

# WHAT IS THIS?



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

Are there more true or false sentences?  
True: Cross out the candy shop.  
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**solve the  
mystery**

**The Case of the Missing Mailman**

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

**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

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

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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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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

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The fish is out of the bowl.



The penguin is beside the bear.



How

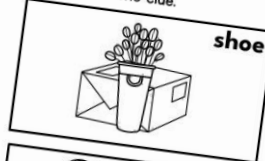
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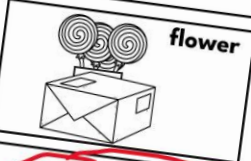
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in

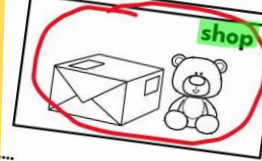
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shoe



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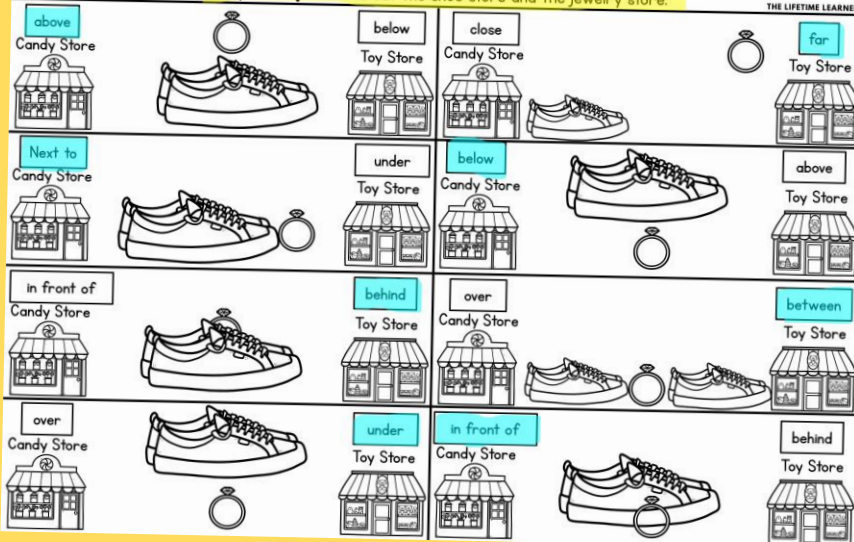


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**All clues focus on reviewing Kindergarten skills!**

- Positional Terms
- Mailman-Themed
- Error Analysis Practice



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Print & Digital Forms

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in    the    shoe  
flower  
shop

