

# WHAT IS THIS?



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3 answers  
4 answers

What letters have 5 answers?

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## solve the mystery



The Case of the Missing Instrument

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## What Went Missing?

Figure out what musical instrument went missing by solving each clue.

Keyboard	Trumpet	Amp	Drum Set
Acoustic Guitar	Electric Guitar	Speakers	Microphone

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

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out what instrument is missing!

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

Last night, you went to a rock concert. But as the band was playing, one of their instruments suddenly went missing! Now you have to figure out which instrument disappeared based on the clues.

1. Take a list of instruments and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which instrument went missing.
3. Cross out wrong instruments each time you find out new information. Good luck!



**Clue #1: Who Has More?**

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5 or 3	6 or 10	7 or 2
one	two	three
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What 2 things should you cross out?  
Acoustic guitar and electric guitar

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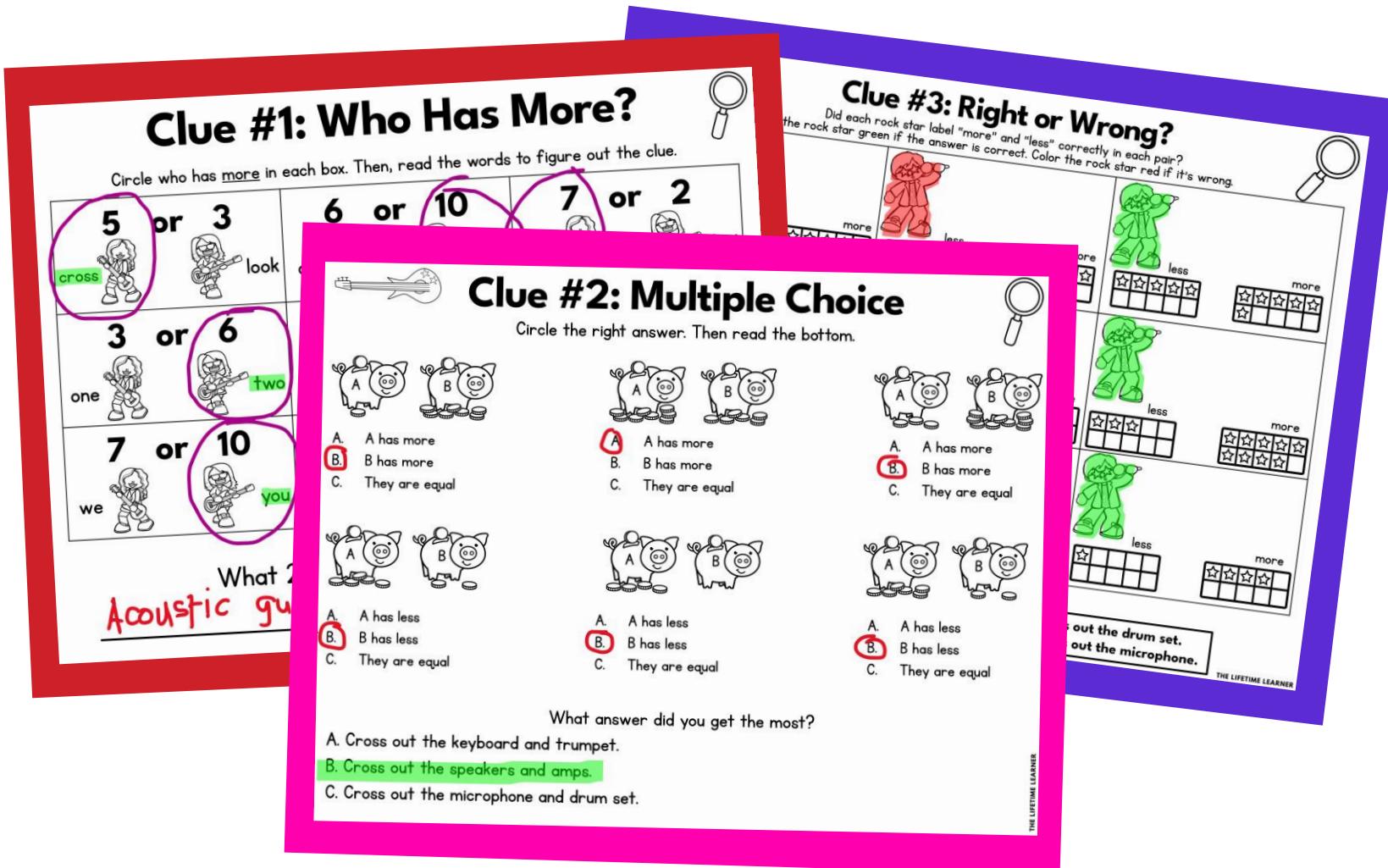
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what instrument to cross out.

