

The Mystery of

FAMILY WALKING TRAIL

 **EYES PEELED!**

For some extra fun, how many people can you spot wearing yellow while you're on your walk?

STOP 1 - CENTRAL LIBRARY - GEORGE IV BRIDGE

Look up! Above the entrance there's a sentence inscribed into the stone. What is it?

Question: What do you think this building is full of?

A) Books B) Spagetti C) Dragons

FUN FACT:

The Children's Library next door, is decorated with custom, hand-painted murals by the award-winning Scottish children's author and illustrator Catherine Rayner.



STOP 2 - VICTORIA STREET

Look down & around! This street curves below you in a bright arc of buildings. How many different coloured buildings can you see?

Question: Why do you think this street is curved instead of straight?

A) Follows the shape of a hill B) Looks like a rainbow C) For horse-racing

FUN FACT:

It's widely believed to be the real-life inspiration for Diagon Alley in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series.



STOP 3 - INSTITUT FRANÇAIS D'ÉCOSSE

What is the name of the cafe in this building?

Question: What tells you this place is connected to another country?

A) Shape of the windows B) Name of the road C) Flags on the building

FUN FACT:

Look up at the building, in particular the carved figures.

Legend has it that the stonemason responsible for the statues on the building's facade accidentally decapitated one of the figures during restoration work.



STOP 4 - FLOOR MOSAIC



What's the name of the Cathedral close by?

Question: Look down. What can you see in the ground?

A) Star B) Heart C) Triangle

If its busy there might be lots of people standing on it, so keep your eyes peeled!

FUN FACT:

Nowadays, spitting on the Heart of Midlothian is said to bring good luck. Originally, locals spat to show their disgust at the harsh punishments that once took place in the Old Tolbooth prison nearby.

STOP 5 - MERCAT CROSS

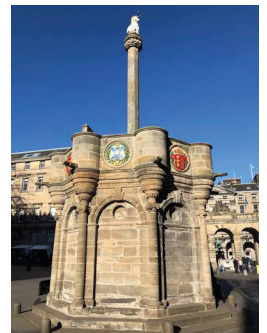
Look closely at the tall stone structure. What shape is it?

Question: What Creature is on the top of the pillar

A) Donkey B) Unicorn C) Pigeon

FUN FACT:

'Mercat' means market in Scots, This spot marks the traditional heart of Edinburgh's Old Town, where hundreds of years ago important news was announced to the city.



STOP 6 - ADAM SMITH STATUE



Which two items sit on the statue plinth with Adam Smith?

A) Potato Peeler & Screwdriver

B) Beehive & Plough

C) Scissors & Birds Nest

FUN FACT:

Adam Smith was a pioneering Scottish economist, philosopher, and key figure of the Scottish Enlightenment. Known as the "father of economics", objects at his feet represent hard work, cooperation and farming.

STOP 7 - THE ROYAL MILE CLOSES

How many Closes / Wynds can you count on the right hand side of the Royal Mile heading down hill [south / north] between Mercat Cross and Hunters Square? Name them if you like.

Question: What's boys name is part of the 8th Close

A) Steven B) Graham C) John

FUN FACT:

The narrow alleyways off the Royal Mile are called closes because they were once gated private paths that closed at night, and some are so narrow they're only three or four feet wide. They are some of the most compact streets in the world.



STOP 8 - TRON KIRK MARKET

Look up! What time does the Tron Street Market Clock say it is?



Question: The clock has some beautiful decorations. What colour are the numbers and hands?

A) Deep Purple B) Fuchsia Pink C) Bright Gold

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FUN FACT:

Long ago the church was much larger, in the shape of a 'T'. But in 1785 builders sliced stone off the sides of the church to make room for South Bridge and Blair Street either side of the building.

STOP 9 - MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

Look up at the sign! How many animals are on the door?

Question: Which of these helps stories come alive?

A) Ironing Board B) Imagination C) Popcorn

FUN FACT:

The museum now holds over 60,000 items including a Dollhouse with working plumbing! It features real working lights and tiny running water.



STOP 10 - JOHN KNOX HOUSE - SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE



How many steps are there at the front of the building?

Question: What do stories need most?

A) Storyteller B) Carpets C) Cherries

FUN FACT:

If you go into John Knox House you can hunt for secret hiding spots used to fool intruders, and looking up at the beautiful Oak Room ceiling to find a hidden devil painted among the stars.

 **YOU MADE IT!**

Thanks for taking part in our self-directed trail.
We hope you had fun and spotted lots of new things.

Come and see us at Pleasance Two (V33) during the fringe for more mystery fun!



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MAKE YOUR STORY!

We encourage you to make up a tall tale together, weaving some or all of your Answer Words into the story [in any order]. If you want to be entered into our prize draw then write part or all of your story here.

Post your completed sheet in the **Golden Postbox at John Knox House.**

Don't forget to add your name and contact details! We will contact our winner on 4th August.

The winner chosen on 3rd August will win a Family Ticket [for 4] to see



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After this date, Winners will win xxx. Competition ends on 30th August.

Good luck!

Name:

Contact Email Address / Phone Number:

FOR ADULTS!

Answers to the Quiz and Top tips for making up a story together can be found here:

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