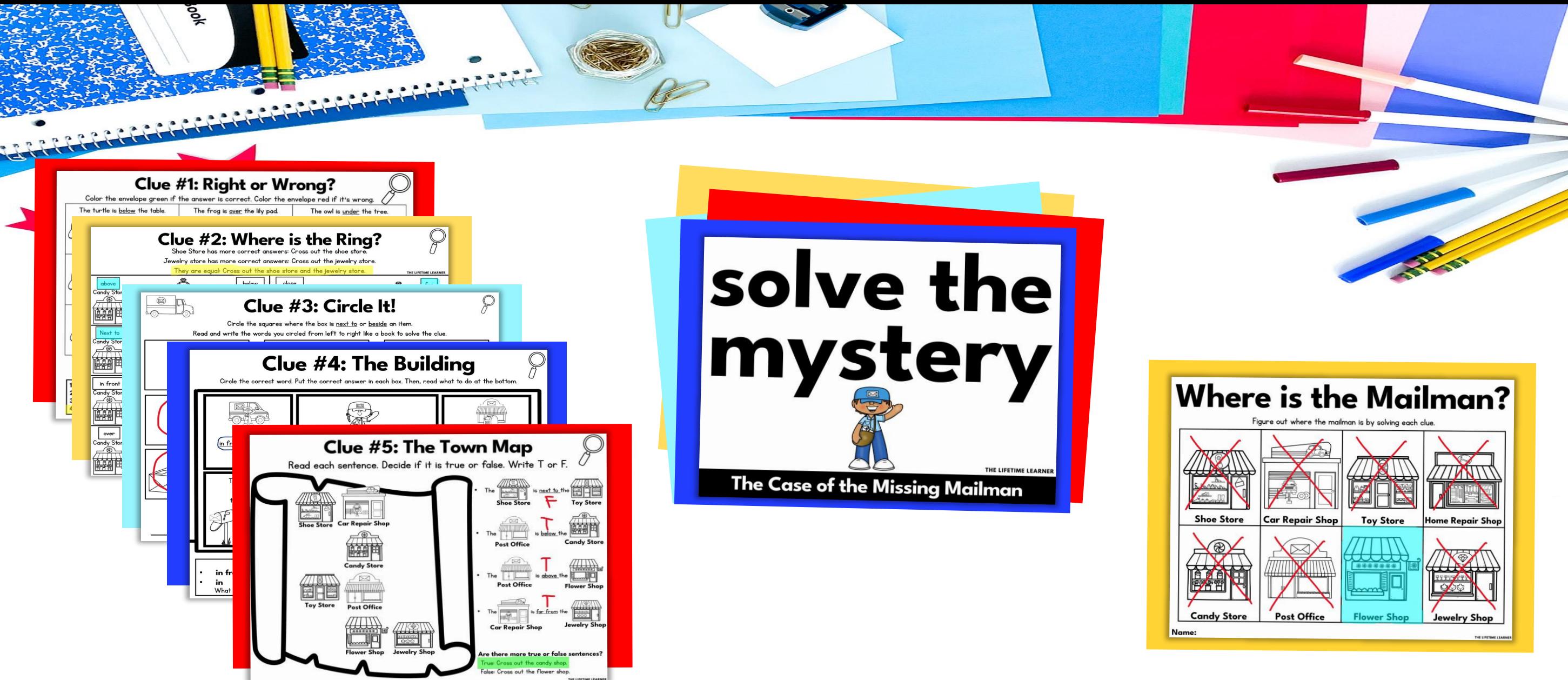
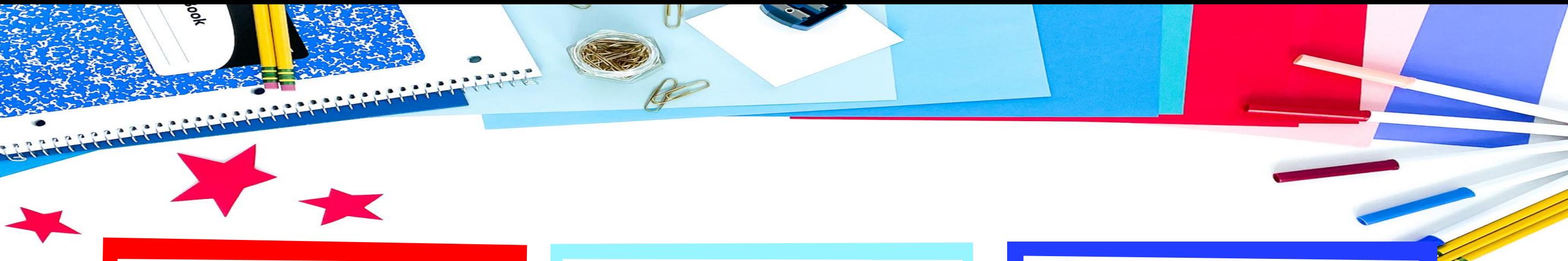


# WHAT IS THIS?



Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the missing mailman is!

