

WHAT IS THIS?



Students complete a series of clues to figure out where Santa is!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Oh no! SANTA IS MISSING!! It's your job to figure out where he is. Solve the clues to figure out where Santa is and solve the mystery!

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



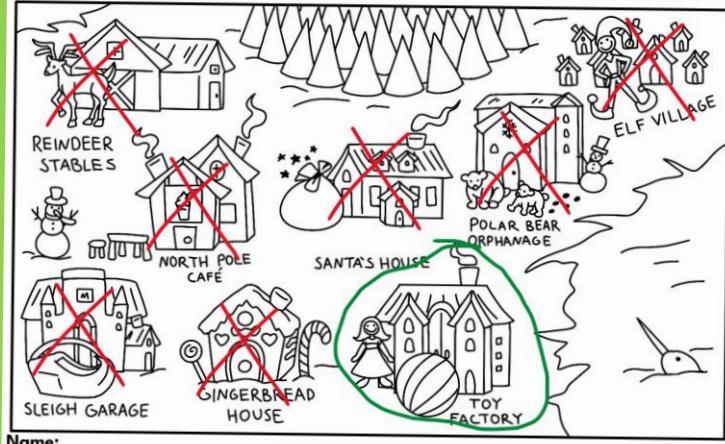
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3= village	 Santa		
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8= cafe			
9= the			
10= one	 garage		

The North Pole

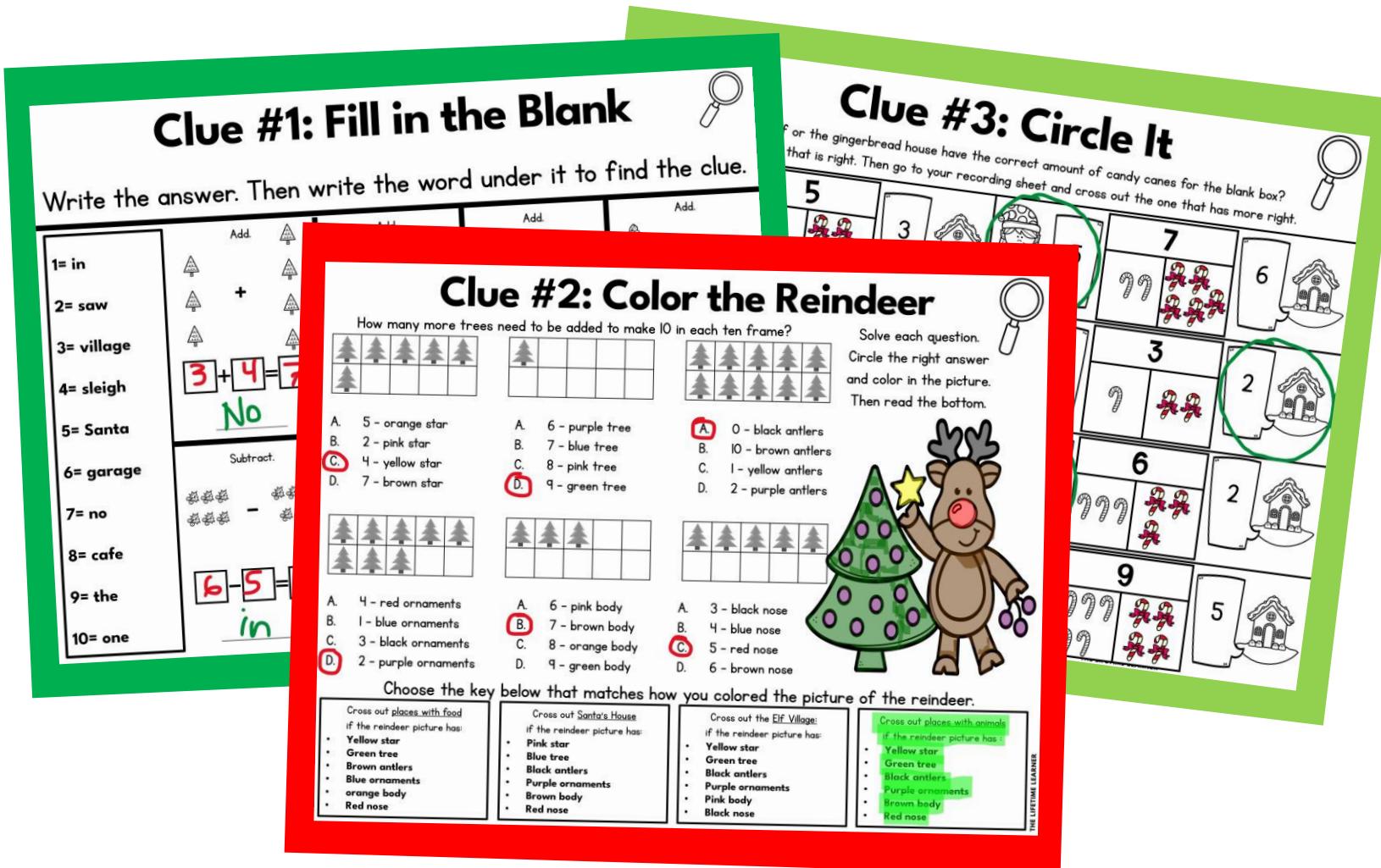
As you solve each clue, cross out the places that Santa is not located at. The place left at the end will reveal Santa's location!