The mailman is not located...  
at a repair shop

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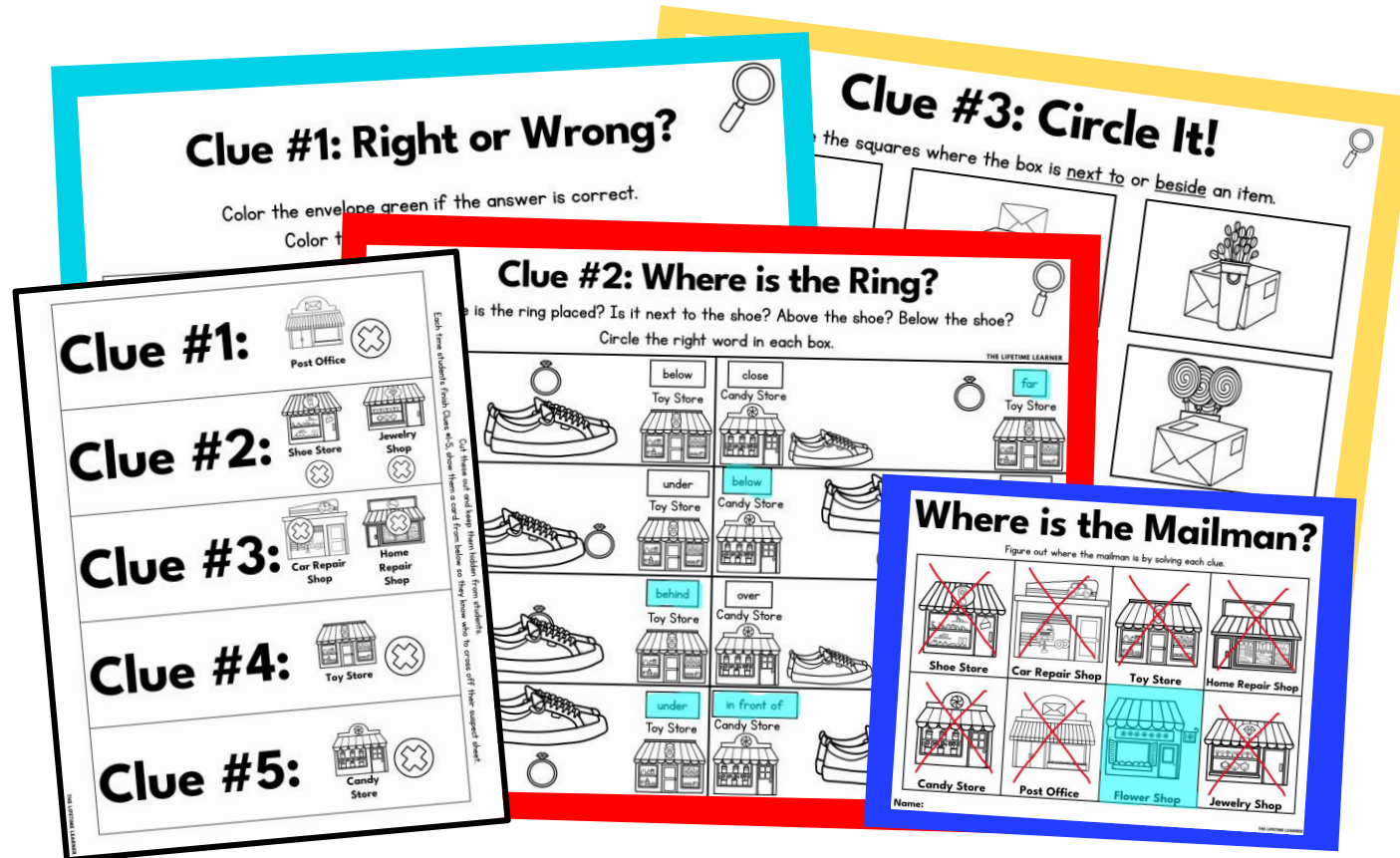
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over Candy Store		under Toy Store	in front of Candy Store		behind Toy Store