# HOW TO PLAY



Three red stars are scattered across the page.

## 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.

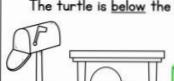
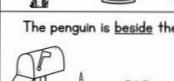
1. Take a list of places and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the mailman is.
3. Cross out wrong places each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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### Clue #1: Right or Wrong?

Color the envelope green if the answer is correct. Color the envelope red if it's wrong.

The turtle is <u>below</u> the table.	The frog is <u>over</u> the lily pad.	The owl is <u>under</u> the tree.
		
The fish is <u>out</u> of the bowl.	The bunny is <u>off</u> the sofa.	The dragon is <u>in front of</u> the castle.
		
The penguin is <u>beside</u> the bear.	The bird is <u>above</u> the clouds.	The unicorn is <u>below</u> the flowers.
		

How many answers were correct?

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2 Correct = Cross out the toy store.  
3 Correct = Cross out the shoe store.  
4 Correct = Cross out the post office.

5 Correct = Cross out the flower shop.  
6 Correct = Cross out the car repair shop.  
7 Correct = Cross out the candy store.  
8 Correct = Cross out the home repair shop.

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## Where is the Mailman?

Figure out where the mailman is by solving each clue.

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

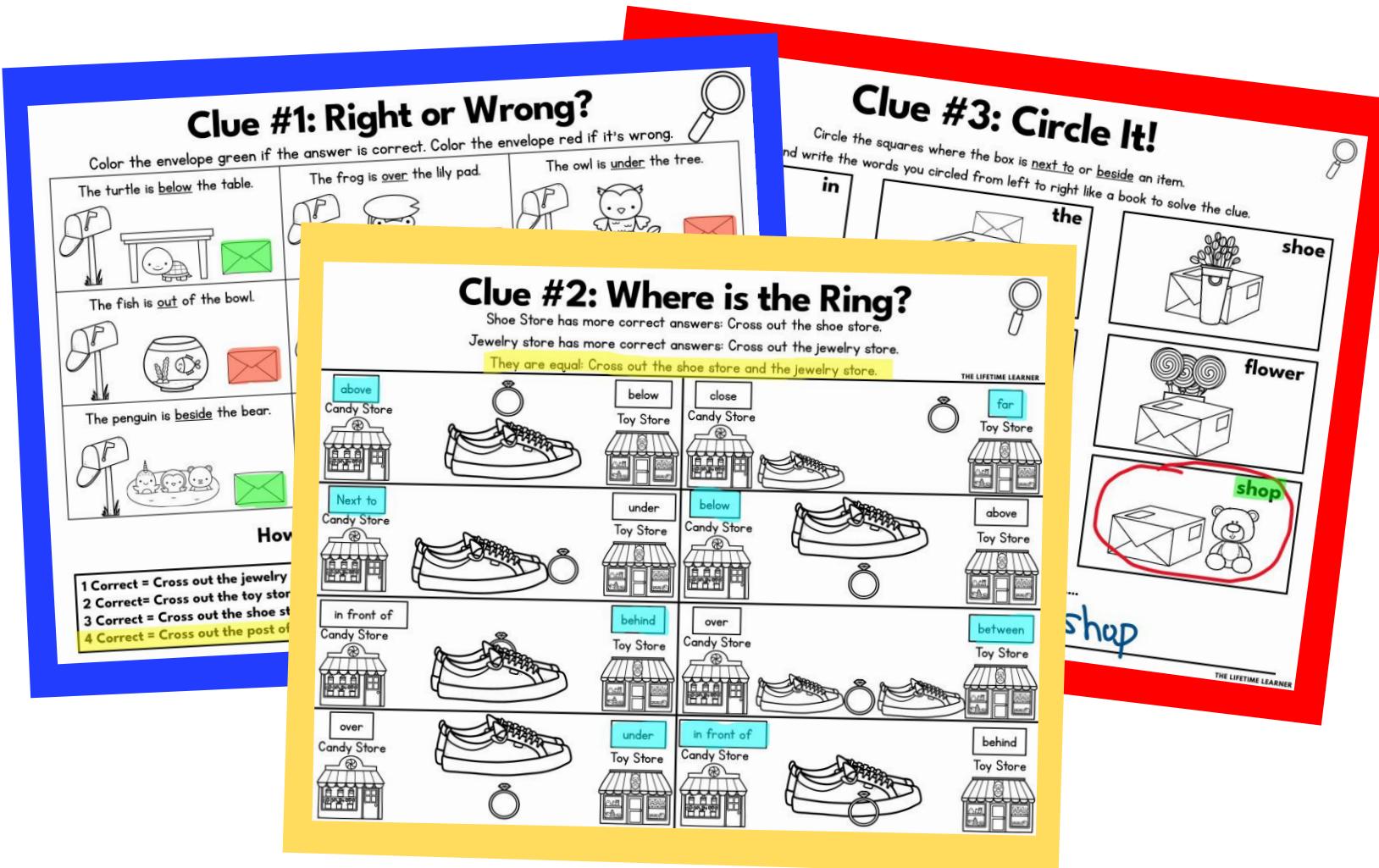
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place(s) to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing mailman will be solved!

