

# WHAT IS THIS?



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Answers: 8:13, 10:27, 3:48, 12:02, 6:54, 1:47, 7:29, 9:16

Letters: C A N P L A N T

The mailman is at a place with something you...  
Use this decoder to help you figure out what letter is equal to each picture.

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

## solve the mystery

**The Case of the Missing Mailman**

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### Where is the Mailman?

Figure out where the mailman is by solving each clue.

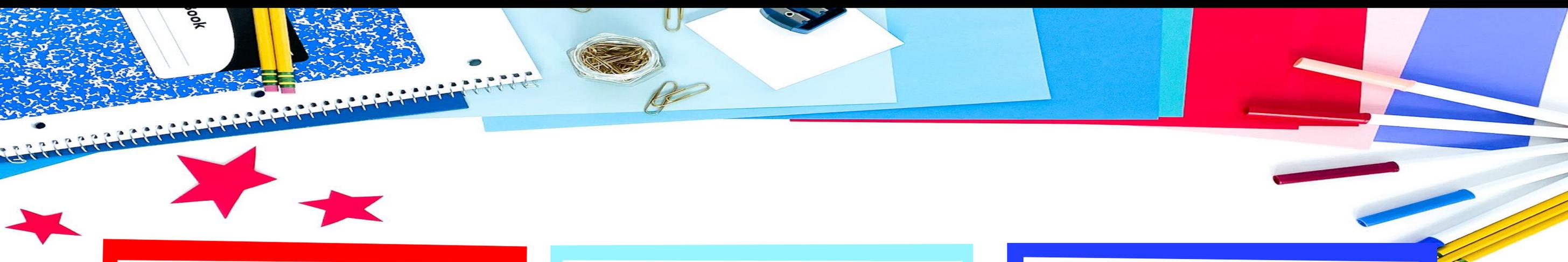
<del>Shoe Store</del>	<del>Car Repair Shop</del>	<del>Toy Store</del>	<del>Home Repair Shop</del>
<del>Candy Store</del>	<del>Post Office</del>	Flower Shop	<del>Jewelry Shop</del>

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.

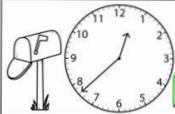
1. Take a list of places and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the mailman is.
3. Cross out wrong places each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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 12:38 	 4:05 	 8:47 
 5:16 	 7:34 	 11:59 
 10:43 	 2:21 	 1:30 

How many answers were correct?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 Correct = Cross out the jewelry shop. | 5 Correct = Cross out the flower shop.      |
| 2 Correct = Cross out the toy store.    | 6 Correct = Cross out the car repair shop.  |
| 3 Correct = Cross out the shoe store.   | 7 Correct = Cross out the candy store.      |
| 4 Correct = Cross out the post office.  | 8 Correct = Cross out the home repair shop. |

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

**Clue #1: Right or Wrong?**  
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4:05  
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A. 7:45 color steps red  
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C. 8:50 color steps green  
D. 8:45 color steps yellow

A. 10:20 color pillars red  
B. 10:10 color pillars blue  
C. 2:10 color pillars green  
D. 2:20 color pillars yellow

A. 8:50 color windows red  
B. 8:55 color windows brown  
C. 9:50 color windows orange  
D. 9:55 color windows green

A. 12:05 color roof red  
B. 12:00 color roof blue  
C. 1:00 color roof green  
D. 1:05 color roof yellow

Cross out places where you can eat food if the building has:  
• Yellow steps  
• Brown windows  
• Green pillars  
• Yellow roof

Cross out places where you can repair something if the building has:  
• Blue steps  
• Green windows  
• Blue pillars  
• Yellow roof

Cross out places where you can buy something to wear if the building has:  
• Yellow steps  
• Brown windows  
• Blue pillars  
• Red roof

Cross out places where you can buy something to play with if the building has:  
• Red steps  
• Brown windows  
• Yellow pillars  
• Red roof

