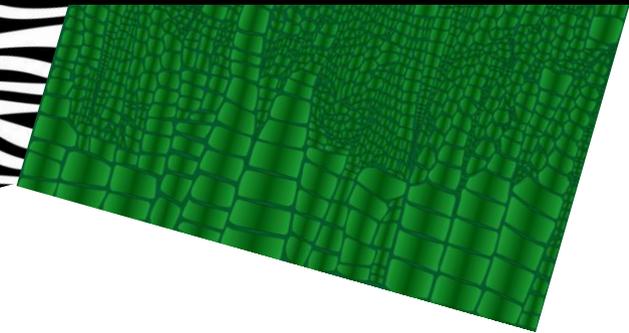
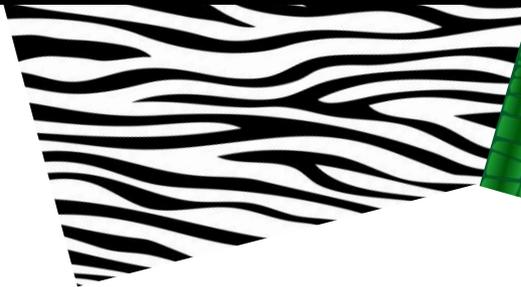


WHAT IS THIS?



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Clue #4: The Safari Jeep

Identify each fraction by writing it in each box. Then, read what to do at the bottom.

Clue #5: Fill in the Blank

Compare each set of fractions. Use the fraction strips above each question to help you.

$\frac{1}{3} < \frac{3}{4}$ animal	$\frac{6}{6} = \frac{8}{8}$ group	$\frac{2}{3} < \frac{3}{6}$ green	$\frac{2}{2} < \frac{2}{3}$ not	$\frac{3}{4} > \frac{6}{8}$ tall	$\frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2}$ is
$\frac{5}{8} > \frac{2}{3}$ meerkat	$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{8}$ is	$\frac{2}{2} > \frac{2}{3}$ an	$\frac{5}{8} < \frac{2}{3}$ the	$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{4}$ yellow	$\frac{2}{6} > \frac{2}{4}$ whiskers
$\frac{2}{6} < \frac{2}{4}$ with	$\frac{3}{6} > \frac{3}{4}$ scales	$\frac{2}{3} > \frac{3}{6}$ that	$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{4}$ isn't	$\frac{3}{6} = \frac{2}{4}$ gray	$\frac{6}{6} < \frac{8}{8}$ spots

Answer: Word

$\frac{5}{8} < \frac{2}{3}$ < The	$\frac{2}{6} < \frac{2}{4}$ < with	$\frac{2}{3} > \frac{3}{6}$ > that
$\frac{6}{6} = \frac{8}{8}$ = group	$\frac{2}{2} > \frac{2}{3}$ > an	$\frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2}$ < is
$\frac{3}{4} < \frac{6}{8}$ = is	$\frac{1}{3} < \frac{3}{4}$ < animal	$\frac{3}{6} > \frac{2}{4}$ = gray

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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The Case of the Safari Adventure

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Where is the Safari Group?

Solve the clues to figure out where the safari group is currently located.