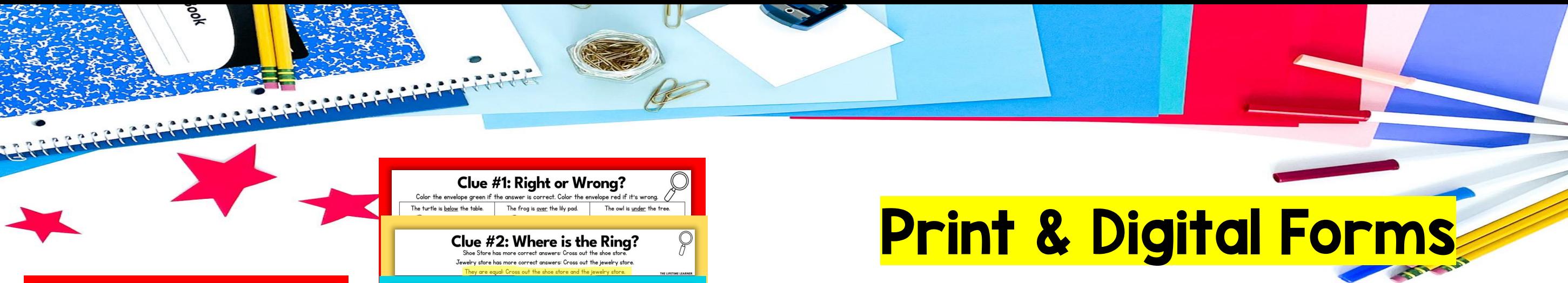
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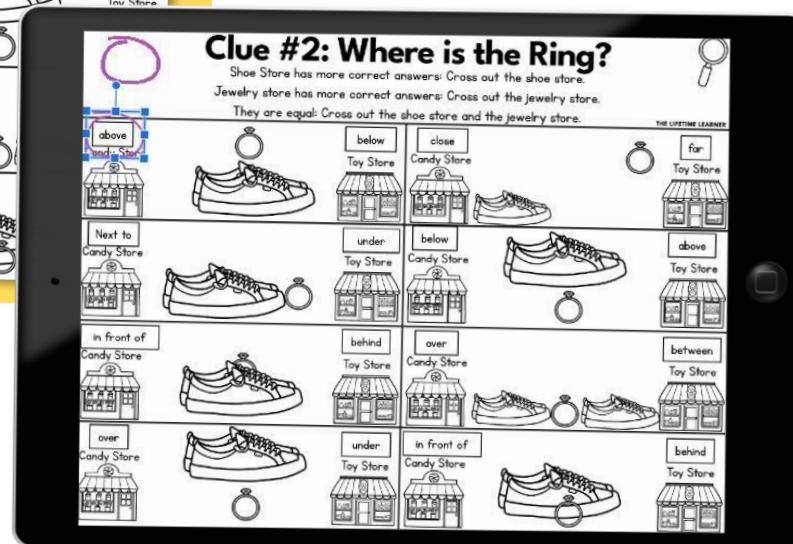
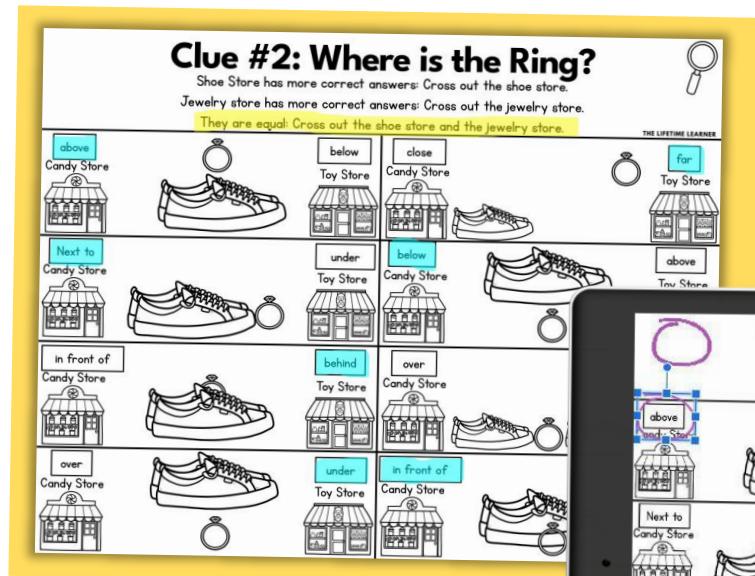