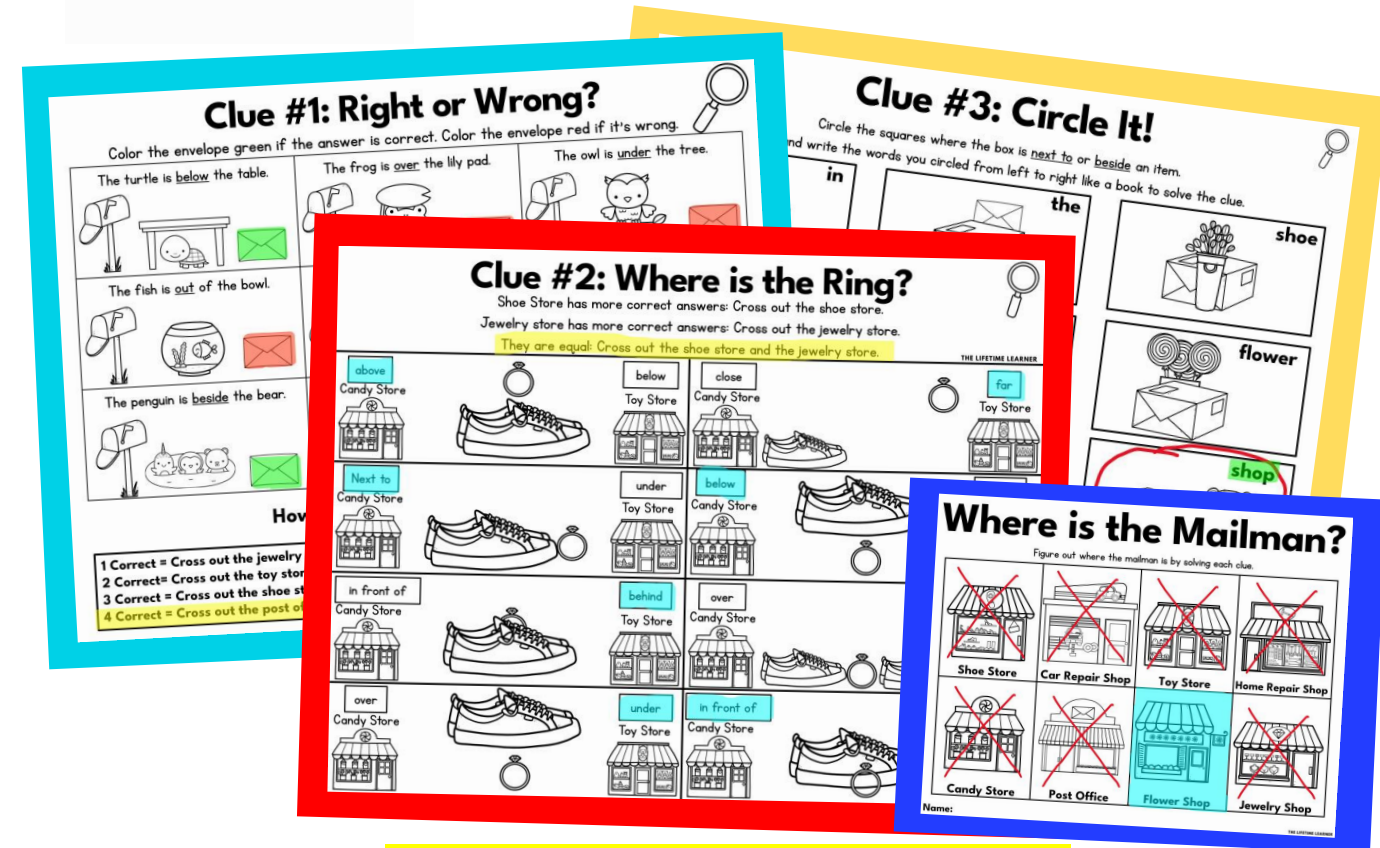
# EASY & HARD OPTIONS

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



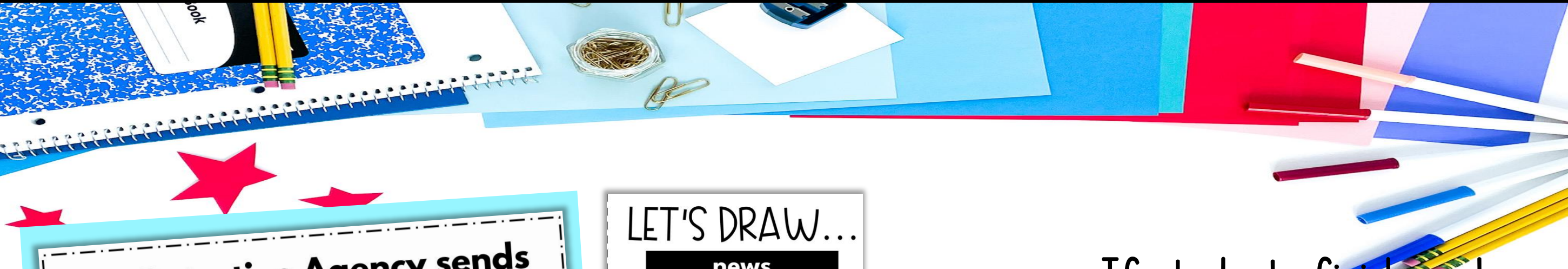
# MATH FACT VERSION!



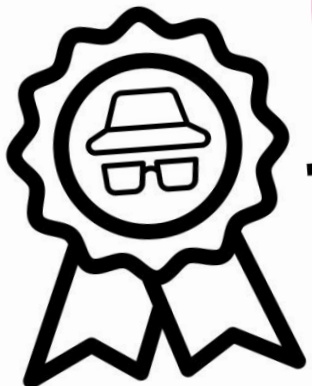
Same clues. Same mystery. Different math!

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

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends  
congratulations to:



Lindsay

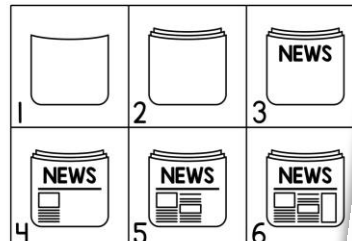
You solved the mystery!

