

WHAT IS THIS?



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Use this decoder to help you figure out what letter is equal to each picture.

A = [house]	G = [guitar]	M = [man]	S = [saw]	Y = [yarn]
B = [ball]	H = [hat]	N = [nose]	T = [top]	Z = [zoo]
C = [car]	I = [ice cream]	O = [orange]	U = [umbrella]	
D = [door]	J = [jelly]	P = [pencil]	V = [van]	
E = [egg]	K = [key]	Q = [queen]	W = [wheel]	
F = [fish]	L = [leaf]	R = [rabbit]	X = [x-ray]	

solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Mailman

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Where is the Mailman?

Figure out where the mailman is by solving each clue.

Shoe Store	Car Repair Shop	Toy Store	Home Repair Shop
Candy Store	Post Office	Flower Shop	Jewelry Shop

Name: _____

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the missing mailman is!

HOW TO PLAY

What Happened?

You need to get in touch with your mailman, but you can't find him anywhere! You know that he's somewhere around town but can't figure out the right place. Help find out where he is by solving the clues.

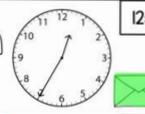
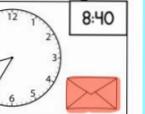
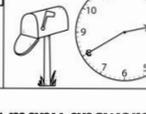
1. Take a list of places and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the mailman is.
3. Cross out wrong places each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place(s) to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing mailman will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

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A. 7:45 color steps red
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Clue #3: Fill in the Blank

toy at short the place
mailman flower is jewelry shoe shop

The mailman goes home at 4:40 pm. Answer: Word: a

The mailman takes his dinner at 7:05 pm. repair

The mailman goes to bed at 8:55 pm. shop

When you are done, read the

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- Tell Time to the 5 Minute
- Analog and Digital Clocks
- AM and PM
- Mailman-Themed
- Error Analysis Practice

All clues focus on reviewing 2nd grade skills!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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small	mailman	flower	is	shoe	a
candy	repair	located	tall	jewelry	shop

Answer: Word

The mailman gets up at 6:25 am. **The**

The mailman takes a break at 10:15 am. **not**

The mailman goes home at 1:40 pm. **a**

The mailman goes to work at 7:55 am. **mailman**

The mailman eats his lunch at 1:15 pm. **located**

The mailman takes his shower at 7:05 pm. **repair**

The mailman arranges the mails at 8:30 am. **is**

The mailman returns to work at 12:10 pm. **at**

The mailman goes to bed at 10:55 pm. **shop**

Solve each problem. Write the answer. Then, write the word that goes with it. When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom in each row to figure out the clue.

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Short & Long Options

MATH FACT VERSION!



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$10+7=16$ 	$7+7=14$ 	$8+9=18$
$2+6=8$ 	$9+3=12$ 	$11+4=15$

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Clue #2: Color the Building

Solve each equation. Then, follow the instructions to color the building.

18-10 A. 8 - color steps red B. 10 - color steps blue C. 9 - color steps green D. 8 - color steps yellow	7-5 A. 1 - color windows red B. 2 - color windows brown C. 3 - color windows orange D. 4 - color windows green
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Clue #4: The Building

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8 14-6	15 18-3	6 18-5	11 14-3	10 19-9
4 8-4	7 13-6	13 20-7	9 18-9	14 16-2
9 19-10				3 5-2

Cross out these answers: 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15
What letters are left? Write them on the line.

The mailman is at a place that smells Good.

Clue #3: Fill in the Blank

7 <input type="checkbox"/> hat	20 <input type="checkbox"/> try	19 <input type="checkbox"/> cat	5 <input type="checkbox"/> short	15 <input type="checkbox"/> the	10 <input type="checkbox"/> place
small <input type="checkbox"/>	11 <input type="checkbox"/> mailman	3 <input type="checkbox"/> flower	18 <input type="checkbox"/> the	16 <input type="checkbox"/> shoe	8 <input type="checkbox"/> a
candy <input type="checkbox"/>	13 <input type="checkbox"/> repair	9 <input type="checkbox"/> located	6 <input type="checkbox"/> tall	2 <input type="checkbox"/> jewelry	14 <input type="checkbox"/> shop

Answer: Word: 15 The, 11 mailman

Answer: Word: 17 not, 9 located

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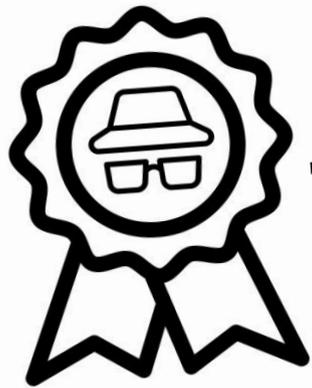
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Same clues. Same mystery. Different math!

There is an extra version included that focuses on addition and subtraction facts to 20.