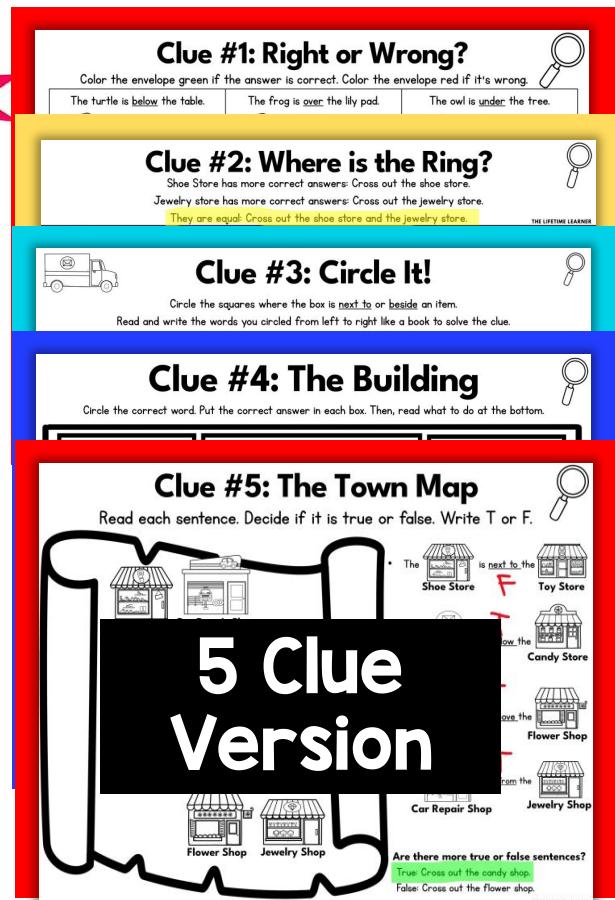
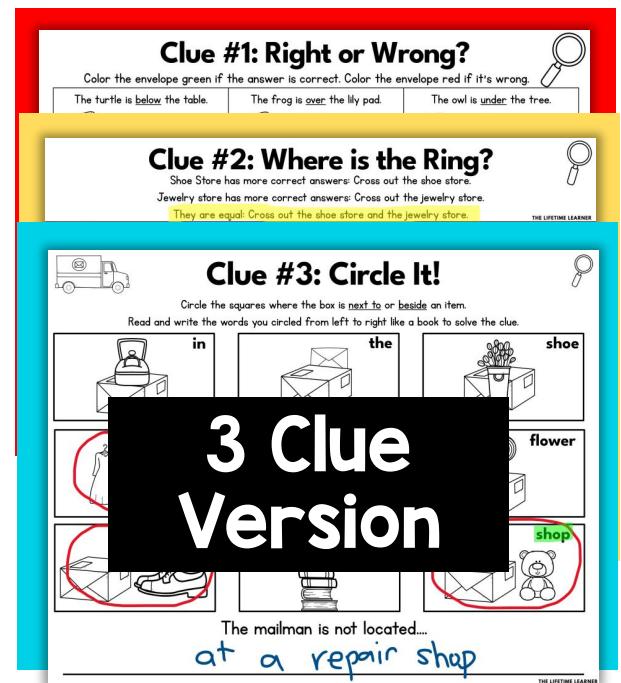
- Positional Terms
- Mailman-Themed
- Error Analysis Practice

