

WHAT IS THIS?

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

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

The astronaut went on a secret mission to another planet, and it's your job to figure out which planet he traveled to. Solve each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which planet the astronaut landed on. Cross out the places the astronaut is not located each time you solve a clue. Good luck!



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

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

- 1= not
- 2= hot
- 3= planet
- 4= rings
- 5= he
- 6= is
- 7= our
- 8= on
- 9= with
- 10= cold

How many more do you need to make ten?	How many more do you need to make ten?	How many more do you need to make ten?
5	6	1
he	is	not
How many more do you need to make ten?	How many more do you need to make ten?	How many more do you need to make ten?
8	7	3
on	our	planet

Where Did the Astronaut Go?

Cross out each planet as you solve each clue.

I have 0 moons.	I have 0 moons.	I have 1 moon.	I have 2 moons.
Mercury	Venus	Earth	Mars
I have 79 moons.	I have 82 moons.	I have 27 moons.	I have 14 moons.
Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune

Name:

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

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

SKILL PRACTICE

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Clue #2: Right or Wrong?
In each box, color a thumbs up or a thumbs down to show if the answer is correct.

Planet	Equation	Answer	Correct?
Jupiter	$7 + \underline{\quad} = 10$	3	Thumbs Up
Uranus	$6 + \underline{\quad} = 10$	2	Thumbs Down
Neptune	$0 + \underline{\quad} = 10$	4	Thumbs Down
Jupiter	$3 + \underline{\quad} = 10$	5	Thumbs Up
Uranus	$2 + \underline{\quad} = 10$	8	Thumbs Up
Neptune	$2 + \underline{\quad} = 10$	7	Thumbs Down
Jupiter	$4 + \underline{\quad} = 10$	6	Thumbs Up
Uranus	$9 + \underline{\quad} = 10$	1	Thumbs Up
Neptune	$9 + \underline{\quad} = 10$	9	Thumbs Up

The planet that got all thumbs down should be crossed out.

Clue #3: Draw More
Fill in the blank side with the number of dots needed to make ten.

10 No land
10 No stripes
10 No spots
10 No rings
10 No stripes
10 No moons

It says? Write it on the blank.
DOONS

- Pairs of Numbers that Make Ten
- Using Ten Frames to Make Ten
- Space-Themed
- Error Analysis Practice

All clues focus on making ten!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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Write the answer.

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?
In each box, color a thumbs up or a thumbs down to show if the answer is correct.

Clue #3: Draw More
Fill in the blank side with the number of dots needed to make ten.

3 Clue Version

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Clue #3: Draw More
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Clue #4: The Spaceship
Decide if each pair of

Clue #5: Planet Sort
Write the answer on each planet. Then, color the planet the same color as the star it goes with.

5 Clue Version

Short & Long Options

Print & Digital Forms

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank
Write the answer.

How many more do you need to make ten?

5	6	1
he	is	on

How many more do you need to make ten?