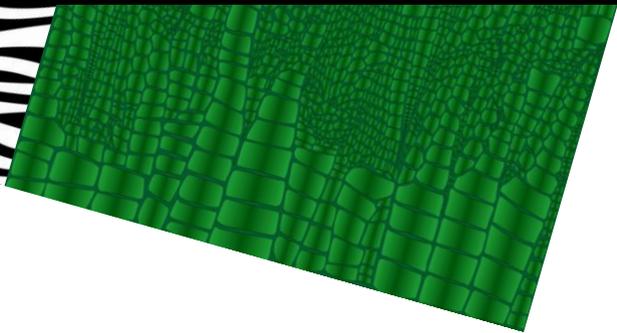
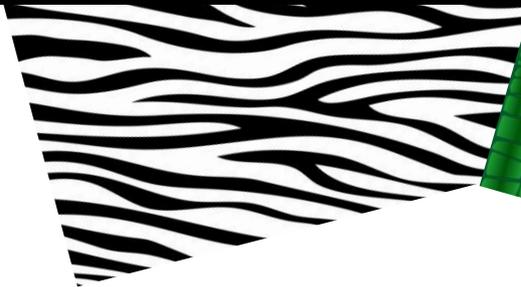
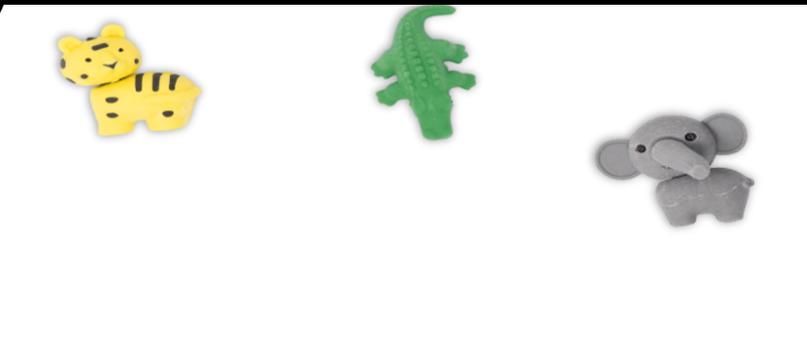
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Name: _____

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the safari group is!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

On the day of your safari, you woke up to find your safari group missing! You need to figure out which animal they are with. Help figure out where your safari group is by solving clues and finding the right animal.

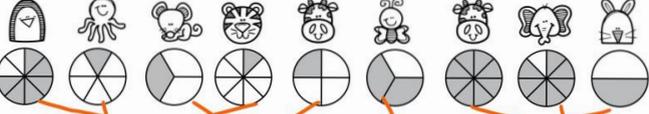
1. Take a list of safari animals and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which animal your safari group is with.
3. Cross out wrong animals each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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Clue #1: Picture Decoder

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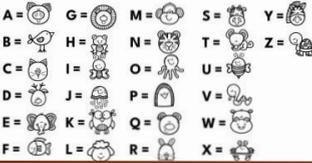


Answers: $\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{6}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{6}{8}$ $\frac{7}{8}$ $\frac{8}{8}$

smallest biggest

Letters: N O S T R I P E S

The animal your group is with has:

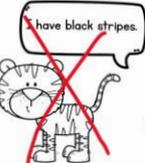


Use this decoder to help you figure out what letter is equal to each picture.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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Solve the clues to figure out where the safari group is currently located.

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I have brown spots.  Giraffe	I have yellow fur.  Lion	I have brown fur.  Chimp	I have black stripes.  Zebra

Name: _____

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what animals to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the safari group will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

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Answers: $\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{6}$
smallest
Letters: N O

The animal your group is with has:

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

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Put a check or an X next to each answer.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $1/2$ is equal to $3/4$.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $1/1$ is equal to $8/8$.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $1/6$ is equal to $2/3$.
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The animal with the most correct answers is NOT the animal your safari group is with.