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

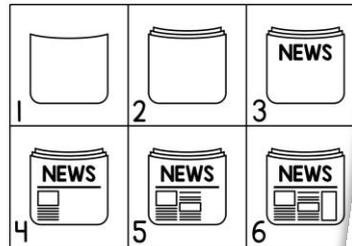
You solved the mystery!

11/2
Date

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Presented by:

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news



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a house



If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

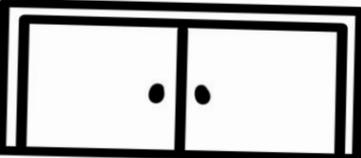
MATH MYSTERY BENEFITS



- No Prep
- Print and Digital Versions
- 3 & 5 Clue Options
- Extra Math Facts Mystery
- Fun and Engaging
- Easy to Differentiate
- Encourages Critical Thinking
- Aligns with Math Standards
- Perfect for Review Days

Clue #4: The Building 

Put the correct answer in each box. Then, read what to do at the bottom.

The flower shop cleans up before leaving for the S day. PM	The post office worker takes a nap after work. B PM	The shoe store worker brushes his teeth before bed. T PM	The home repair shop owner gets bagels for breakfast. G AM	The shoe store owner eats a late lunch. A PM
The candy store owner goes on break for dinner. D PM	The car repair shop opens up for the day. O AM	The worker needs a flashlight to deliver mail in the day. I PM	A jewelry shop worker waits for the bus before work. O AM	The toy store closes its doors for the day. N PM
The worker eats a snack because lunch is far away. D AM				The flower shop closes to go make deliveries in the K afternoon. PM

Cross out all sentences that describe:
PM
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In 2nd grade, this works well in small groups or in partners.

WHY TEACHERS LOVE THESE!

Ordinary math worksheets can be boring and unoriginal.

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WHAT MAKES MATH MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

Math Mysteries aren't just a copy of Reading Mysteries!

They have brand-new clues, focus on math skills, and even feature a different conclusion to the mystery.

The only thing that stays the same is the list of suspects students start with!

So, if you have both, students can play during math and then again during reading for double the fun.

Reading

Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Sorting Letters

Color the letters the same color as the box they belong in. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

The mailman is <u>not</u> near any <u>toys</u> if you see: • 1 yellow note • 2 red notes • 5 green notes • 2 blue notes	The mailman is <u>not</u> near any <u>cars</u> if you see: • 3 yellow notes • 0 red notes • 5 blue notes	The mailman is <u>not</u> near any <u>shoes</u> if you see: • 2 yellow notes • 2 red notes • 4 green notes • 2 blue notes	The mailman is <u>not</u> near any <u>gems</u> if you see: • 2 yellow notes • 1 red note • 5 green notes • 2 blue notes
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KEEP THE FUN GOING!

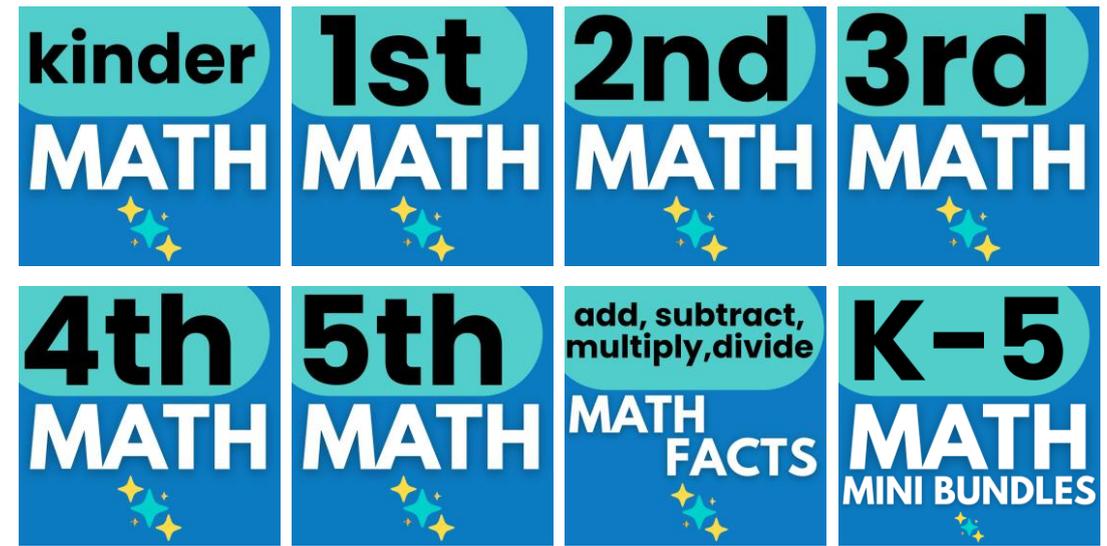
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