

# WHAT IS THIS?



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Solve each question. Circle the right answer and color in the fish based on what each answer tells you. Then read the bottom.

**Clue #3: Detective Report**  
Once, I went scuba-diving in the ocean and saw more than  $41 \times 27$  sea creatures. First I

**Clue #4: The Scuba Diver**  
Put the correct answer in each box. Then, read what to do at the bottom.

**Clue #5: Fill in the Blank**

$1,900$ sharp	$4,047$ the	$770$ claws	$252$ that	$5,984$ is	$3,237$ nose
$3,198$ creature	$715$ teeth	$3,920$ has	$3,880$ gray	$792$ sea	$1,533$ saw
$1,824$ fins	$828$ saw	$4,176$ no	$5,916$ you	$1,512$ gills	$264$ fish

Answer: Word:      Answer: Word:      Answer: Word:

$71 \times 57$   $4647$  **The**       $12 \times 21$   $252$  **that**       $40 \times 98$   $3920$  **has**

$22 \times 36$   $792$  **sea**       $68 \times 87$   $5916$  **you**       $76 \times 25$   $1900$  **sharp**

$39 \times 82$   $3198$  **creature**       $21 \times 73$   $1533$  **saw**       $55 \times 14$   $770$  **claws**

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.

**solve the mystery**

**The Case of the Scuba Diver**

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

**What Did I See in the Ocean?**

Read the facts about each animal to help you solve the clues.

I have red fins. <del>Pufferfish</del>	I have yellow tentacles. <del>Octopus</del>	I have a blue nose. <del>Dolphin</del>	I have green tentacles. <del>Jellyfish</del>
I have red claws. <b>Crab</b>	I have a blue tail. <del>Shark</del>	I have a green shell. <del>Sea Turtle</del>	I have a yellow face. <del>Seahorse</del>

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

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out what sea creature you saw!

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

On your scuba diving trip, you had a great time exploring the sea. The problem is that you don't know which type of ocean creature you saw! Now, you need to solve some clues to figure out which animal it was. Solve the mystery so you can tell your friends about your scuba adventure.

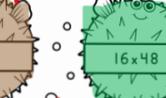
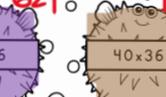
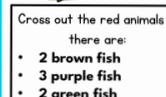
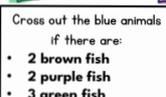
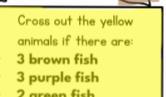
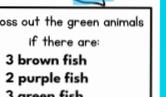
1. Take a list of sea animals and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which animal you saw.
3. Cross out the wrong animals each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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## Clue #1: Sorting Fish

Figure out the answer to each fish. Color the fish the same color as the box they belong in. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

 1,440 brown	 624 purple	 768 green	 210 blue
 48x13	 21x10	 96x15	 16x48
 72x20	 32x24	 39x16	 40x36
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<p>Cross out the red animals if there are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 brown fish</li> <li>• 3 purple fish</li> <li>• 2 green fish</li> <li>• 3 blue fish</li> </ul>	<p>Cross out the blue animals if there are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 brown fish</li> <li>• 2 purple fish</li> <li>• 3 green fish</li> <li>• 3 blue fish</li> </ul>	<p>Cross out the yellow animals if there are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 brown fish</li> <li>• 2 purple fish</li> <li>• 2 green fish</li> <li>• 2 blue fish</li> </ul>	<p>Cross out the green animals if there are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 brown fish</li> <li>• 2 purple fish</li> <li>• 3 green fish</li> <li>• 2 blue fish</li> </ul>
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THE LIFETIME LEARNER

## What Did I See in the Ocean?

Read the facts about each animal to help you solve the clues.

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

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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what sea creature to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the scuba diver will be solved!



# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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Solve each question. Circle the right answer and color in the fish based on what each answer.

**Clue #3: Detective Report**  
Once, I went scuba-diving in the ocean and saw more than 41x27 sea creatures. First, I saw an orange fish with 30/10 spots. Then, I saw a sea turtle with 1197 babies. Out at sea, I saw 26x32 were flying around above the 912 back to shore, I saw a 3596 where I picked up 2,632

**3 Clue Version**

The creature does not have:  
~~T~~ ~~E~~ ~~N~~ ~~T~~ ~~A~~ ~~C~~ ~~L~~ ~~E~~ ~~S~~  
 Figure out each answer. Then, use the decoder to figure out the clue.

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**Clue #3: Detective Report**  
Put the correct answer in each box. Then, read what to do at the bottom.

