FREE SAMPLE / ONE MISSION, NOT THE FULL GAME

The Lost City of Tides

TRY THE ADVENTURE

A forgotten coastal city has surfaced in an old explorer's notebook. Its birthday beacon needs six missing records. Study tide tables, shipping notes and coded messages to discover the final harbour password.

FOR THE ADULT

Ages 9-10 with adult support. Print page 2 for the children; keep page 3 as your answer key. Bring a pencil and scrap paper. Read the rule aloud, invite discussion and offer hints freely. This sample works without music or colour.

WHAT IS IN THE FULL PACK?

Six connected missions, the team record, a finale, host guidance, progressive hints, worked answers, invitation and certificate. Both A4 and US Letter PDFs plus optional original MP3 music. Available at birthdaymission.com.

First edition: age fit and playing time have not yet been tested with families. Try this page to judge the fit. Ignore the team-record instruction in this standalone sample.

MISSION 01

The crossing window

In this fictional tide table, the causeway is open from 09:20 to 10:05. A crossing takes 25 minutes. What is the latest time you can START and still finish by 10:05? Record the minutes after 09:20.

RECORD	TIME
Causeway opens	09:20
Causeway closes	10:05
Crossing duration	25 minutes

First find the latest start time. Then find how many minutes it is after 09:20. You may arrive exactly at 10:05.

Show how you know. After the adult checks it, write your answer in box 1 on the team record. Hints count too.

ADULT ONLY / KEEP SEPARATE

Sample answer & hints

FIRST NUDGE

Work backwards from 10:05.

SECOND NUDGE

Subtract 25 minutes to get the latest start.

ANSWER & REASONING

Latest start is 09:40. This is 20 minutes after 09:20. Record 20, not 40.

AFTER THE SAMPLE

Ask which clue helped and whether the crew would enjoy more puzzles. Offer help without penalty. The full story continues through six missions and a connected finale. This sample includes only mission 1.

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