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

# SKILL PRACTICE



- More or Less
- Comparing 2 Sets of Objects
- Rock Star-Themed
- Error Analysis Practice

All clues focus on reviewing Kindergarten skills!

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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## Short & Long Options



## Print & Digital Forms

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B. Cross out the speakers and amps.  
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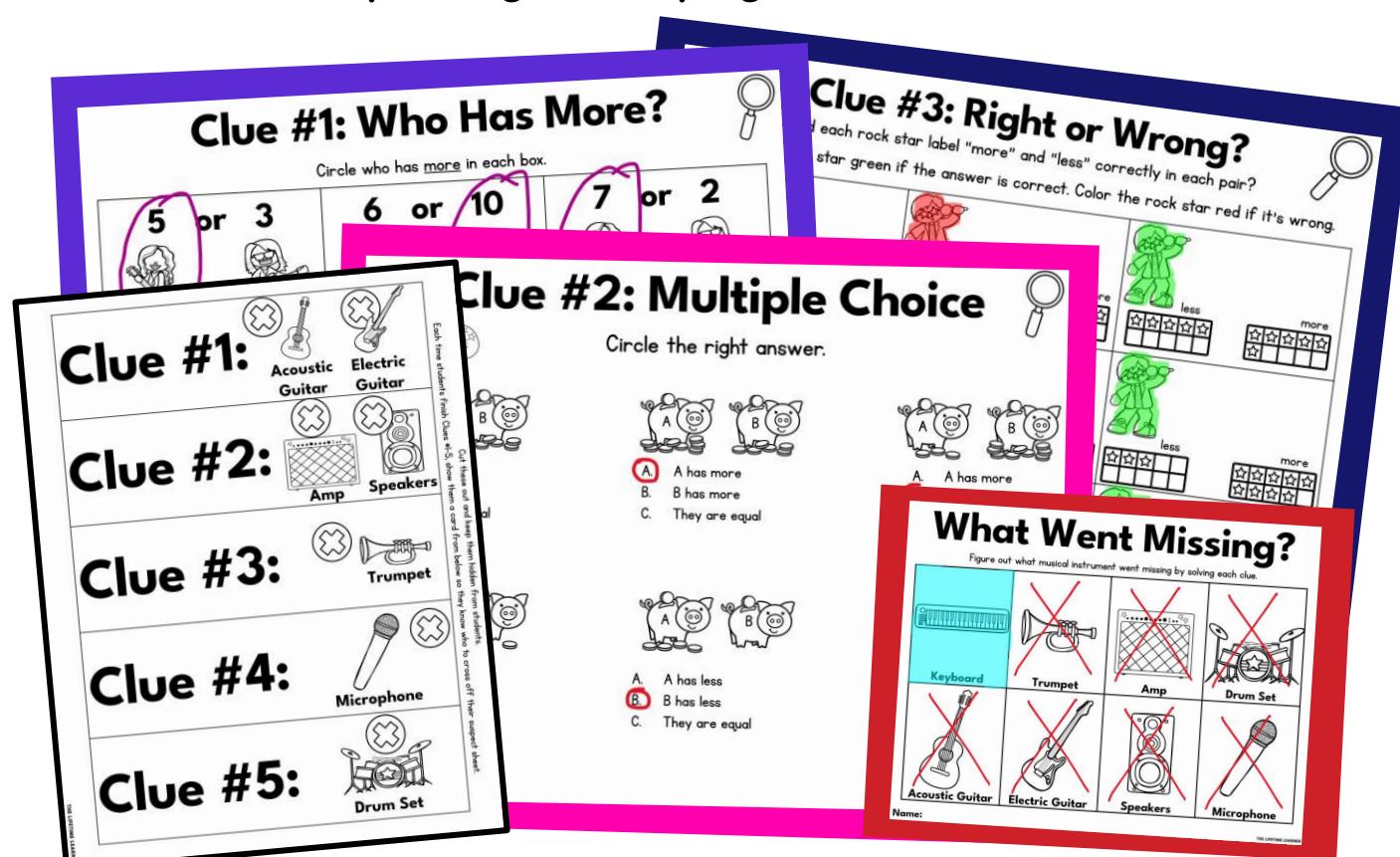
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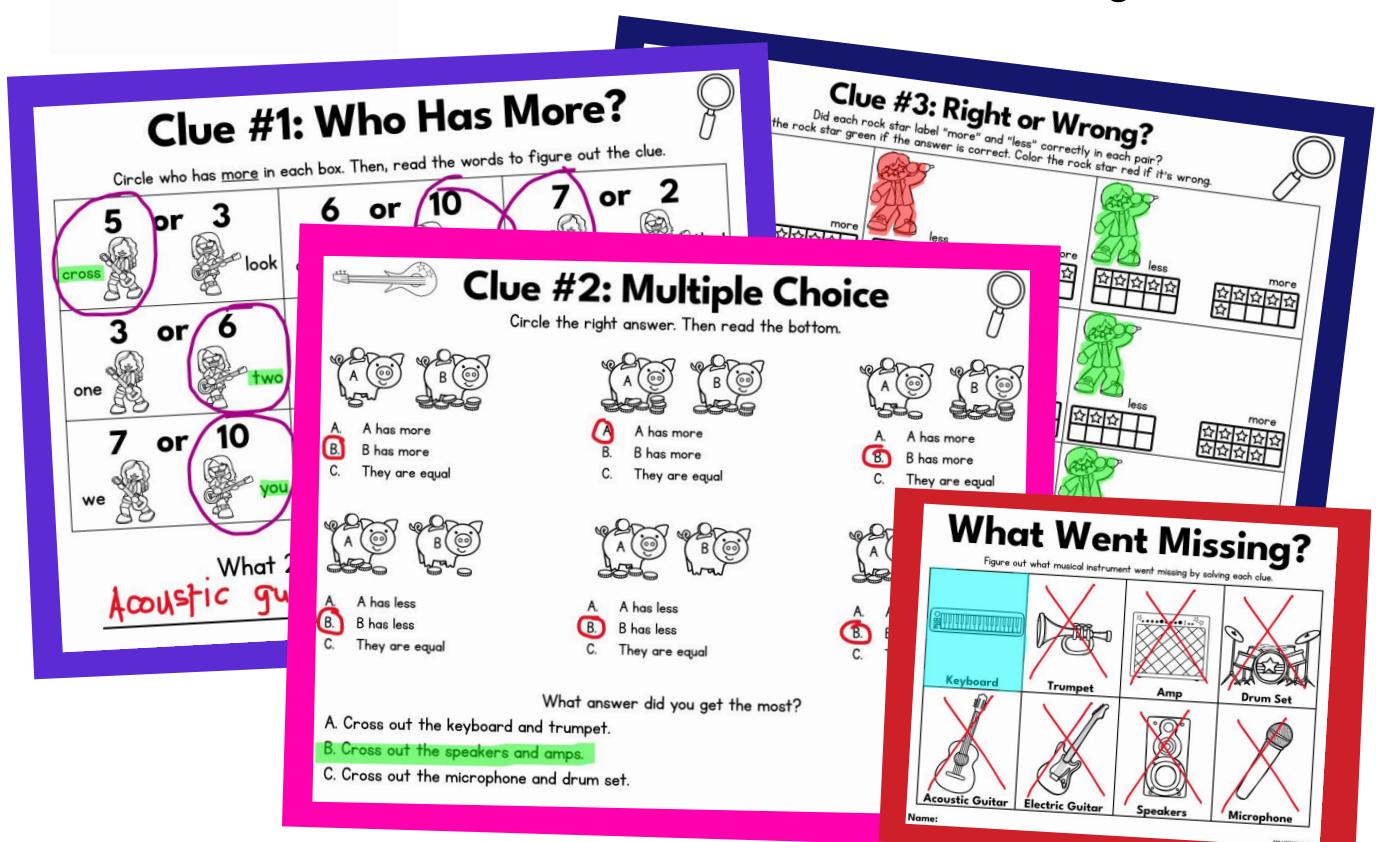
# EASY & HARD OPTIONS

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!