All clues focus on reviewing Kindergarten skills!

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



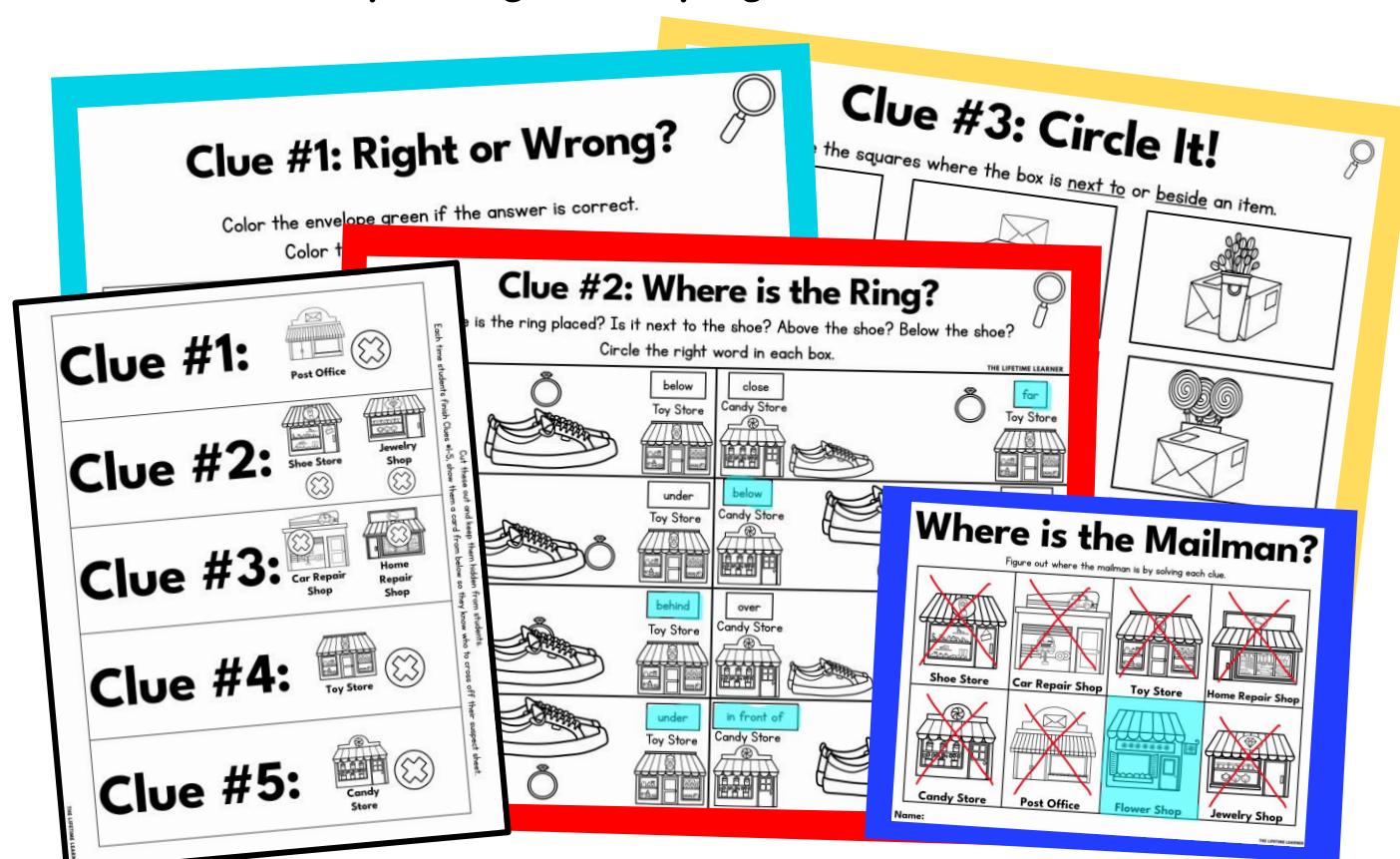
# Print & Digital Forms



# Short & Long Options

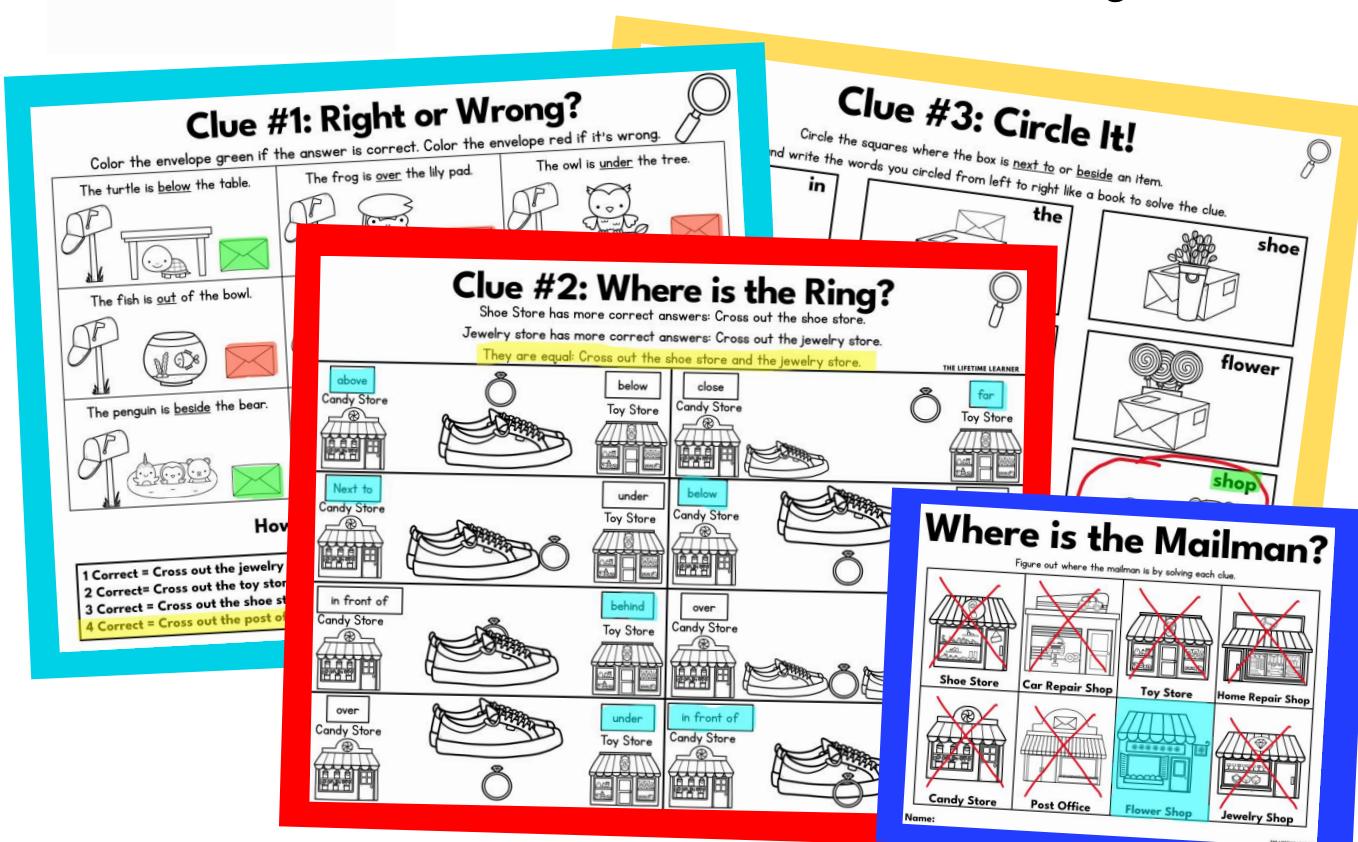
# EASY & HARD OPTIONS

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.



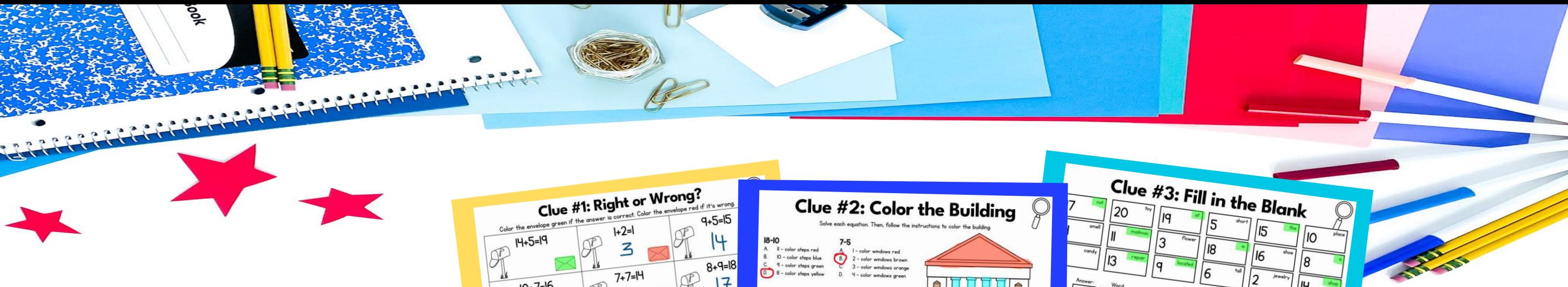
**Easy Version**

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!



Three red stars are scattered across the white background.

**Where is the Mailman?**  
Figure out where the mailman is by solving each clue.

X	X	X	X
X	X	(Correct)	X

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

**Clue #1: Right or Wrong?**  
Color the envelope green if the answer is correct. Color the envelope red if it's wrong.

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

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

**Clue #2: Color the Building**  
Solve each equation. Then, follow the instructions to color the building.

$18-10$	$7-5$
A: 8 - color steps red B: 10 - color steps blue C: 9 - color steps green D: 8 - color steps yellow	A: 1 - color windows red B: 2 - color windows brown C: 3 - color windows orange D: 4 - color windows green
$9-4$	$13-7$
A: 4 - color pillars red B: 5 - color pillars blue C: 6 - color pillars green D: 7 - color pillars yellow	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**  
Cross out the word if it's not the correct answer. Then, write the correct word in the blank.