8	7
on	our

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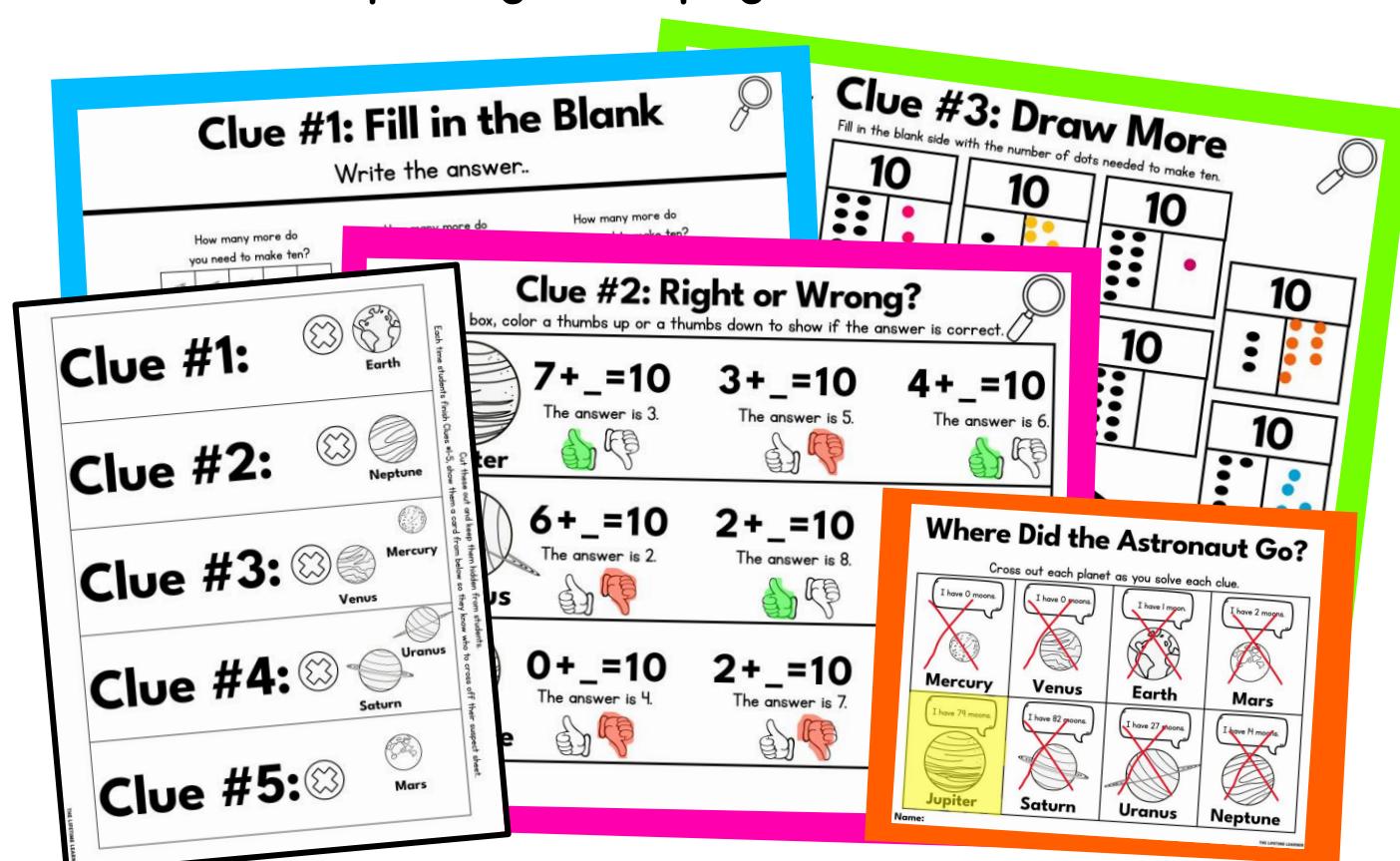