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Use number lines to compare each set of fractions. Circle the boxes that have a > symbol.
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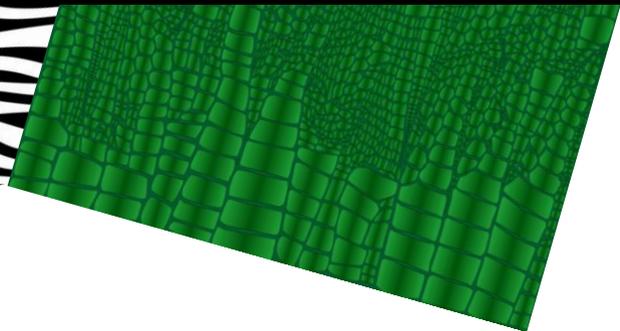
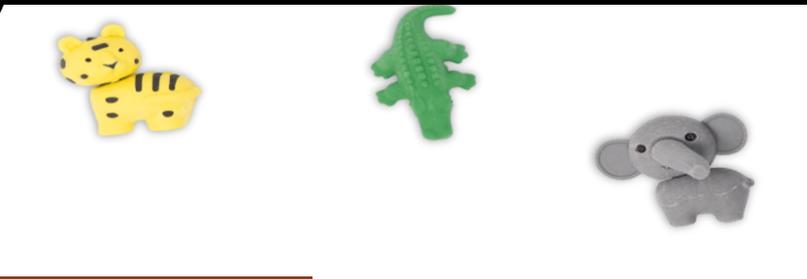
$\frac{6}{6} < \frac{6}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{4}{8}$	$\frac{5}{6} > \frac{5}{8}$
$\frac{2}{8} < \frac{2}{3}$	tail	fur
$\frac{1}{4} > \frac{1}{3}$	brown	chimp

the crocodile elephant animal

- Comparing Fractions
- Using Number Lines
- Using Picture Form
- Using Fraction Strips
- Using Common Numerator and Denominator
- Safari-Themed
- Error Analysis Practice

All clues focus on reviewing 3rd grade skills!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

the crocodile elephant animal

$\frac{1}{3} < \frac{1}{6}$ $\frac{4}{6} < \frac{6}{6}$ $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{5}{6} > \frac{5}{8}$

$\frac{2}{4} > \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{4}{8} > \frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{2}{3} < \frac{3}{3}$

The animal is not brown

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Clue #5: Fill in the Blank
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5 Clue Version

animal group green not tall is

magnolia the yellow whiskers

with spots Word

that is gray

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Each animal is trying to find equivalent fractions. Check each animal's work. Put a check or an X next to each answer.

$\frac{1}{2}$ is equal to $\frac{3}{4}$. $\frac{1}{1}$ is equal to $\frac{8}{8}$. $\frac{1}{6}$ is equal to $\frac{2}{3}$.

$\frac{3}{6}$ is equal to $\frac{4}{6}$. $\frac{1}{3}$ is equal to $\frac{2}{6}$. $\frac{4}{8}$ is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$. $\frac{6}{8}$ is equal to $\frac{3}{4}$. $\frac{3}{3}$ is equal to $\frac{2}{2}$. $\frac{5}{6}$ is equal to $\frac{5}{8}$.

The animal with the most correct answers is NOT the animal you

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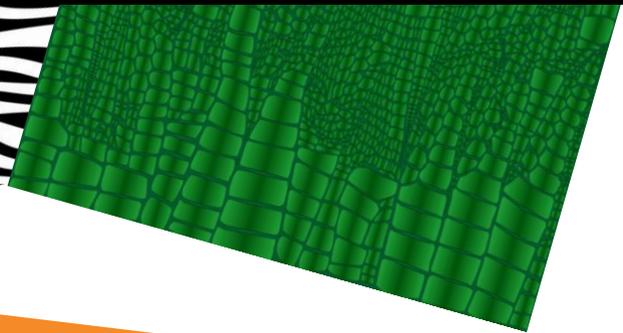
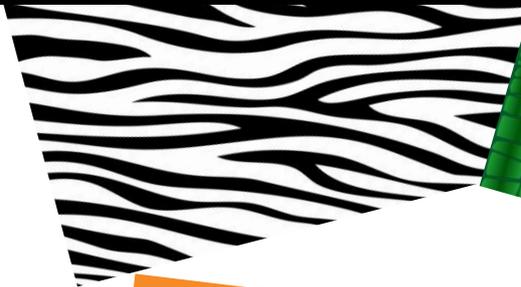
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$\frac{3}{3}$ is equal to $\frac{2}{2}$. $\frac{5}{6}$ is equal to $\frac{5}{8}$. $\frac{2}{8}$ is equal to $\frac{4}{6}$.

