

THE ADVENTURE

#6 Get Going!

Cool stamps can transport you to exotic places like Belize, Iceland, Samoa, and Zimbabwe. Can you find them on a map or atlas? Make a copy of that map as part of your cool collection, and mount it all in your very own stamp passport to adventure!

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

Your passport adventure begins with a **packet of worldwide stamps, available free** while supplies last by writing one of the following sources. Please **DO** send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with at least first-class postage (37 cents) if you live in the United States. If you are writing from a foreign address, send an international reply coupon (available from your local post office). Kids can use their school or church address.

Free Stamps for Kids Send a SASE with 37-cents postage to P.O. Box 10654,
Phoenix, AZ 85064

100 Free Stamps For absolute beginners, send a note and SASE with 37-cents postage to Tracy Barber, 17 Hill Street, Keeseville, N.Y. 12944

ISWSC Free Stamps Send a SASE with your request to ISWSC Internet Offer,
Michael Crump, ISWSC Stamp Offer, PO Box 57,
Yorba Linda, CA 92885-0057

CREATING YOUR STAMP PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

1. A typical stamp passport devotes at least half a page to each participating country, and lists the country's name, location, population, languages, and date of first stamp issue. Create your own passport pages, using the sample, or create your own.

2. Next, identify each country that issued the stamps in your packet, then locate those countries on a map. See "Parts of a Stamp" in the APS brochure "World of Stamps."

TIP: All countries but Great Britain must include the name of the issuing country on the stamp. If you do not recognize the name or language, use a stamp identifier (found in the beginning of most stamp catalogs available in your local library), Linn's Stamp Identifier, or search online at the **Worldwide Stamp Identifier**: http://www.geocities.com/iswsc1/iswsc_ident.html

3. Organize your stamps by country. Choose your favorite stamps, and begin to assemble your passport to adventure. You may use a notebook, or punch holes and use colored yarn to tie your passport pages together.

4.. Look up the country name in a stamp catalog, and find the appropriate information.

TIP: The most popular stamp catalogue, available in most libraries, is the six-volume Scott Stamp Catalogues. Each one provides an index to countries, as well as introductory information -- location, government, area, population, capital, currency, and date of first stamp issues -- at the beginning of each country listing.

5. Mount your stamp on your passport page, with the information, and voila! You've just become a worldwide stamp traveler!