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**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: 20, 13, 8, 11, 15

Letters: G, U, I, T, A

The missing instrument is not a... Use this decoder to help you out what letter is equal to each picture.

**Clue #2: Multiple Choice**  
Solve each question. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

**Clue #3: Right or Wrong?**  
Color the star green if the answer is correct. Color the star red if it's wrong.

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

Cross out the letters with the following answers: 2, 7, 11, 16  
What letters haven't been crossed out? Write them on the line.

You do not sing with the missing instrument.

**Clue #5: Error Analysis**  
Check each instrument's work. Put a check or an X next to each answer.

Keyboard:  10+9=19  8-2=5  11+3=13  17-3=14  5+7=12

Drums:  15-8=7  9+4=13  11-6=5  7+2=9  19-10=8

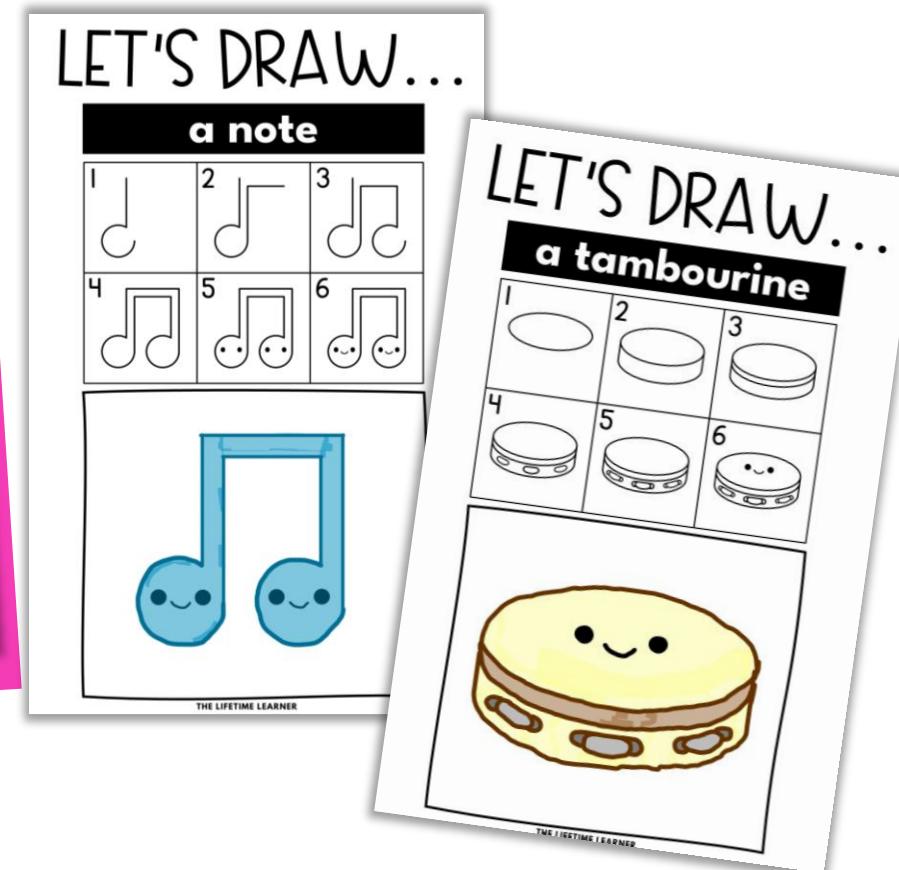
The instrument with the most correct answers is not the missing instrument.

Same clues. Same mystery. Different math!