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Short & Long Options

2 MATH FACT OPTIONS!



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Name: _____

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

Letters: N O S T R I P E

The animal your group is with has: _____

Clue #2: Error Analysis

Check each animal's work. Put a check or an X next to each answer.

$1+4=5$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	$2+5=7$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	$6+8=15$ <input type="checkbox"/>
$5+8=13$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	$3+2=5$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	$3+3=9$ <input type="checkbox"/>
$7+6=14$ <input type="checkbox"/>	$7+9=16$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	$1+7=8$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
$2+9=11$ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	$6+1=5$ <input type="checkbox"/>	$9+4=13$ <input type="checkbox"/>

Clue #3: Detective Report

The Livingstone family was going on their very first safari and they were so excited to see $6+7=13$ different animals. They went to Kenya and arrived at their safari jeep, which could hold $4+14=18$ people. The safari began the Livingstones immediately spotted $5+9=14$ elephants in the distance. The safari guide saw $2+2=4$ elephants with them. Later, everyone saw a pride made of $3+7=10$ lions. The lions chased a group of $1+9=10$ zebras, who barely escaped into the plains. At the watering hole, the safari group saw $12+8=20$ tigers. Thinking the Livingstones had such an amazing safari, they couldn't wait to go on more safaris in the future.

The animal is: _____

N=18 B=13
T=10 W=20
R=9
O=4

Clue #4: The Safari Jeep

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

$96 \div 8 = 12$	$54 \div 9 = 6$	$60 \div 12 = 5$	$88 \div 8 = 11$	$18 \div 9 = 2$
$5 \div 5 = 1$	$99 \div 11 = 9$	$21 \div 7 = 3$	$40 \div 5 = 8$	$49 \div 7 = 7$
$110 \div 11 = 10$	$36 \div 9 = 4$			

Cross out the boxes with the following answers: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12

The letters that are left will reveal a message.

The animal has: **NO FUR**

Clue #5: Fill in the Blank

54 animal	21 group	24 green	6 not	10 full	44
5 mammal	11	7 an	12 the	56 yellow	9 whiskers
96 with	48 scales	8 that	108 isn't	2 spray	16 spots

Answer: Word

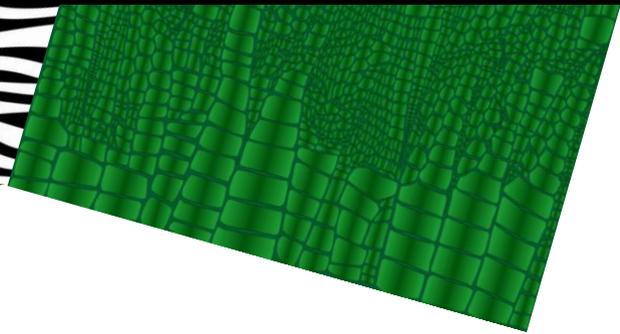
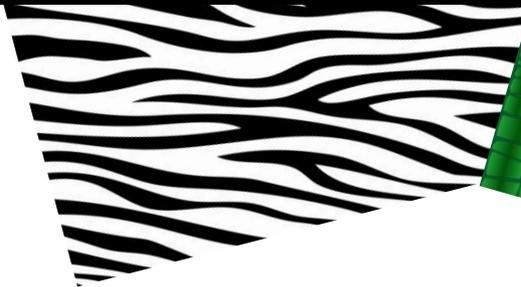
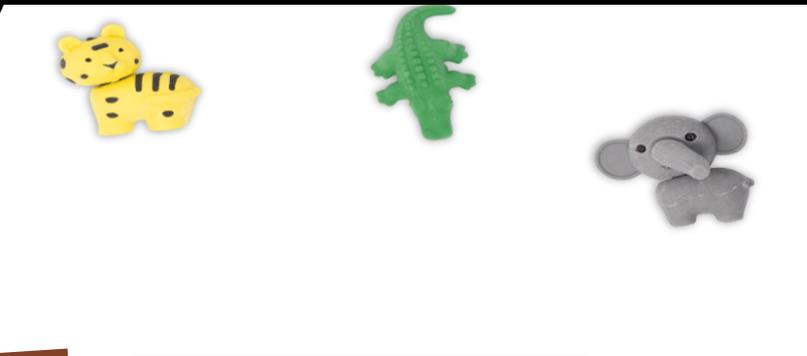
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$11 \div 12 = 11$ is	$6 \div 1 = 54$ animal	$20 \div 10 = 2$ gray

