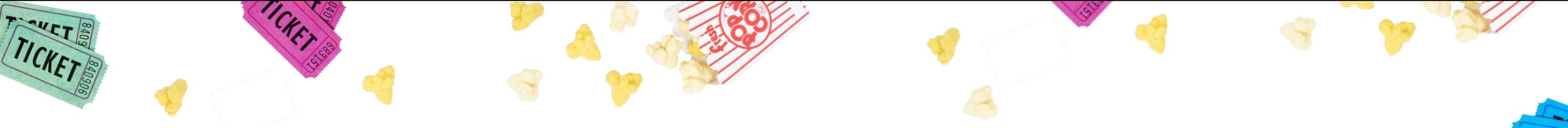


WHAT IS THIS?



Clue #1: Picture Decoder
Write the answer on each line. Then, draw a line to each match.
Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

Clue #2: Error Analysis
Check the answers for each location. Put a check or an X next to each answer.

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C O N T R O L I T

solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Cotton Candy

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Where's the Cotton Candy?

 Roller Coaster	 Ball Toss	 Popcorn Cart	 Ticket Booth
 Pirate Ship	 Merry-Go-Round	 Ferris Wheel	 Bumper Cars

Name: _____

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the cotton candy is!

HOW TO PLAY

What Happened?

Oh no! You accidentally left your cotton candy somewhere in the theme park and can't find it. Now, it's your job to search the park and find out where it is. Solve each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the cotton candy is! Good luck!

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 cotton candy is.
3. Cross out wrong places each time you find out new information. Good luck!



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Clue #1: Picture Decoder

Write the answer on each line. Then, draw a line to each match.
Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.



Answers: 12 11 4 15 17 18 19 9 8
 $\frac{10+2}{5+6}$ $\frac{3+1}{7-8}$ $\frac{3+14}{9+9}$ $\frac{2+17}{4+5}$ $\frac{6+2}{}$

Letters: N O A N I M A L S

The cotton candy is somewhere with:

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

A = G = M = S = Y =
 B = H = N = T = Z =
 C = I = O = U =
 D = J = P = V =
 E = K = Q = W =
 F = L = R = X =

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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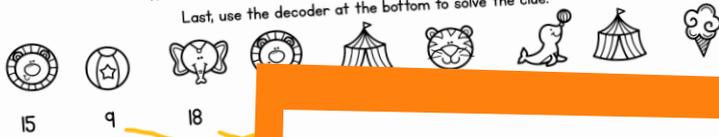
Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place(s) to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the cotton candy will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

Clue #1: Picture Decoder

Write the answer on each line. Then, draw a line to each match.
Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.



Answers: $\frac{12}{10+2}$ $\frac{11}{5+6}$

Letters: N O

The cotton candy is somewhere with:
Use this decoder to help you figure out what letter is equal to each picture.

Clue #3: Detective Report

My favorite place to go, and I've been there $\frac{5+4}{10+9}$ ⁹ times. Today, I went there with ¹⁹ ride tickets. Then, we went on a snack break and bought $\frac{2+1}{3}$ ³ items. We went on the bumper cars and hit each other $\frac{3+2}{5}$ ⁵ times. We went on the Ferris wheel and stayed at the top for $\frac{4+3}{7}$ ⁷ minutes.

I=19 N=16
O=6 E=3
A=15 R=13
D=11 T=9

Clue #2: Error Analysis

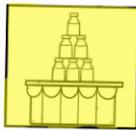
Check the answers for each location. Put a check or an X next to each answer.



- $2+4=6$
- $15+3=19$
- $5+8=13$
- $8+9=17$
- $12+2=15$



- $4+3=8$
- $7+10=17$
- $11+2=12$
- $3+5=8$
- $10+6=15$



- $5+7=12$
- $6+8=13$
- $13+2=15$
- $9+4=13$
- $3+11=14$

The location with the most correct answers is NOT where the cotton candy is.

