

Challenge: What 3 Words?



For this challenge, you'll need the help of an adult with a smartphone or tablet or laptop. The emergency services (police, fire, ambulance, mountain rescue, etc.) all recommend people download the free App called 'What 3 Words'. If you ever need their help and you're not sure where you are, you and they can use the App to come and find you. Great if you're up a mountain or in a woodland and there are no road signs! What 3 Words is really clever – every piece of land in the world has been divided up, and each 3 square metres has been given a unique name, made up of three random words! So if you type in those three words, the App will pinpoint your exact location.

You will need:
- Smart phone, etc.
- Pencil and paper

But it's not just for emergency services to use – businesses, guide books, even runners are just some of the examples of how What 3 Words can be used. You could even create a treasure hunt or trail by using the What 3 Words App, so we thought this might be a fun way to help you grow your leadership skills. Remember, if you're going anywhere, make sure you ask permission from an adult, and don't go alone. NEVER tell a stranger your personal details, where you live, etc., even using the What 3 Words description. Ready? Let's get going...

Step 1: Ask an adult to download the App. Open up the App and in the search box, why not have a go at typing in the name of your school? It should open up a map, pinpointing your school, and telling you the three unique words which pinpoint your school! Type in your home address – what 3 words does it pinpoint your house with?

Step 2: Have a go at typing in three random words into the search bar – if those three aren't an exact match, it'll bring up the nearest suggested words. Where in the world did you find?

Step 3: Have a go at typing in the following words and see which CU Learning Destinations you find (some will be local and some much further away!)

rocket.pool.juror	enable.slave.slot
accent.only.runner	fled.dates.spite
deeper.leaves.daring	bland.mutual.dose



Step 4: Now you've got the hang of finding places and finding their 'What 3 Words' location, why not create a trail for your family or friends to follow? Think about where you'll start from and find the three words on the App. Describe which way to walk from there, and give them the next three words to navigate to (they'll use the App to find the next place and it will help to direct them to the next point). Repeat this until you have a completed trail -a list of the 'What 3 Words' points for them to visit in the right order!

Step 5: Ask a friend or an adult to create a trail for you to follow. Can you lead your family group to the end point successfully?

Which skills will I be developing?

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