**Clue #3: Fill in the Blank**

toy at short the place  
mailman flower jewelry shoe is a shop

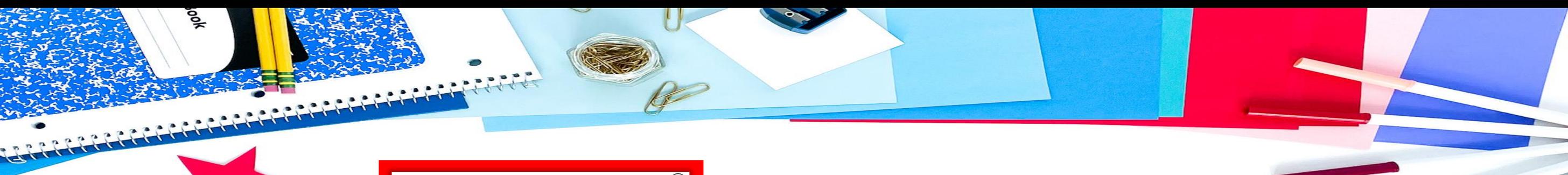
The mailman goes home at 4:51 pm. Answer: Word: a  
The mailman takes his dinner at 7:42 pm. repair  
The mailman goes to bed at 8:54 pm. shop

When you are done, read the

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

All clues focus on reviewing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade skills!

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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**5 Clue Version**

**Clue #2: Color the Building**  
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A. 7:45 color steps red  
B. 7:50 color steps blue  
C. 6:50 color steps green  
D. 6:45 color steps yellow

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B. 10:10 color pillars blue  
C. 2:10 color pillars green  
D. 2:20 color pillars yellow

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**5 Clue Version**

Short & Long Options

# 2 MATH FACT OPTIONS!



### Where is the Mailman?

Figure out where the mailman is by solving each clue.

<del></del> Shoe Store	<del></del> Car Repair Shop	<del></del> Toy Store	<del></del> Home Repair Shop
<del></del> Candy Store	<del></del> Post Office	 Flower Shop	<del></del> Jewelry Shop

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Clue #1: Right or Wrong?

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$14+5=19$ 	$1+2=1$ 	$9+5=15$ 
$10+7=16$ 	$7+7=14$ 	$8+9=18$ 
$2+6=8$ 	$9+3=12$ 	$11+4=15$ 

1 Correct = Cross out the ~~1~~  
2 Correct = Cross out the ~~2~~  
3 Correct = Cross out the ~~3~~  
4 Correct = Cross out the ~~4~~

### 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
9-4 A. 4 - color pillars red B. 5 - color pillars blue C. 6 - color pillars green D. 7 - color pillars yellow	13-7 A. 6 - color roof red B. 7 - color roof blue C. 8 - color roof green D. 9 - color roof yellow

### 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
<input type="checkbox"/> small	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
<input type="checkbox"/> candy	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  
10+7 17 not  
5+4 9 located

Answer: Word  
6+2 8 a  
8+5 13 repair  
14 shop

### Clue #4: The Building

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

$132 \div 12$ <del>5</del> 11	$70 \div 7$ <del>8</del> 10	$24 \div 6$ <del>4</del> 4	$42 \div 7$ 6	$108 \div 12$ A 9
$64 \div 8$ <del>8</del> 8	$18 \div 9$ 2	$4 \div 4$ <del>1</del> 1	$24 \div 2$ 12	$56 \div 8$ <del>7</del> 7
$55 \div 11$ 5				$15 \div 5$ <del>3</del> 3

Cross out these answers:  
1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

The mailman is at a place that smells Good.

What letters are left? Write them on the line.