- Add to 20
- Theme Park-Themed
- Error Analysis Practice

All clues focus on reviewing adding to 20!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Clue #1: Picture Decoder
Write the answer on each line. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

Clue #2: Error Analysis
Check the answers for each location. Put a check or an X next to each answer.

Clue #3: Detective Report
The theme park is my favorite place to go, and I've been there $5+4$ times. Today, I went there with $12+3$ friends. First, we went to the ticket booth and got $10+9$ ride tickets. Then, we went on the fastest roller coaster $2+1$ popcorn buckets. I had hit each other $4+7$ times. I had to wait $5+1$ minutes to come back on the roller coaster $6+10$ times.

The cotton candy wasn't left in a place that is:

16	6	9	15	3	9	11	3
N	O	T	A	R	I	D	E

O=6 E=3
A=15 R=13
D=11 T=9

Figure out each answer. Then, use the decoder to figure out the clue.

3 Clue Version

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The cotton candy is at a ride where you can:

C O N T R O L I T

5 Clue Version

Print & Digital Forms

Clue #2: Error Analysis
Check the answers for each location. Put a check or an X next to each answer.

$2+4=6$ $4+3=8$ $5+7=12$
 $15+3=19$ $7+10=17$ $6+8=13$
 $5+8=13$ $11+2=12$ $3+5=8$
 $8+9=17$ $3+5=8$ $10+6=15$
 $12+2=15$ $10+6=15$

The location with the most correct answers is NOT where the cotton candy is.

Clue #2: Error Analysis
Check the answers for each location. Put a check or an X next to each answer.

$2+4=6$ $4+3=8$ $5+7=12$
 $15+3=19$ $7+10=17$ $6+8=13$
 $5+8=13$ $11+2=12$ $3+5=8$
 $8+9=17$ $3+5=8$ $10+6=15$
 $12+2=15$ $10+6=15$ $3+11=14$

The location with the most correct answers is NOT where the cotton candy is.

Short & Long Options

MATH FACT VERSION!

Where's the Cotton Candy?

Roller Coaster, Ball Toss, Popcorn Cart, Ticket Booth, Pirate Ship, Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel, Bumper Cars

Clue #1: Picture Decoder

Write the answer on each line. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

Answers: $13 = 5+8$, $14 = 12-2$, $11 = 4+7$, $16 = 10+6$, $4 = 1+3$, $17 = 9+8$, $10 = 5+5$, $19 = 3+16$

Letters: N O A N I M A

Clue #2: Error Analysis

Check the answers for each location. Put a check or an X next to each answer.

$9-6=12$ (X), $9-1=10$ (X), $8-3=15$ (✓), $11-7=4$ (✓), $19-10=9$ (✓), $11-2=8$ (X), $13-4=8$ (X), $15-6=9$ (✓), $1-1=2$ (X), $8-4=5$ (X), $17-3=14$ (✓)

Clue #3: Detective Report

The theme park is my favorite place to go, and I've been there $6+12 = 18$ times. Today, I went there with $2+7 = 9$ friends. First, we went to the ticket booth and got $10+9 = 19$ ride tickets. Then, we went on the fastest rollercoaster and screamed $14+6 = 20$ times. We took a snack break and bought $5+3 = 8$ popcorn buckets from the popcorn cart. Later, my friends and I went on the bumper cars and hit each other $8+7 = 15$ times. Near the end of the day, we went on the Ferris wheel and stayed at the top for $3+3 = 6$ minutes. I had such a great day at the fair, and I can't come back another $1+4 = 5$ times. The cotton candy wasn't left in a place that is: 29 , 16 , 19 , 9 , 5 , 18 , 21

I=19, N=20, O=16, E=8, R=5, T=18

Clue #4: The Roller Coaster

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

X 14	F 5	X 3	X 16
16-9	17-2	13-4	18-6
A 7	S 15	X 9	X 12
9-8	17-6	20-7	12-6
X 1	X 11	T 13	X 6

Cross out the boxes with the following answers: 1, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16. The letters that are left will reveal a message.