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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**

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

 <p>The boy is <u>in front of</u> / behind the car. <del>sweet</del></p>	 <p>The girl is <u>next to</u> / behind the box. <b>good</b></p>	 <p>The building is <u>in front of</u> / behind the mailbox. <del>Like plastic</del></p>
 <p>The letter is <u>in</u> / out the mailbox. <del>awful</del></p>	 <p>The letter is <u>in</u> / out of the mailbox. <del>fresh</del></p>	

Cross out these answers:

• in front of	• out
• in	• behind

What word is left? Write it on the line.

The mailman is at a place that smells Good.

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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

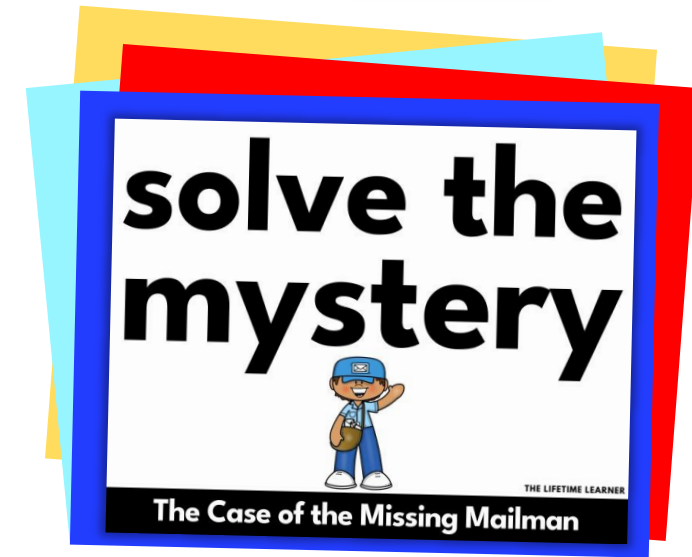
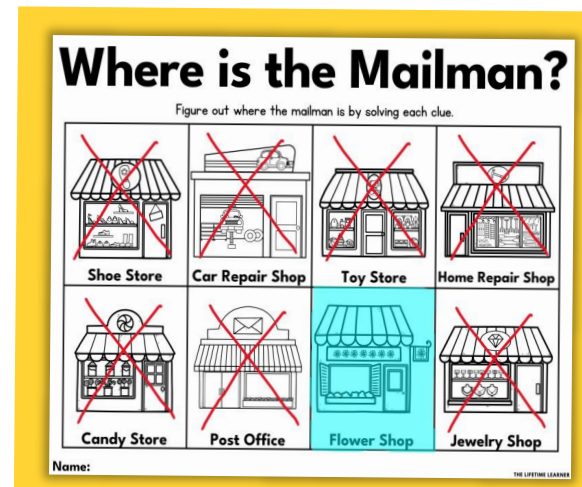
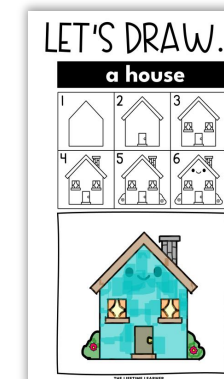
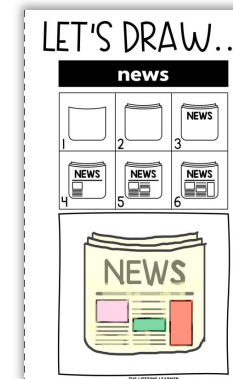
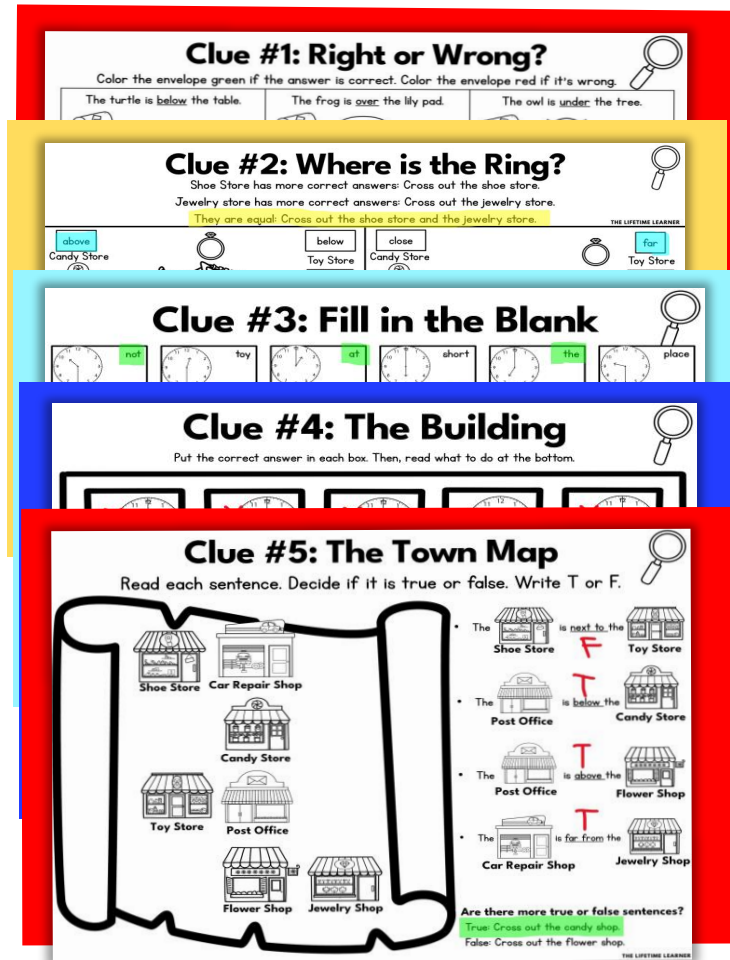