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

When all clues are completed, “The Mystery of the Missing Santa” will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE



- Add with Pictures
- Subtract with Pictures
- Making 10 with Ten Frames
- Decompose Numbers to 10
- Add & Subtract to 5
- Teen Numbers
- Christmas-Themed
- Error Analysis Practice

All clues focus on reviewing kindergarten math standards!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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Clue #2: Color the Reindeer

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Clue #3: Circle It

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Clue #4: The Presents

First, write the answer on each Christmas present. Then, read what to do in the box at the bottom.

Clue #5: Milk & Cookies

Write each teen number in each box.

5 Clue Version

What answer do you see the most?

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THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Print & Digital Forms

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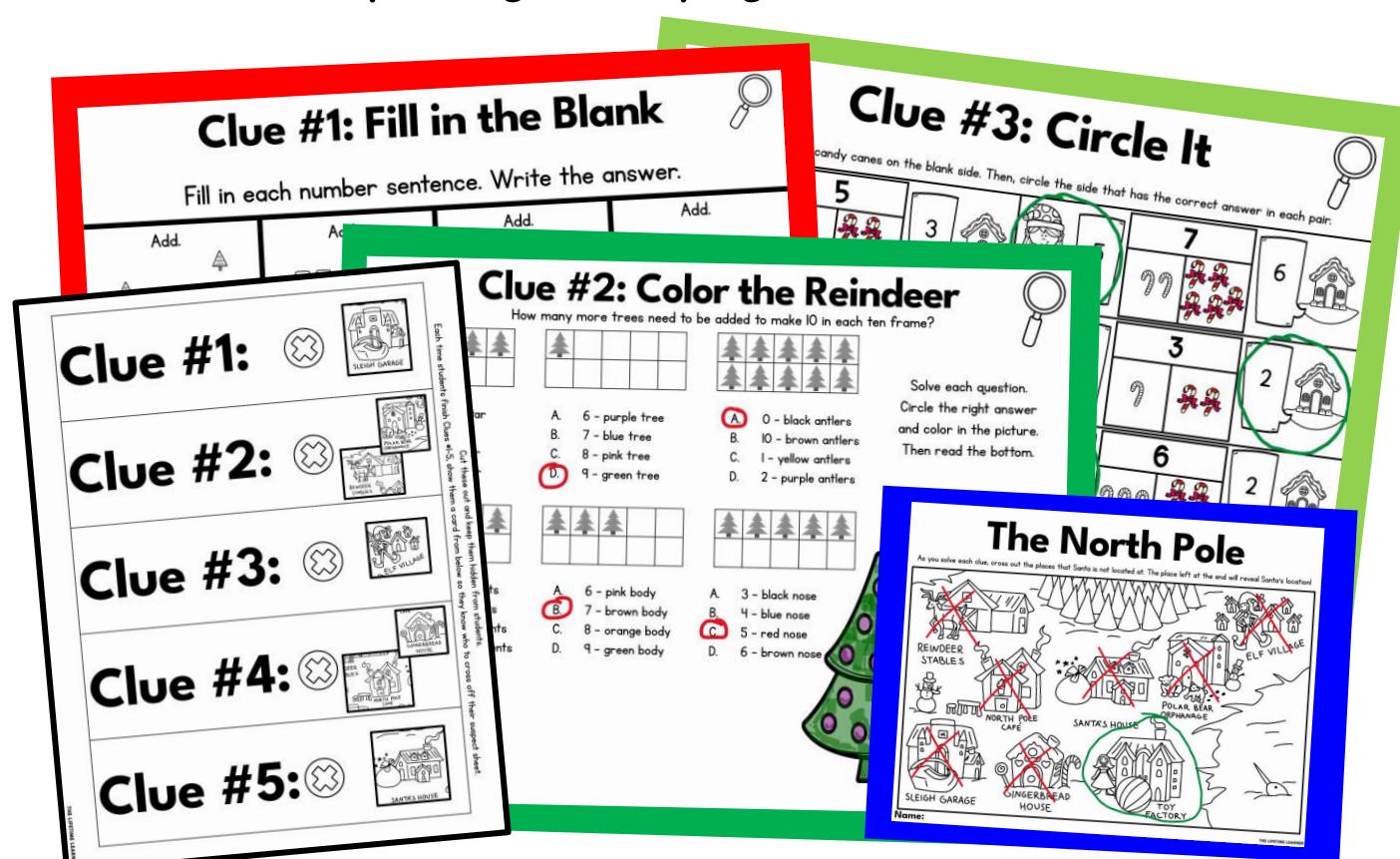
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Short & Long Options

