A Thousand Clues Before Time

Picture clues - choose three, or make your own

Look freely first. A grown-up can read the prompts. Hints and answer cues follow; there is no timer or score.

1. A little dinosaur by the water

Find Baby beside the big drinking triceratops.

Hint: Look low on the right, beside the broad stream.

2. A watch that glows

What color glows in the watch Kai holds beside Rae's vine sketchbook?

Hint: Look near the bottom middle, above the little bag and gears.

3. A calmer glow

Find the blue watch in Kai's hand as he waves goodbye.

Hint: Look at the seated pair facing the dinosaurs in the bottom-right corner.

4. Round and purple

What color are Rae's round glasses beside the glowing vine?

Hint: Look at Rae kneeling by the book near the bottom middle.

More picture clues

5. Describe without pointing

Describe Rae's scarf while she studies the glowing vine.

Hint: Look below her purple glasses, near the bottom middle.

6. A long tail on a log

Find the green striped dinosaur standing on the fallen log.

Hint: Look on the right, beside the blue glowing ball.

7. A tiny ball of light

What color is the glowing ball beyond the green dinosaur?

Hint: Search the mossy rock on the far right of the fallen log.

8. Two pages of clues

How many facing pages can you see in the open footprint book?

Hint: Look at the pair kneeling over a footprint beside the stream, left of the middle.

More picture clues

9. A cozy light

Find the glowing desk lamp inside the little attic scene.

Hint: Search through the blue-edged opening in the bottom-left corner.

10. A soft place to rest

What color is the beanbag where Kai rests in the attic?

Hint: Look inside the bottom-left opening, behind his dark hoodie.

Answer cues for grown-ups

These clues point to the pictured instance, not an exhaustive count of the whole world. Let children explain a different reasonable answer.

1. A little dinosaur by the water

A small orange triceratops stands beside the much larger adult.

2. A watch that glows

The watch glows red. In their story, red marks active time trouble.

3. A calmer glow

A small blue watch rests in Kai's hand. Blue marks stable time in the story.

4. Round and purple

Her round glasses are purple.

5. Describe without pointing

It has broad stripes in several colors, including orange, purple and blue-green. Other visible descriptions are welcome.

6. A long tail on a log

A green dinosaur with dark stripes and a long tail stands above Kai and Rae.

7. A tiny ball of light

The round ball glows blue.

8. Two pages of clues

Two facing pages are visible, with a footprint picture on each.

9. A cozy light

A warm yellow desk lamp lights the table near the blue watch.

10. A soft place to rest

The beanbag is a warm reddish orange.