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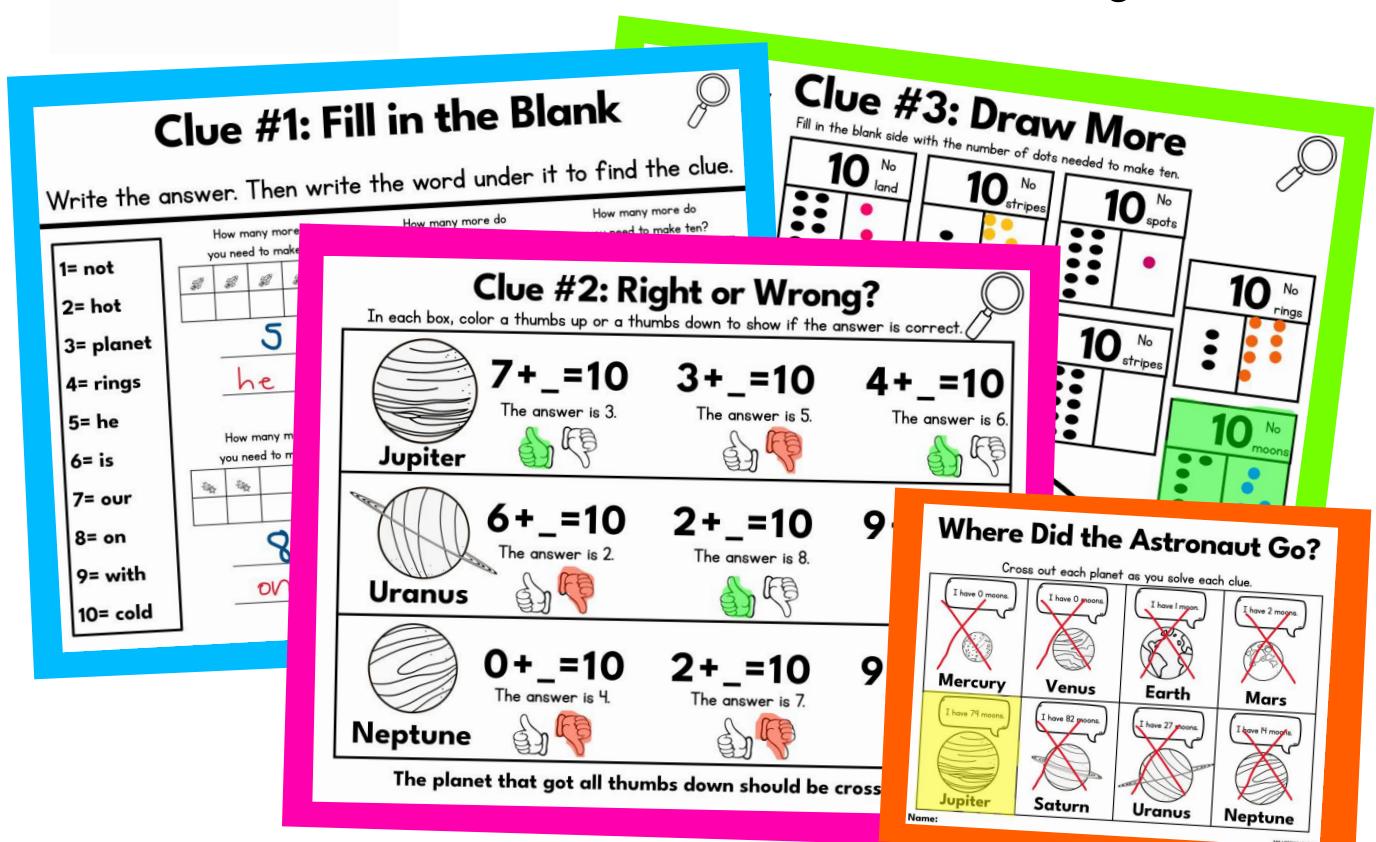
EASY & HARD OPTIONS