**Clue #4: The Scuba Diver**  
Put the correct answer in each box. Then, read what to do at the bottom.

**Clue #5: Fill in the Blank**

1,900	4,047	770	252	5,984	3,237
3,198	715	3,920	3,880	792	1,533
1,824					

Answer: 4647 792 3198 1533 770 claws

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.

**5 Clue Version**

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Cross out the blue animals if there are:  
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 • 3 green fish  
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Cross out the yellow animals if there are:  
 • 3 brown fish  
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 • 2 green fish  
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 • 3 green fish  
 • 2 blue fish

Short & Long Options

# 2 MATH FACT OPTIONS!

### What Did I See in the Ocean?

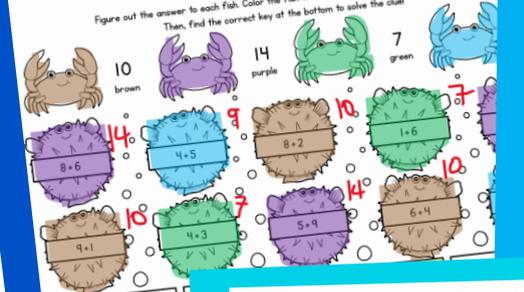
Read the facts about each animal to help you solve the clues.

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I have red claws. 	I have a blue tail. 	I have a green shell. 	I have a yellow face. 
<b>Crab</b>	<b>Shark</b>	<b>Sea Turtle</b>	<b>Seahorse</b>

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

### Clue #1: Sorting Fish

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Cross out the red animals if there are:

- 2 brown fish
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### Clue #2: Color the Fish

Solve each question. Circle the right answer and color in the fish based on what each answer tells you. Then read the bottom.

18-8      9-4      15-7

A. 12 - green stripes      A. 8 - red nose      A. 8 - orange fins  
 B. 11 - red stripes      B. 5 - blue nose      B. 9 - purple fins  
 C. 10 - yellow stripes      C. 11 - green nose      C. 10 - red fins  
 D. 9 - blue stripes      D. 13 - yellow nose      D. 11 - green fins

12-6      17-10      6-2

A. 4 - pink bubbles      A. 4 - orange seaweed      A. 4 - purple eyes  
 B. 6 - blue bubbles      B. 5 - yellow seaweed      B. 5 - red eyes  
 C. 8 - gray bubbles      C. 6 - blue seaweed      C. 7 - blue eyes  
 D. 10 - orange bubbles      D. 7 - gray seaweed      D. 8 - white eyes



### Clue #4: The Scuba Diver

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

			
18 ÷ 6 R <b>3</b> X	81 ÷ 9 S <b>9</b>	48 ÷ 8 H <b>6</b>	20 ÷ 5 A <b>4</b> X
35 ÷ 7 E <b>5</b>	72 ÷ 9 D <b>8</b> X	14 ÷ 7 L <b>2</b>	63 ÷ 9 L <b>7</b>

Cross out the boxes with the following answers:  
3, 8, 4

The letters that are left will reveal a message.

The creature does not have a: **Shell**

### Clue #3: Detective Report

I went scuba-diving in the ocean and saw more than  $8+6$  sea creatures. First, I saw an orange fish with  $9+9$  spots. Then, I saw a sea turtle with  $2+3$  babies. At sea, I saw  $10+6$  sharks and  $1+7$  dolphins!  $11+4$  seagulls were flying and above them. I also saw  $5+10$  crabs crawling along the sand. On my way back to shore, I saw a giant blue whale eating  $13+6$  fish. I swam away and got to the shore. I picked up  $4+2$  seashells.

The creature does not have:

C=10	N=16
T=8	E=5
E=19	T=6

### Clue #5: Fill in the Blank

6 sharp	35 the	21 slow	9 that	25 is	60 nose
12 creature	72 teeth	54 has	14 gray	8 sea	7 saw
22 fins	2 saw	32 no	64 you	40 gills	5 fish

Answer: Word      Answer: Word      Answer: Word

5x7 <b>35</b> <b>The</b>	72 ÷ 8 <b>9</b> <b>that</b>	6x9 <b>54</b> <b>has</b>
32 ÷ 4 <b>8</b> <b>sea</b>	8x8 <b>64</b> <b>you</b>	24 ÷ 4 <b>6</b> <b>sharp</b>
4x3 <b>12</b> <b>creature</b>	63 ÷ 9 <b>7</b> <b>saw</b>	7x3 <b>21</b> <b>claws</b>

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.