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



# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

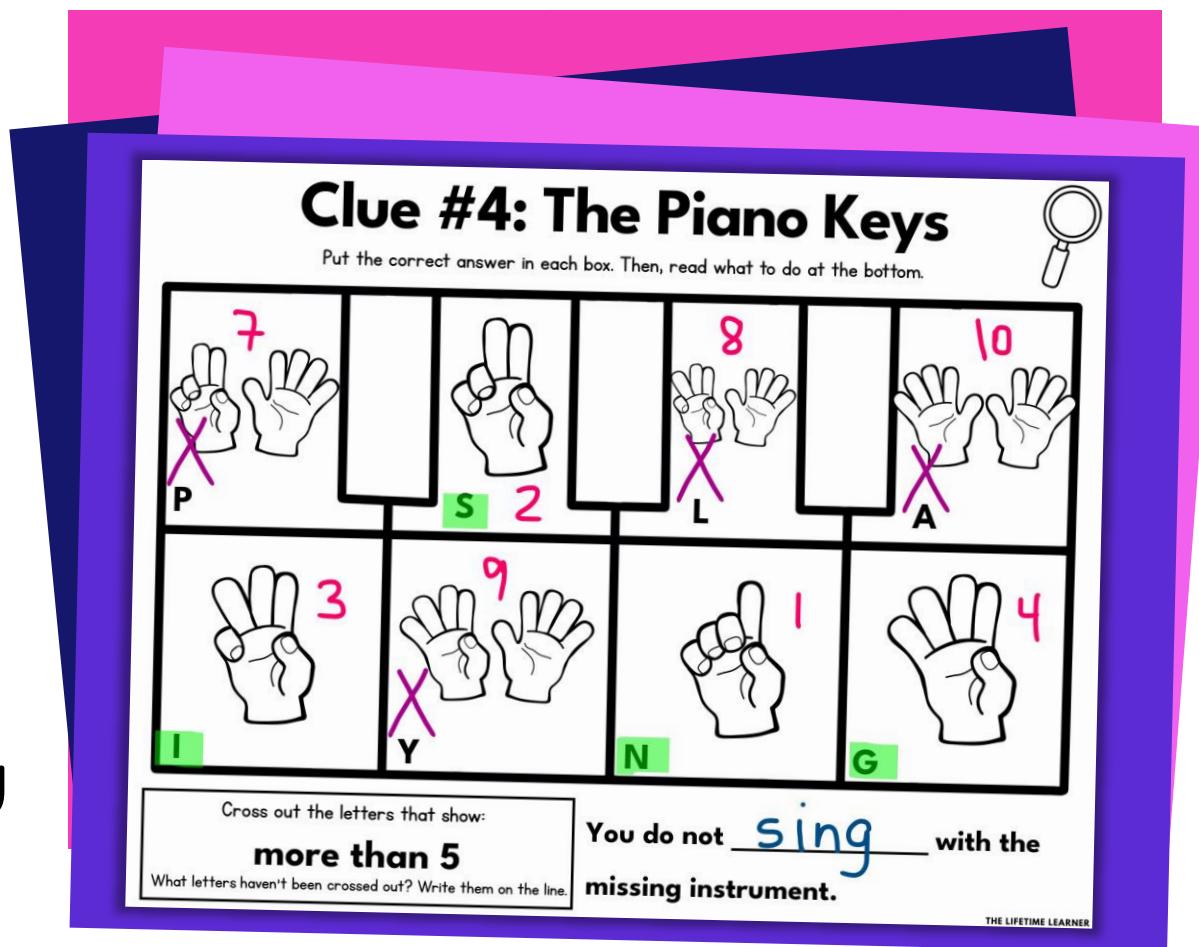


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

# 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



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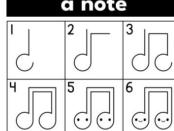
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**The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:**  
 Lindsay  
You solved the mystery!  
11/2 AW  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LET'S DRAW...**  
**a note**  
  