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.

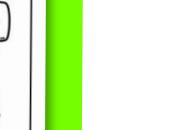
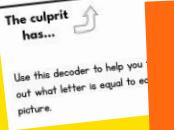
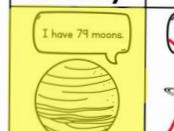
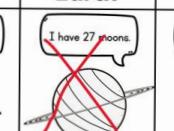
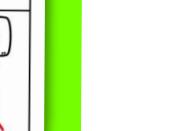


Hard Version

MATH FACT VERSION!



Where Did the Astronaut Go?
Cross out each planet as you solve each clue.

 Mercury	 Venus	 Earth	 Mars
 Jupiter	 Saturn	 Uranus	 Neptune

Name: _____

Clue #1: Picture Decoder
Find each answer. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the mystery!

11	19	9	17	15	18	16	14
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Answers: _____

Letters: _____

The culprit has...

Use this decoder to help you out what letter is equal to each picture.

Clue #2: Error Analysis
Check each suspect's work. Decide if each comparison symbol is correct. Put a check or an X next to each answer.

Darius	15-7=8	14-9=5	20-6=13
Destiny	9-4=5	12-5=8	16-7=9
Nora	19-10=9	20-8=12	8-3=5
	16-8=7	10-4=5	12-9=4

Clue #3: Detective Report
I have _____ pencils in my desk. I walked over to my friend's desk, and she had _____ pencils in desk. She told me that she had _____ more pencils at home. I only have _____ pencils at _____ of my pencils in my desk. Then I asked my teacher how many pencils she had. She told me she had _____ pencils in her desk and _____ at home. Then she found _____ more pencils so I'll have even more than my teacher!

1=A	10=E	19=Z
2=S	11=J	20=Y
3=G	12=N	21=L
4=D	13=U	22=F
5=O	14=X	23=P
	15=O	24=I
	16=B	25=M
	17=R	26=Q

Clue #4: The School Bus
Write the answer to each question in each box. Then, read what to do in the box at the bottom.