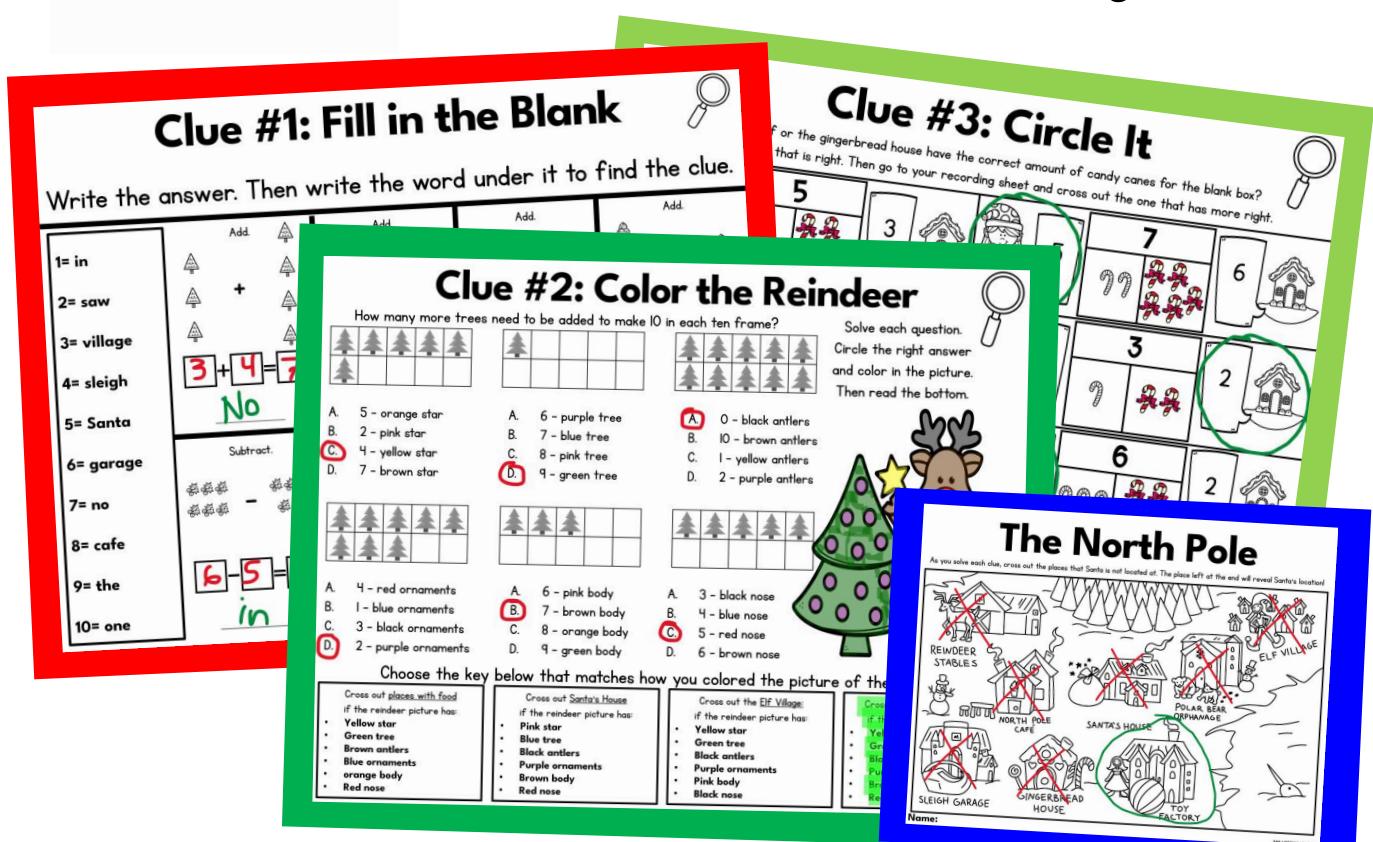
EASY & HARD OPTIONS

1. Students do the math on each clue page.
2. There is minimal reading on every page.
3. Students are handed a card showing what to cross out after completing each page.



Easy Version

1. Students do the math on each clue page.
2. Teachers help students read the words on each clue page to figure out the mystery "hints".
3. Students use "hints" to cross out wrong answers.



Hard Version

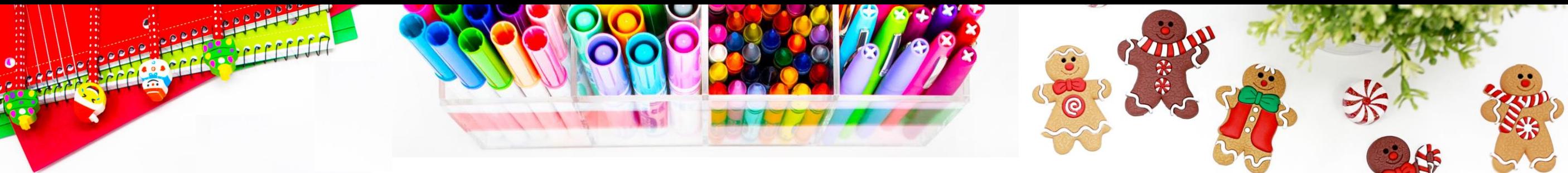
MATH FACT VERSION!



Same clues. Same mystery. Different math!

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

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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 Presents
First, write the answer on each Christmas present. Then, read what to do in the box at the bottom.

3+2	1+4	2+2	2+3	4+1	0+5
5 X	5 X	4	5 X	5 X	5 X
toy	food	food	toy	elf	elf

Cross out the boxes with:
the answer 5
What word is left? Write it on the blank.

Santa is not around any **FOOD**.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

In kindergarten, this works well as a whole group lesson or in small groups at the teacher table.

Kindergarteners will need teacher support to read & understand the clues/directions