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.

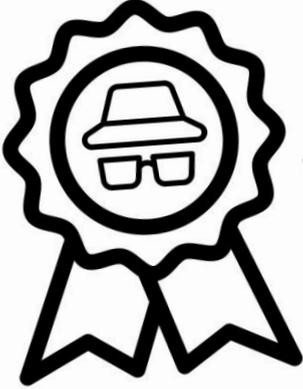
Same clues. Same mystery. Different math!

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

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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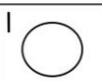
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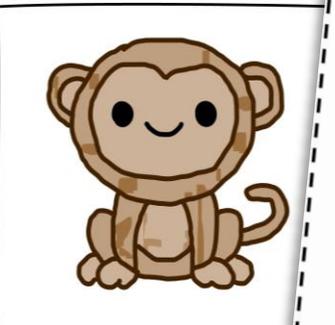
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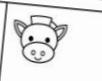
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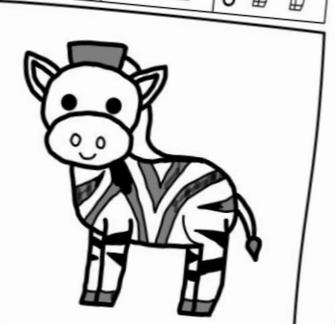
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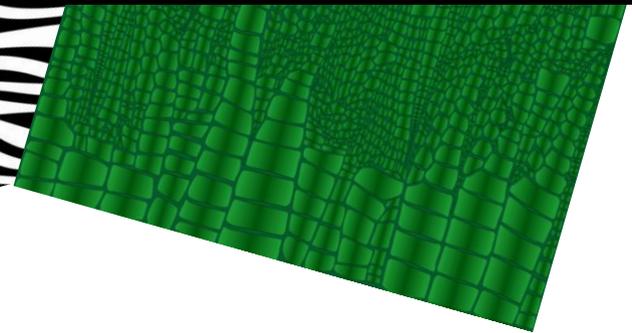
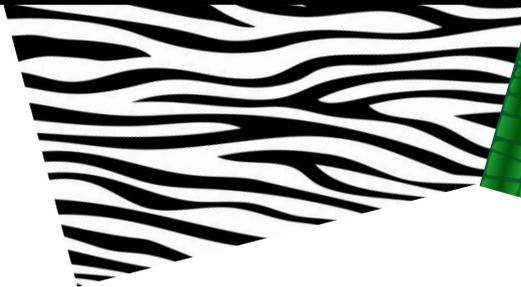
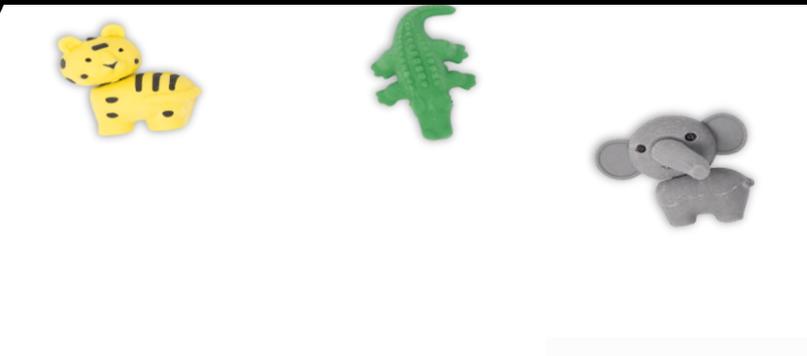
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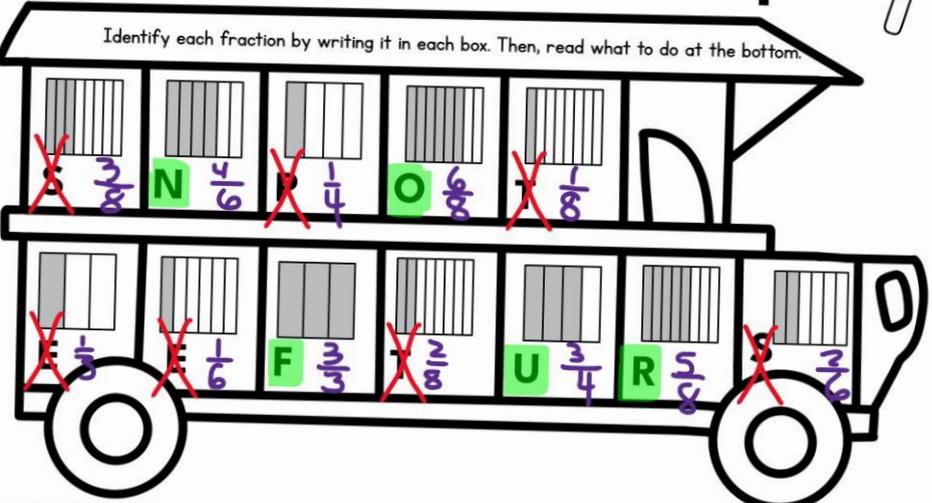
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Clue #4: The Safari Jeep 

