



HorseSense Learning Levels

TIPS FOR SCAVENGER HUNTS

- 🐾 Files have one **Master Scoresheet** and one **Item List**; print one **Item List** for each team.
- 🐾 You'll also need to provide a clipboard and pencil for each team.
- 🐾 The instructor will need some way to keep track of time.
- 🐾 Items are pretty generic, but you can always copy and paste the list to a new document to modify it.
- 🐾 Depending upon the size of the groups and the number of items, this can take anywhere from 45-90 minutes. Allow enough time:
 - ✓ for a quick briefing
 - ✓ for kids to find most of the items
 - ✓ to go over each item, with any necessary discussion of that item's use -- because going over items is a teaching moment
 - ✓ for them to put stuff away while you tally up the scores (and optionally to check that items are properly stored)
- 🐾 Give 5-minute and 30-second time warnings: after each warning you will have to remind one or more kids not to run.
- 🐾 They rarely get everything put away correctly – you will likely have to check behind them.
- 🐾 A few rules for our scavenger hunts that you might want to consider:
 - ✓ No running or shouting – violators must sit in "time out" for 5 minutes.
 - ✓ Go over areas of barn/arena/trailer/farm that are off limits -- including all areas in which there is a loose horse or boarder's tack/equipment.
 - ✓ Any item that can be easily carried should be brought to the team's designated spot.
 - ✓ Teams can point out or describe the location of any item that cannot be easily carried (eg, signs).
 - ✓ Remind them to note location of all items because they must put everything back in its proper place.
 - ✓ Team members should work together to locate items – but cannot interact with other teams or ask questions of instructors.
 - ✓ Tell them "If in doubt: guess!" *Although one year this produced a shedding blade for "item used for sheath cleaning" the kids still talk about that one!*
 - ✓ Scoring is simple: we go down the list one item at a time and teams produce the item. Correct items earn a point.
 - ✓ More advanced hunts will require teams to produce some items with multiple answers that are different from the other team's items (eg, *item used for fly control*) – we alternate which team produces their item first to make this fair.
 - ✓ If you don't have some of the items (eg., horse breed) you can provide magazines and catalogs and let them produce the photo.
 - ✓ We DON'T recommend letting them use their cell phones to take photos of items. We tried this once, and one team did the whole thing on their phones - never picked up an item!

RED LEVEL

YELLOW LEVEL

DIABOLICAL SCAVENGER HUNT

Items in red may have more than one correct answer, so the second team to answer must produce an item that the other team does not have.

TEAM: _____

- skewbald
- boots that prevent chafing from tack
- cross tie
- boots that protect against overreaching
- one safety issue in barn or pasture
- face marking - correctly identified
- one item that begins with the first letter of a dressage test
- breed that is popularly used for flat racing
- two items used for measuring TPR
- quick-release knot
- curb chain
- buckskin
- two draft breeds
- two leg markings - correctly identified
- leopard Appaloosa
- explain reason for one feeding rule
- dock
- oldest pure breed of horse
- one concentrate and one roughage
- fetlock
- palomino
- only grooming tool that must be used every day
- item used to measure horse height
- horse that is NOT a mare
- correct position for saddle placed on ground



DIABOLICAL SCAVENGER HUNT - MASTER SCORESHEET

Enter points - or an X - for each team's correct answer. *Note: Items in red may have more than one correct answer, so the second team to answer must produce an item that the other team does not have.*

ITEMS	TEAM	TEAM
<i>team names:</i>		
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25 ITEMS	TOTALS	