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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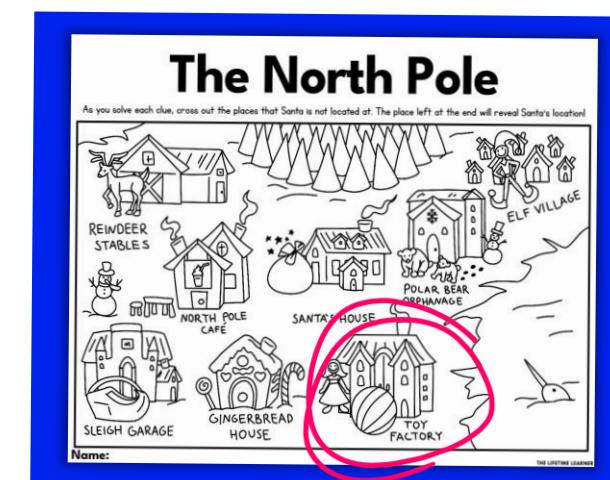
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$10+8$	18
$10+4$	14
$10+9$	19
$10+7$	17
$7+10$	17
$10+2$	12
$3+10$	13

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The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:
 Lindsay
You solved the mystery!
1/2 SW
Date Presented by:



LET'S DRAW... a Santa Claus
1 2 3
4 5 6 Color It!


LET'S DRAW... christmas tree
1 2 3
4 5 6 Color It!


solve the mystery



The Case of the Missing Santa

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

Clue #1: Read It Like a Book

Color the boxes that are true. Cross out the boxes that are not true.

Read the words at the top of each box you colored from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

Santa	will	is
I see a fox.	I see a bag.	I see a cat.
in	He can sit.	his
nap.	I see a kid.	I see a hat.
if	set	bed
I see a dog.	I see a ham.	I see a box.
hep	set	He has a sip.
Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong place off your list.		
SANTA IS NOT IN HIS BED		

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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Write the answer. Then write the word under it to find the clue.

1= in	Add. + 3 + 4 = 7 <u>No</u>	Add. + 6 + 4 = 10 <u>one</u>	Add. + 1 + 1 = 2 <u>saw</u>	Add. + 3 + 2 = 5 <u>Santa</u>
2= saw	+	+	+	+
3= no	Subtract. - 6 - 5 = 1 <u>in</u>	Subtract. - 10 - 1 = 9 <u>the</u>	Subtract. - 6 - 2 = 4 <u>sleigh</u>	Subtract. - 8 - 2 = 6 <u>garage</u>
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THE LIFETIME LEARNER

KEEP THE FUN GOING!

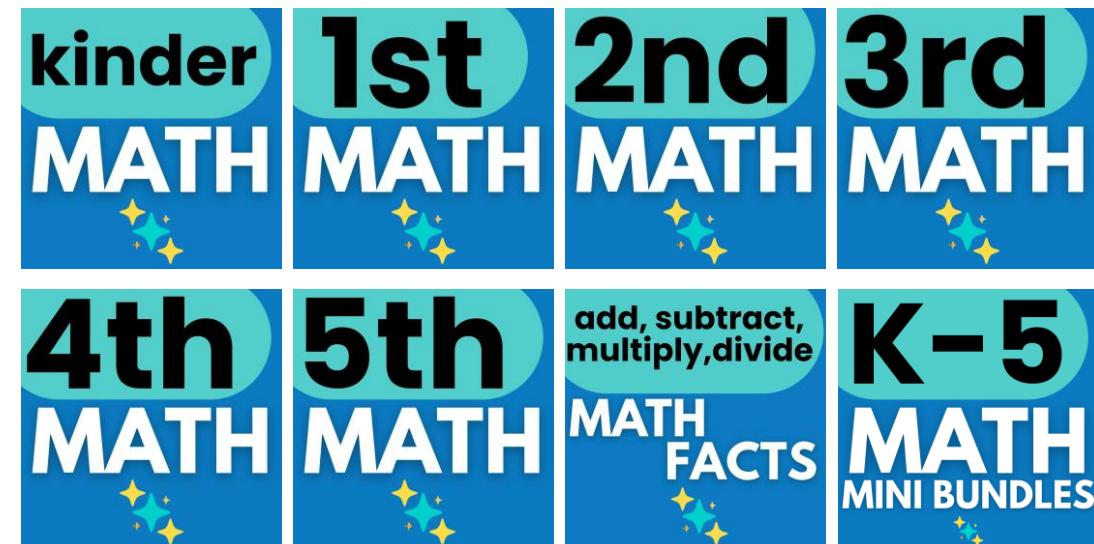
GRAB A READING MYSTERY:

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!

