around, Riley had no idea he was going to get his wish of finding a treasure chest. Mom and dad gave Riley his map, and told him that he would have to find his gift in the treasure chest using the clues on the map. Riley was so excited! He anxiously followed all the clues and found the treasure chest with his new watch. "Wow!" said Riley. "This is fantastic! I knew I would find a treasure chest someday!" "Happy Birthday!" they all shouted.



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 - C. Tall tales
 - D. Biographies

2. In the story Riley read about the man that had a treasure chest, what was in it?
 - A. Jewelry
 - B. Cash money
 - C. Gold coins
 - D. Rare stamps

3. Where was mom going to bury the treasure chest?
 - A. Under the porch
 - B. In the flower garden
 - C. Behind the garage
 - D. Under the oak tree

4. How old was Riley's brother Ted?
 - A. Older than Riley
 - B. Younger than Riley
 - C. They were twins.
 - D. The story doesn't say anything about Ted's age.

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