7 not	19 off	5 short	15 the	10 place
1 smell	2 mailman	3 flower	16 those	8
11 repair	13 located	6 tall	2 jewelry	14 shop
9 candy	10 Answer: 17 not	11 Word: mailman	12 Word: a	13 repair
14 shop	10 Answer: 9 located	11 Word: 10	12 Word: 13 repair	14 shape

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

$14-6$	$18-3$	$11-5$	$14-3$	$19-9$
(Red)	(Red)	(Red)	(Green)	(Red)
$8-4$	$13-6$	$20-7$	$18-9$	$16-2$
(Red)	(Red)	(Red)	(Red)	(Red)
$19-10$				$5-2$
(Red)				(Red)

Cross out these answers: 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15  
What letters are left? Write them on the line.  
The mailman is at a place that smells Good.

**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.

7	15	4	19	5	1	17
1	15	1	15	5	1	17
9	1	1	1	1	1	1

Answers: 4 9 7 19 15 5 1 17

Letters: C A N P L A N T

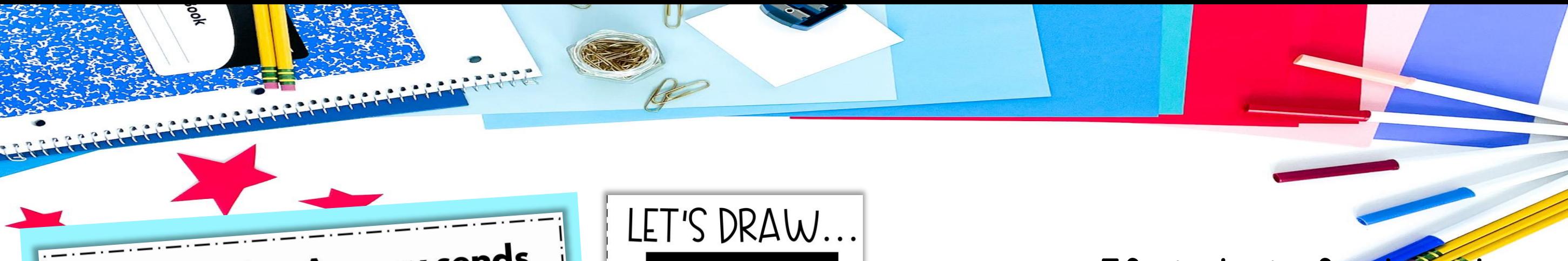
The mailman is at a place with something you...  
Use this decoder to help you figure out what letter is equal to each picture.

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

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!