The cotton candy is somewhere near a ride that is NOT Fast.

Clue #5: Descrambler

Solve each box. Then, read what to do at the bottom.

CARNIVAL

4+8 = 12, 17-6 = 11, 2+13 = 15, 6+7 = 13, 5-3 = 2, 4+6 = 10, 14-8 = 6, 14+6 = 20

Place the correct letter on top of each matching answer. The cotton candy is at a ride where you can: CONTROL IT

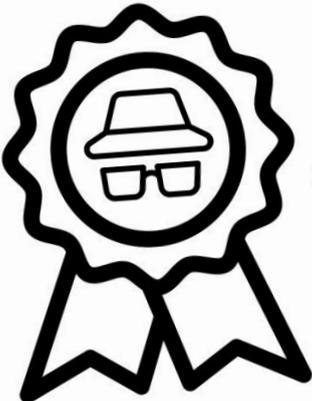
Same clues. Same mystery. Different math!

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

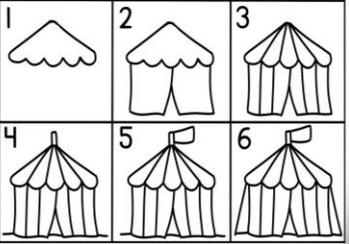
You solved the mystery!

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Date Presented by:

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LET'S DRAW...
a carnival tent

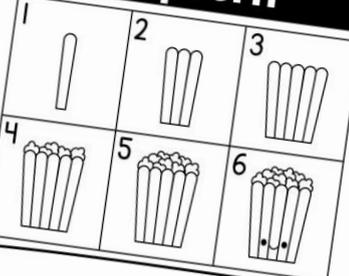


1 2 3
4 5 6



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LET'S DRAW...
popcorn



1 2 3
4 5 6



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

MATH MYSTERY BENEFITS

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Clue #4: The Roller Coaster 

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

X	5+9 14	F	4+6 10	X	5+11 16	X	1+8 9
	12+5 17	A	3+3 6	S	6+2 8	X	4+1 5
X	1+6 7	X	2+10 12	T	6+7 13	X	13+5 18

Cross out the boxes with the following answers:
14, 8, 18, 7, 9, 12, 16, 5

The letters that are left will reveal a message.

The cotton candy is somewhere near a ride that is NOT Fast.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

In 2nd grade, this works well in small groups or in partners.

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Solve each question. Circle the boxes that equal 15.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

Clue #2: Error Analysis
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The theme park is my favorite place to go, and I've been there $6+6$ ¹² times. Today, I went there with

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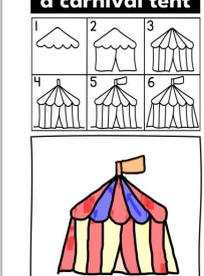
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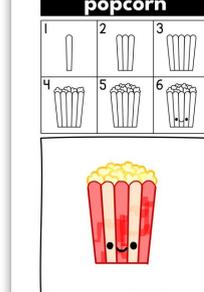
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a carnival tent

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4 5 6

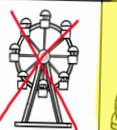


LET'S DRAW...
popcorn

1 2 3
4 5 6



Where's the Cotton Candy?

 Roller Coaster	 Ball Toss	 Popcorn Cart	 Ticket Booth
 Pirate Ship	 Merry-Go-Round	 Ferris Wheel	 Bumper Cars

Name:

solve the mystery



The Case of the Missing Cotton Candy

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

Clue #1: The Theme Park

DIRECTIONS: Put an S or a T in each blank. Then, circle a check or X to show if they are the same letter or different.