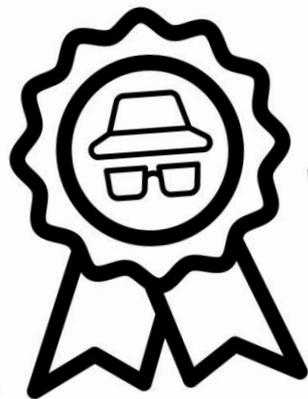
Same clues. Same mystery. Different math!

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

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

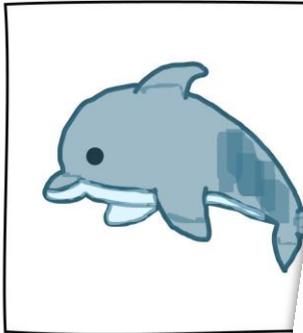
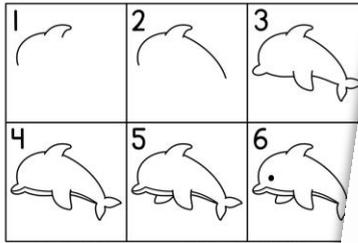
You solved the mystery!

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Date

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Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...

a dolphin



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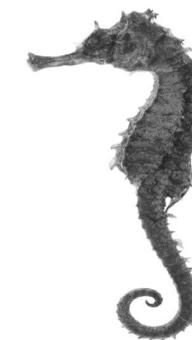
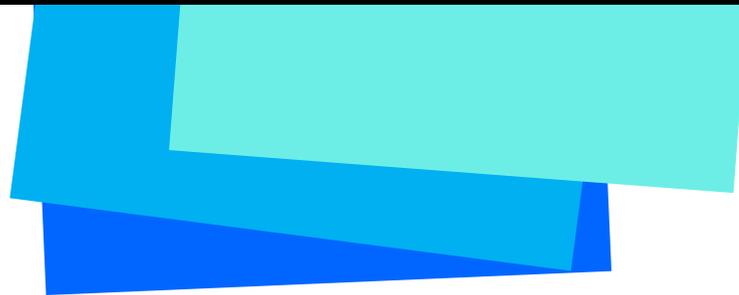
a fish



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

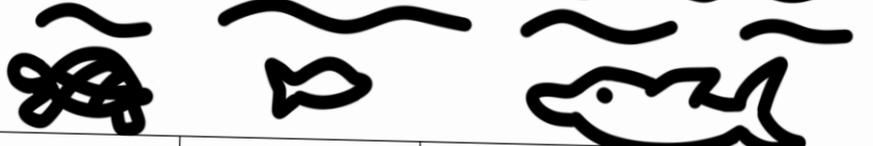
# MATH MYSTERY BENEFITS



- 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 Scuba Diver** 

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



$88 \times 26$ <del>R</del> <del>X</del> 2288	$47 \times 49$ S 2303	$63 \times 19$ H 1197	$42 \times 57$ <del>A</del> <del>X</del> 2394
$15 \times 26$ E 390	$52 \times 37$ D 1924 <del>X</del>	$71 \times 94$ L 6674	$39 \times 68$ L 2652

Cross out the boxes with the following answers:  
**2288, 1924, 2394**

The letters that are left will reveal a message.

The creature does not have a:  
**Shell**

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In 4<sup>th</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.

## MATH MYSTERIES ARE EXACTLY WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

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Solve each equation by crossing out the fish in the tanks. Color the fish the same color as the box they belong to. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

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**Clue #3: Detective Report**  
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**Clue #4: The Sharks**  
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The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

**Lindsay**

You solved the mystery!

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Date Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...  
a dolphin

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LET'S DRAW...  
a fish

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**Where is the Gold?**  
Figure out where the leprechaun hid the gold by solving the clues.

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

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**solve the mystery**

The Case of the Scuba Diver

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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: Error Analysis

Was the correct word chosen in each sentence? Put a check or an X next to each answer. Read the hint from the animal with the most correct answers.

Animal	Clue	Word	Correct?
Shark	I have sharp claws. You did not see any.	verb	✓
	The crab hid under a big board.	noun	✗
	The crab goes on the boat to sail.	adjective	✗
Sea Turtle	I have sharp teeth. You did not see any sharp teeth!	adverb	✓
	The friendly shark will meet other fish.	adjective	✓
	The shark has a strong tail.	noun	✓
Sea Turtle	I have a green shell. You did not see a green shell.	noun	✓
	Its shell is blue and green.	adverb	✗
	The shell is very plain and smooth.	pronoun	✓

Example of Clue 1

Math

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Animal	Value	Color
Crab	1,440	brown
Crab	624	purple
Crab	768	green
Crab	210	blue

624	210	1440	768	624
21x10	96x15	16x48	26x24	
1440	768	624	1440	210
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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.



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TO **SAVE BIG!**