# WHY TEACHERS LOVE THESE!

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!**



# 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

Math

### 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!

yellow	Starts with B	red	Starts with D	green	Starts with P	blue	Starts with Q	
balloon	paint	penguin	pineapple	banana	pirate	panda	question	dress

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
- 2 green notes
- 5 blue notes

The mailman is not near any shoes if you see:

- 2 yellow notes
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The mailman is not near any gems if you see:

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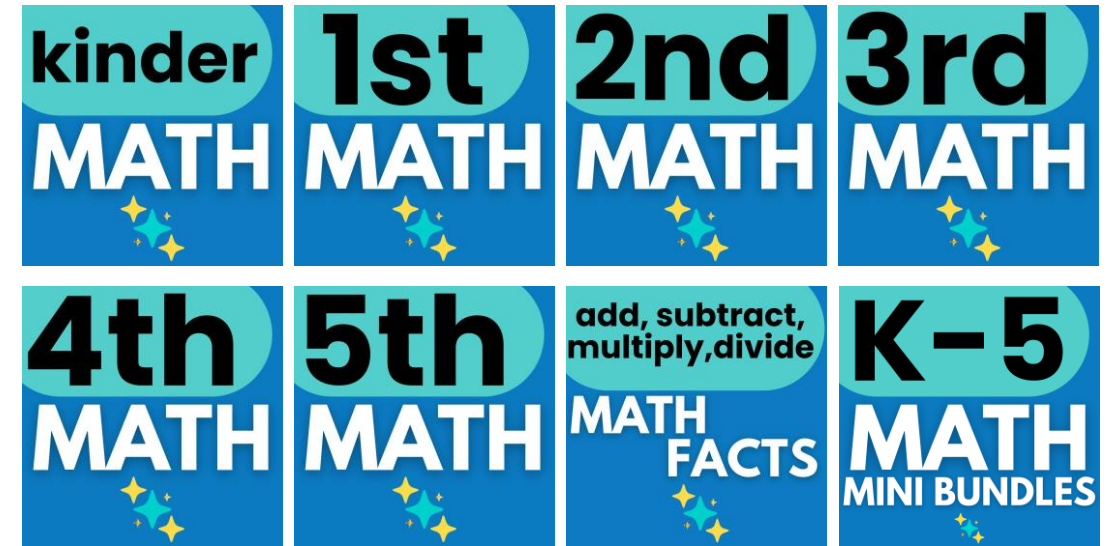
## GRAB A **READING MYSTERY**:

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!**