### Clue #5: 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:  $45 \div 5=9$ ,  $11 \times 10=110$ ,  $96 \div 8=12$ ,  $9 \times 27=243$ ,  $28 \times 7=196$ ,  $10 \div 90=10$ ,  $48 \div 6=8$ ,  $3 \times 33=99$

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The mailman is at a place with something you... Plant

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

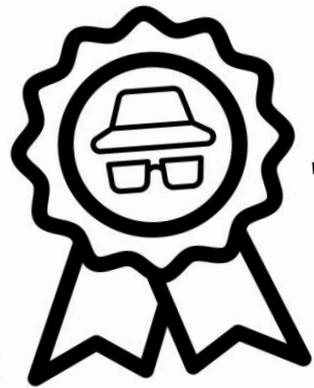
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B =	H =	N =	T =	Z =
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D =	J =	P =	V =	
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Same clues. Same mystery. Different math!

Use the add/subtract facts to 20 mystery or the multiplication/division facts 1-12 mystery!

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

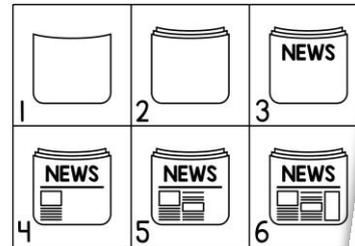
You solved the mystery!

11/2  
Date

AW  
Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...

news



LET'S DRAW...  
a house



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

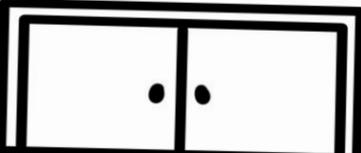
# MATH MYSTERY BENEFITS



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

Cross out all sentences that describe:  
**PM**  
What letters are left? Write them on the line.

The mailman is at a place that smells Good.

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In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, this works well in small groups or in partners.

# WHY TEACHERS LOVE THESE!

Ordinary math worksheets can be boring and unoriginal.

You want activities that are fun and engaging, but also rigorous and meaningful to student learning.

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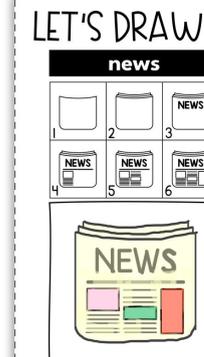
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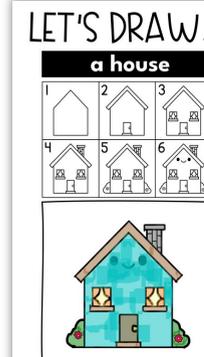
**11/2** **SW**

Date Presented by:

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**news**



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Name:

**solve the mystery**



**The Case of the Missing Mailman**

# 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: Sorting Letters**  
How many commas should be added to each sentence?  
Color the letters the same color as the box they belong in. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

yellow 0 commas, blue 1 comma, green 2 commas, red 3 commas

likes mail  
Jamal gets letters in May, June, and July.  
She bought cards, letters, and envelopes.  
He packed boxes, tape, and stamps.

packed boxes on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.  
We have pens, paper, and glue.  
Yes, I mailed it.  
Hope, please grab the box, tape, and string.

The mailman is not near any toys if you see:  
• 1 yellow note  
• 2 red notes  
• 5 green notes  
• 2 blue notes

The mailman is not near any cars if you see:  
• 3 yellow notes  
• 0 red notes  
• 3 green notes  
• 5 blue notes

The mailman is not near any shoes if you see:  
• 2 yellow notes  
• 2 red notes  
• 4 green notes  
• 2 blue notes

The mailman is not near any bins if you see:  
• 2 yellow notes  
• 1 red note  
• 5 green notes  
• 2 blue notes

Example of Clue 1

Math

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# KEEP THE FUN GOING!

## GRAB A **READING MYSTERY**:

Reading mysteries aren't just a copy of math. They come with fresh clues, unique reading challenges, and a new culprit, so students are solving an entirely different case!



## MORE **MATH MYSTERIES**:

Explore other grade levels to differentiate and keep every student engaged.



BUY A BUNDLE  
TO **SAVE BIG!**