11/2 **SW**

Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

news

1	2	3
4	5	6

NEWS

LET'S DRAW... a house

1	2	3
4	5	6

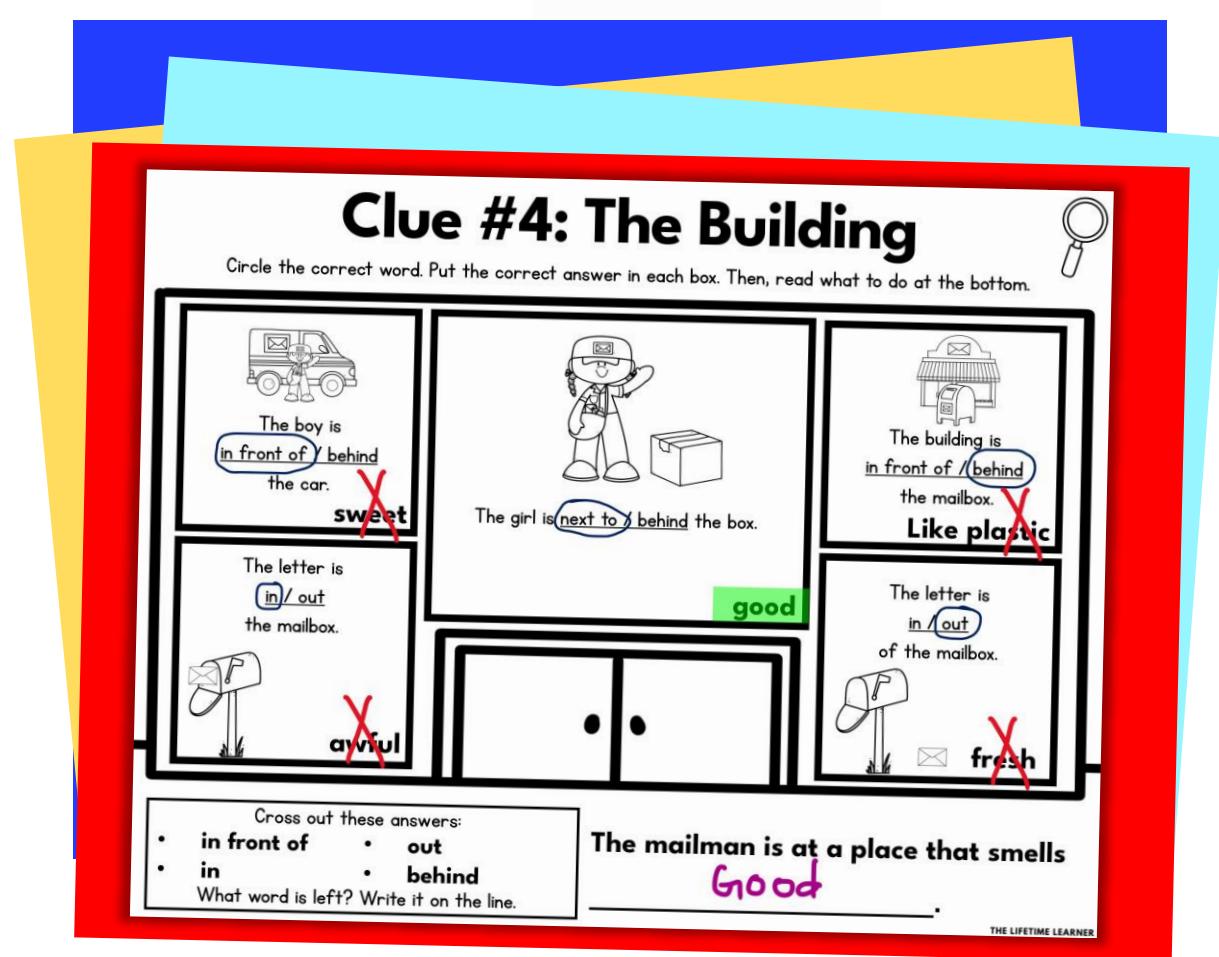


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

# 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



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!

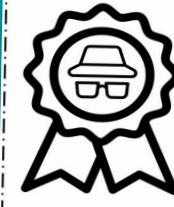
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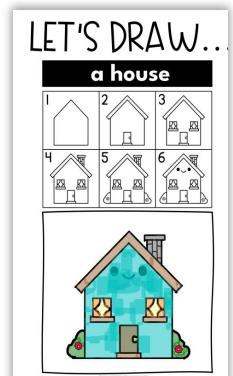
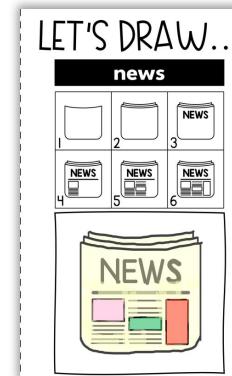
**Clue #2: Where is the Ring?**  
Shoe Store has more correct answers: Cross out the shoe store.  
Jewelry store has more correct answers: Cross out the jewelry store.  
They are equal: Cross out the shoe store and the jewelry store.

**Clue #3: Fill in the Blank**  
above Candy Store below Candy Store close Candy Store for Toy Store

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

**Clue #5: The Town Map**  
Read each sentence. Decide if it is true or false. Write T or F.  
Shoe Store Car Repair Shop Candy Store Toy Store Post Office Flower Shop Jewelry Shop

**The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:**  
 Lindsay  
You solved the mystery!  
11/2 SW  
Date Presented by:



**Where is the Mailman?**  
Figure out where the mailman is by solving each clue.

- The Shoe Store is next to the Toy Store.  F
- The Post Office is below the Candy Store.  T
- The Post Office is above the Flower Shop.  T
- The Candy Store is far from the Car Repair Shop.  T

Are there more true or false sentences?  
True: Cross out the candy shop.  
False: Cross out the flower shop.

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

### Example of Clue 1

**Clue #1: Sorting Letters**

Color the letters the same color as the box they belong in. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

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## 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!

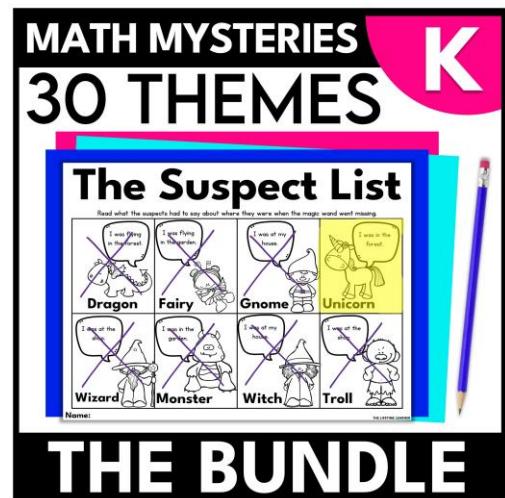


## MORE MATH MYSTERIES:

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



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