If there are more checks, cross out any rides. If there are more Xs, cross out any places near food.

 trea_s_ure		 man_s_ion	 and	 expl_o_s_ion		
 mix_t_ure		 frac_t_ion	and	 subtrac_t_ion		
 adop_t_ion	and	 televi_s_ion		 mea_s_ure	and	 mix_t_ure
 permis_s_ion	and	 competi_t_ion		 ques_t_ion	and	 decl_s_ion

Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Picture Decoder

Write the answer on each line. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

								
15	9	18	12	4	8	11	19	17
12	11	4	15	17	18	19	9	8
10+2	5+6	3+1	7+8	3+4	9+9	2+7	4+5	6+2
N	O	A	N	I	M	A	L	S

The cotton candy is somewhere with:

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

A = 	G = 	M = 	S = 	Y = 
B = 	H = 	N = 	T = 	Z = 
C = 	I = 	O = 	U = 	
D = 	J = 	P = 	V = 	
E = 	K = 	Q = 	W = 	
F = 	L = 	R = 	X = 	

KEEP THE FUN GOING!

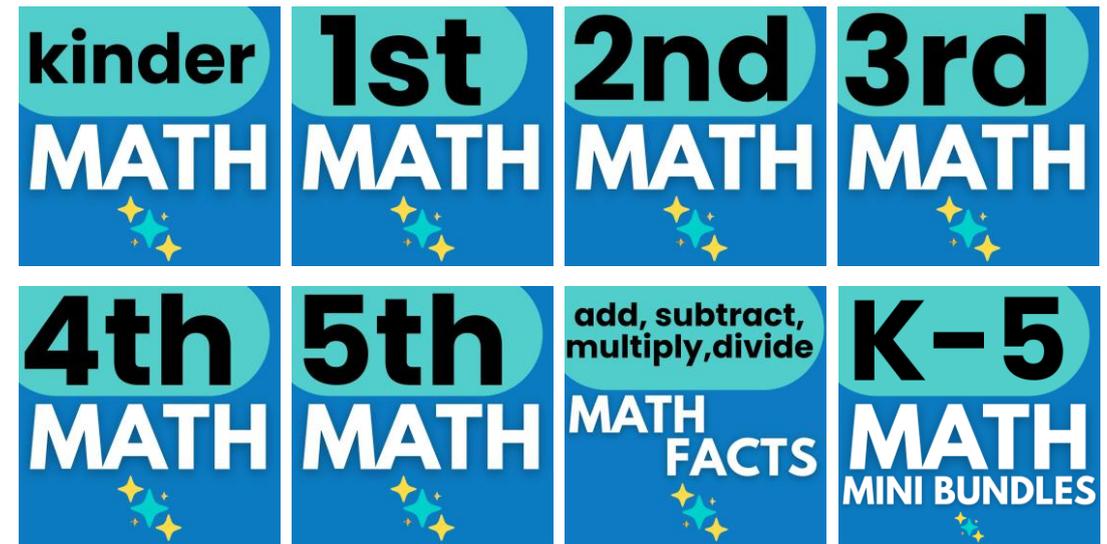
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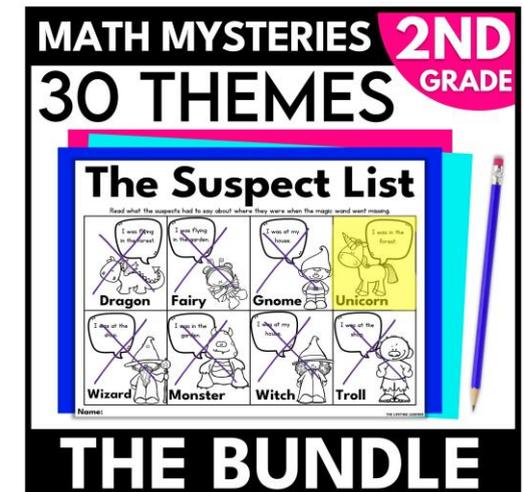


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