**LET'S DRAW...**  
**a tambourine**  


**solve the mystery**  
  
**The Case of the Missing Instrument**

# 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

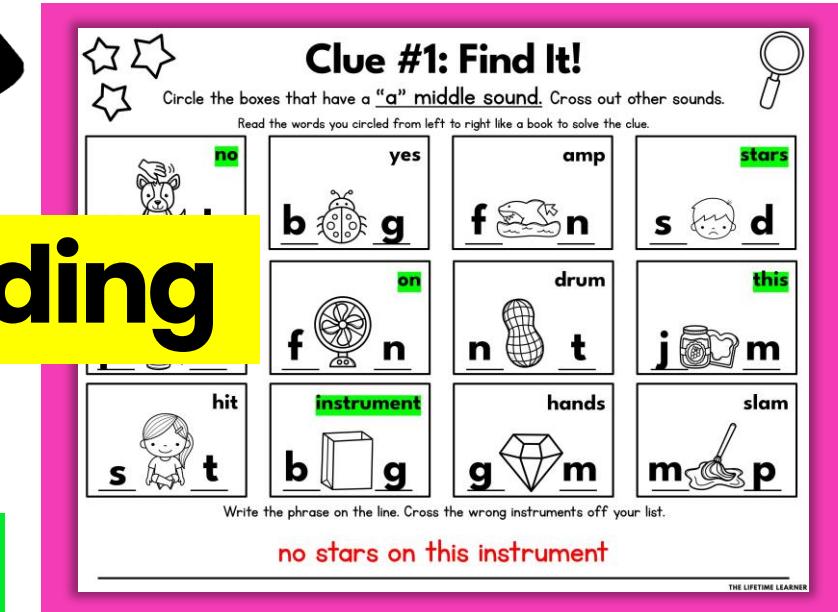
**Clue #1: Find It!**

Circle the boxes that have a "a" middle sound. Cross out other sounds. Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

no yes amp stars  
b g f n s d  
on drum n t this  
hit instrument b g hands g m slam  
s t  
Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong instruments off your list.

no stars on this instrument

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## Math



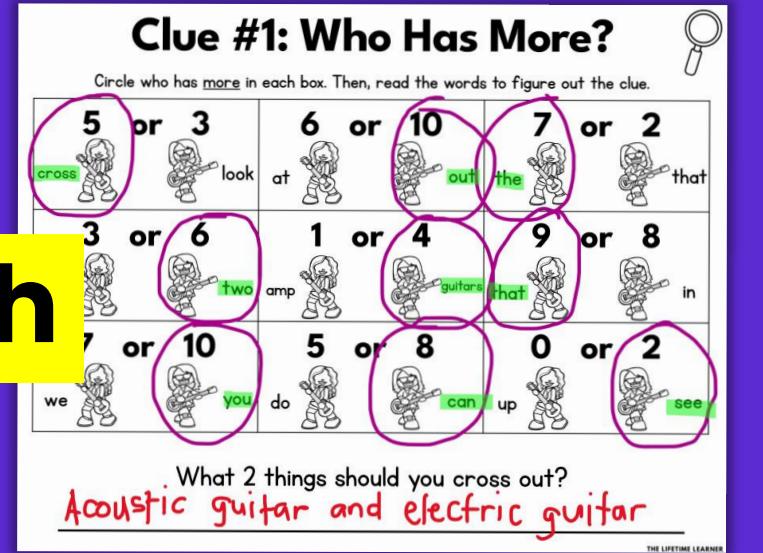
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5 or 3 cross 6 or 10 at 7 or 2  
3 or 6 look out the that  
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9 or 8  
7 or 10  
5 or 8  
0 or 2  
we  
you  
do  
can  
up  
see

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# KEEP THE FUN GOING!

## GRAB A READING MYSTERY:

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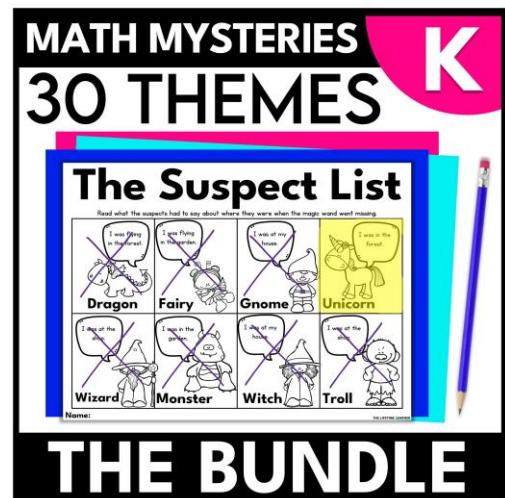


## MORE MATH MYSTERIES:

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



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