8-5	7-4	13-6	8-7	9-9	6-6
J	G	B	T	R	L
6-10	6-8	3-7	11-6	12-8	4-5
E	U	E	N	X	D

Directions: First, write the answer on each window of the bus. Then, read what to do in the box at the bottom.

Cross out the boxes with the following answers:
14, 9, 20, 19, 13, 15, 12
The letters that are left will reveal a message.

The culprit is not wearing _____.

Clue #5: Picture Reveal
Is each equation true or false? Put a T for true and an F for false.

20-7=13	17-2=14	4+10=15	6+8=14	11+2=12	16-9=7
5+6=11	8+8=17	19-4=16	7+7=15	14-5=9	3+8=10

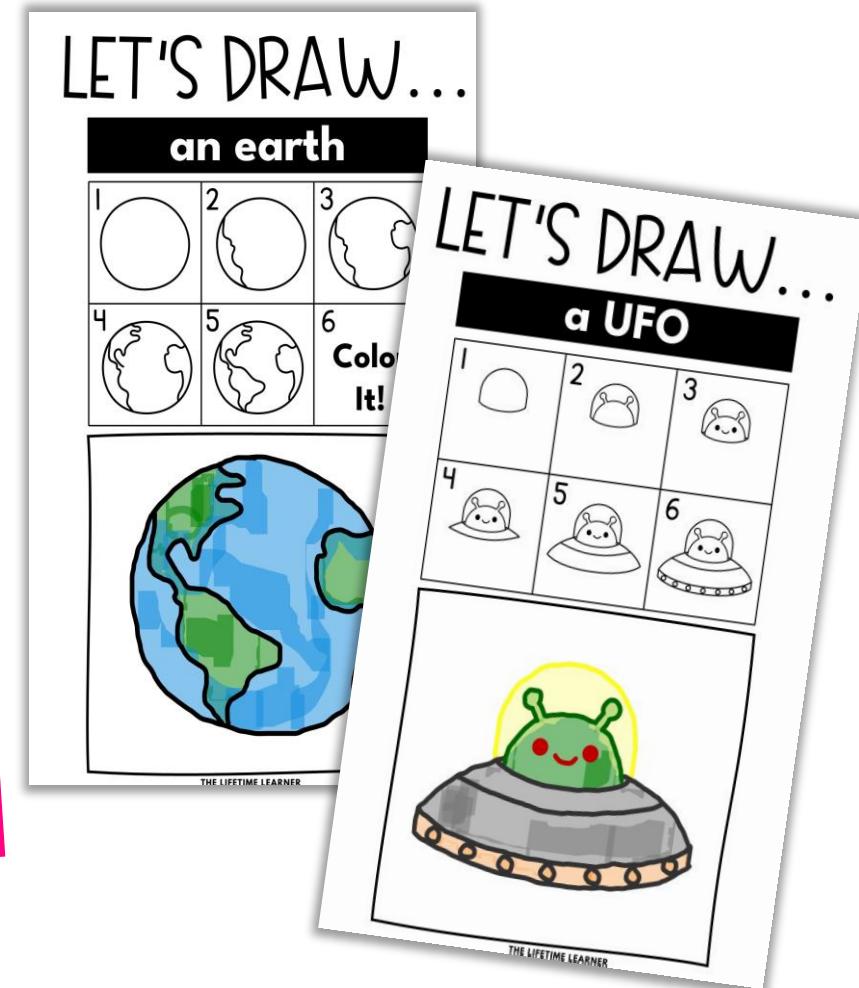
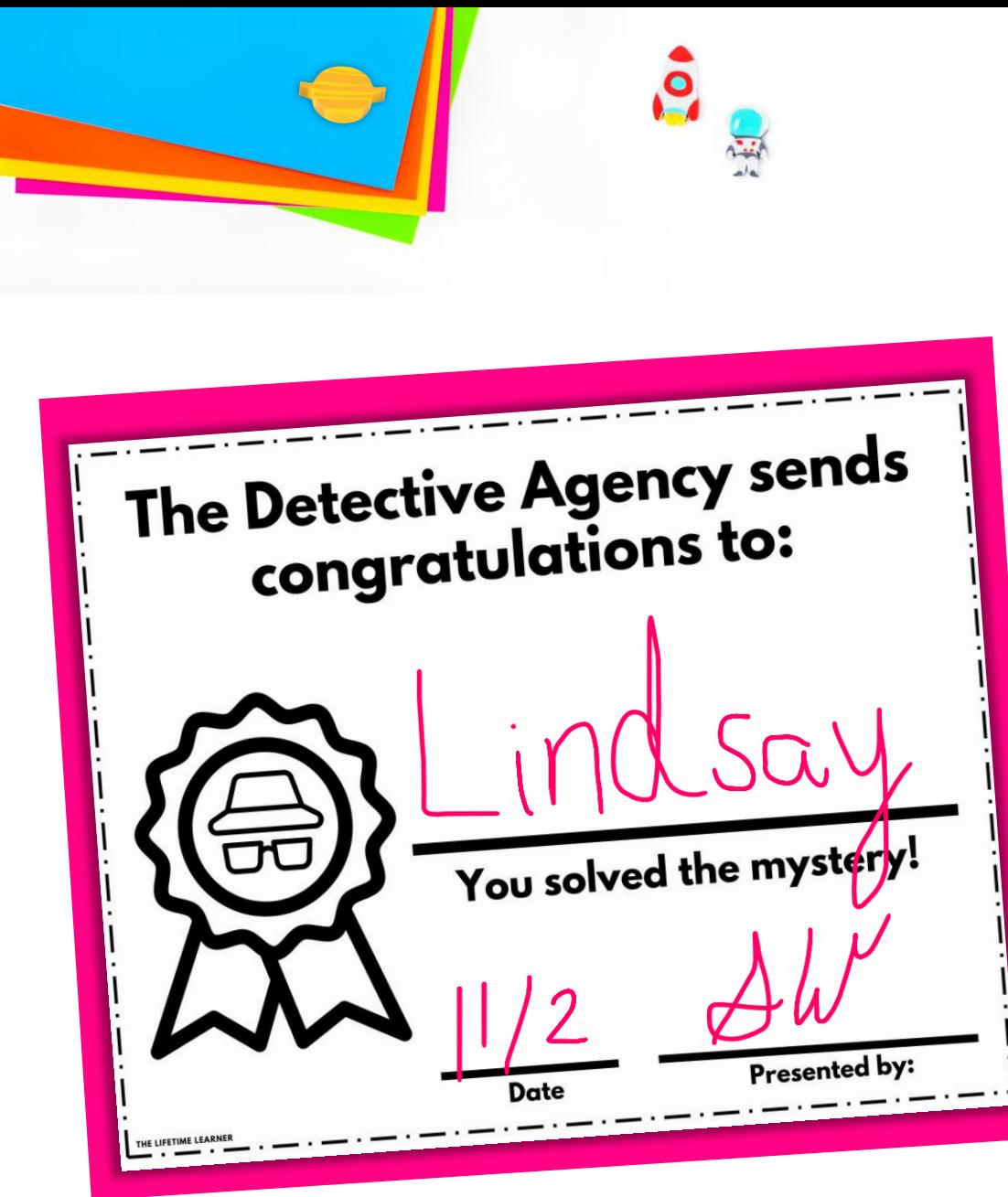
Are there more true or false equations?