Identify each fraction by writing it in each box. Then, read what to do at the bottom.



S $\frac{3}{8}$	N $\frac{1}{6}$	X $\frac{1}{4}$	O $\frac{6}{8}$	X $\frac{1}{8}$		
E $\frac{1}{5}$	X $\frac{1}{6}$	F $\frac{3}{3}$	X $\frac{2}{8}$	U $\frac{3}{4}$	R $\frac{5}{8}$	S $\frac{2}{6}$

Cross out the boxes with the following answers:
Any fraction less than $\frac{1}{2}$
The letters that are left will reveal a message.

The animal has: NO FUR

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In 3rd grade, this works well in small groups or in partners.

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$\frac{5}{8} > \frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{8}$	$\frac{2}{2} > \frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{5}{8} < \frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{6} > \frac{2}{4}$
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Answer: Word: The with that
= group > an < is
= is < animal = gray

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.

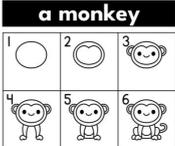
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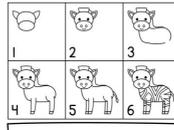
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LET'S DRAW...
a monkey



LET'S DRAW...
a zebra



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Name: _____

solve the mystery



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WHAT MAKES MATH MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

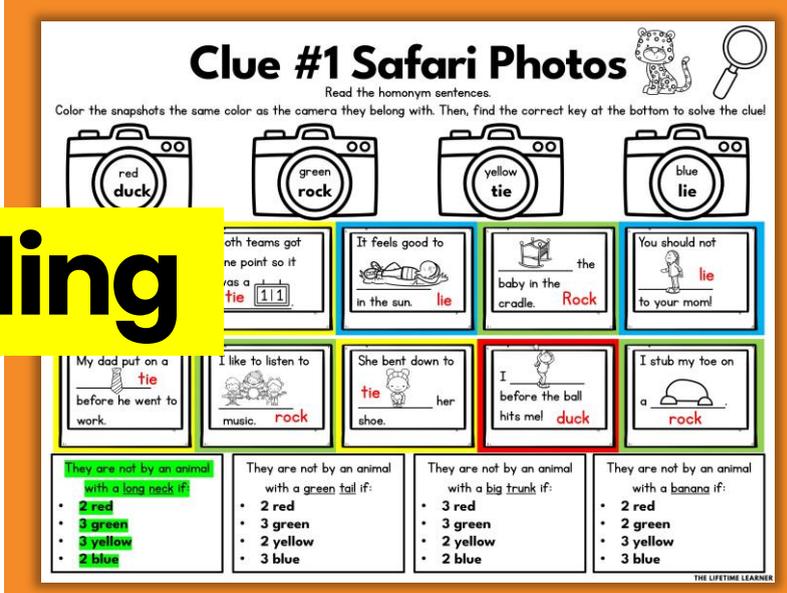
Math Mysteries aren't just a copy of Reading Mysteries!

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



Clue #1 Safari Photos
Read the homonym sentences.
Color the snapshots the same color as the camera they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

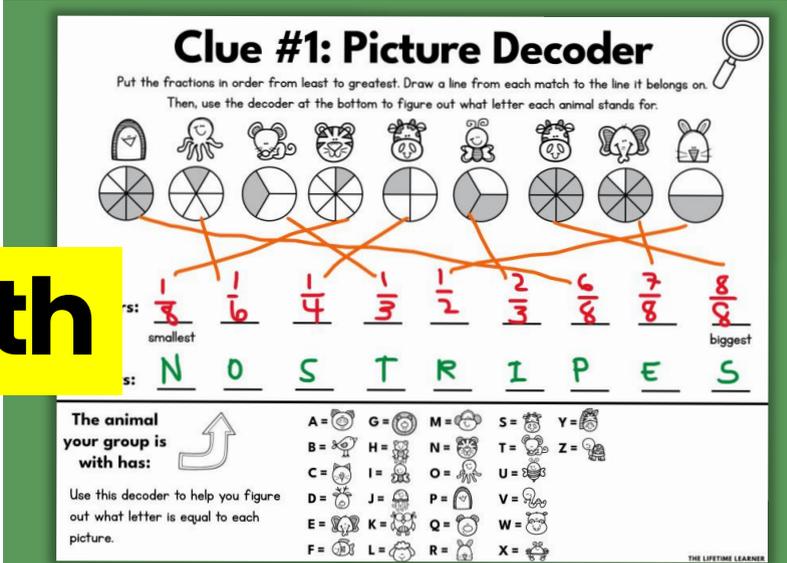
Cameras: red duck, green rock, yellow tie, blue lie

Sentences:
1. Both teams got one point so it was a tie. (tie)
2. It feels good to lie in the sun. (lie)
3. The baby in the cradle rocks. (Rock)
4. You should not lie to your mom! (lie)
5. My dad put on a tie before he went to work. (tie)
6. I like to listen to rock music. (rock)
7. She bent down to tie her shoe. (tie)
8. I stub my toe on a rock before the ball hits me! (duck)
9. I stub my toe on a rock. (rock)

Keys:
1. They are not by an animal with a long neck if:
• 2 red
• 3 green
• 3 yellow
• 2 blue
2. They are not by an animal with a green tail if:
• 2 red
• 3 green
• 2 yellow
• 3 blue
3. They are not by an animal with a big trunk if:
• 3 red
• 3 green
• 2 yellow
• 2 blue
4. They are not by an animal with a banana if:
• 2 red
• 2 green
• 3 yellow
• 3 blue

Example of Clue 1

Math



Clue #1: Picture Decoder
Put the fractions in order from least to greatest. Draw a line from each match to the line it belongs on.
Then, use the decoder at the bottom to figure out what letter each animal stands for.

Fractions: $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{6}{8}$, $\frac{7}{8}$, $\frac{8}{8}$
Order: smallest to biggest

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

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

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