There are more true equations: The culprit is not wearing blue.
There are more false equations: The culprit is not wearing a hat.
There are the same amount of true and false equations: The culprit is wearing a hat.
There is no way to tell if there are more true or false equations: The culprit is a girl.

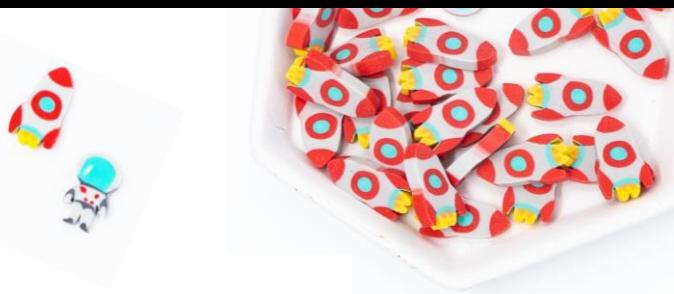
Same clues. Same mystery. Different math!

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 Spaceship

Decide if each pair of numbers makes ten.

- Yes: Keep it
- No: Cross it out

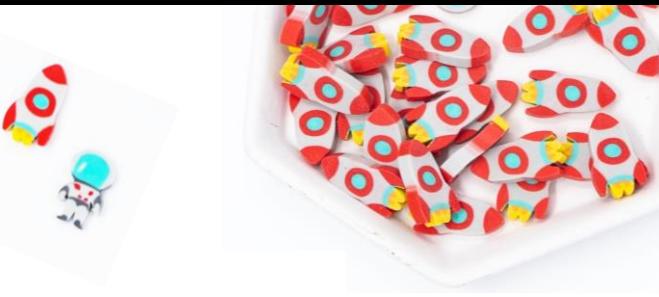
2 and 7	4 and 4	3 and 8	4 and 5
ring	moon	star	spot
1 and 8	5 and 5	9 and 2	6 and 3
spot	ring	moon	star

The planet does not have a _____.

What word is left? Write it on the blank.

Ring

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

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?
In each box, color a thumbs up or a thumbs down to show if the answer is correct.

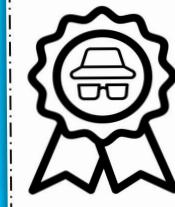
Clue #3: Detective Report
The astronaut had spent 8 days in space so far. She was ready to reach her next planet.

Clue #4: The Spaceship
First, write the answer in each box on the space ship. Then, read what to do in the box at the bottom.

Clue #5: Planet Sort
Write the answer on each planet. Then, color the planet the same color as the star it goes with. Then, look at the keys at the bottom to solve the clue.

Answers:
Clue #1: Write 10, then write the word "ten" under it.
Clue #2: Color thumbs up for 7+_=10, thumbs down for 3+_=10, and thumbs up for 4+_=10.
Clue #3: Write 8.
Clue #4: Write the answers in the boxes on the ship, then draw a line from the bottom box to the correct answer.
Clue #5: Color the planets according to the star keys:
- Blue star: 3 (red), 6 (blue), 5 (green), 4 (yellow), 4 (yellow)
- Yellow star: 4 (yellow), 3 (blue), 4 (yellow), 5 (green), 3 (blue)
- Green star: 5 (green), 4 (yellow), 3 (blue), 5 (green), 4 (yellow)
- Red star: 6 (blue), 4 (yellow), 6 (blue), 4 (yellow), 5 (green)

The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay
You solved the mystery!
11/2 SW
Date Presented by:

Where Did the Astronaut Go?
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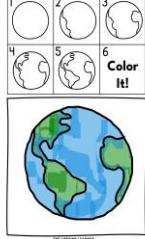
Clues:

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- Neptune: I have 14 moons.

Planets:

- Mercury (crossed out)
- Venus (crossed out)
- Earth (crossed out)
- Mars (crossed out)
- Jupiter (circled in red)
- Saturn (crossed out)
- Uranus (crossed out)
- Neptune (crossed out)

Answers:
Jupiter: 3 blue planets, 2 yellow planets, 1 green planet, 4 red planets
Saturn: 2 blue planets, 3 yellow planets, 3 green planets, 2 red planets
Uranus: 3 blue planets, 4 yellow planets, 1 green planet, 2 red planets
Neptune: 2 blue planets, 3 yellow planets, 3 green planets, 2 red planets

LET'S DRAW...
an earth
1 2 3
4 5 6
Color It!

a UFO
1 2 3
4 5 6


solve the mystery



The Case of the Missing Astronaut

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

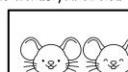
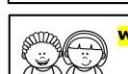
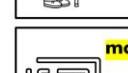
Math

Clue #1: Find It!

Circle the boxes that have a long A sound.

Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

ding

 not	 0	 a	 place
 with	 more	 79	
 than	 50	 moons	 2

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong planets off your list.

not a place with more than 50 moons

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank



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

1= not

2= hot

3= planet

4= wings

5= he

6= is

7= our

8= on

9= with

10= cold

How many more do you need to make ten?

0	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---

5

he

How many more do you need to make ten?

0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---

6

is

How many more do you need to make ten?

0	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---

1

not

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8= on

9= with

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How many more do you need to make ten?

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8

on

How many more do you need to make ten?

0	0	0
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7

our

How many more do you need to make ten?

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3

planet

KEEP THE FUN GOING!

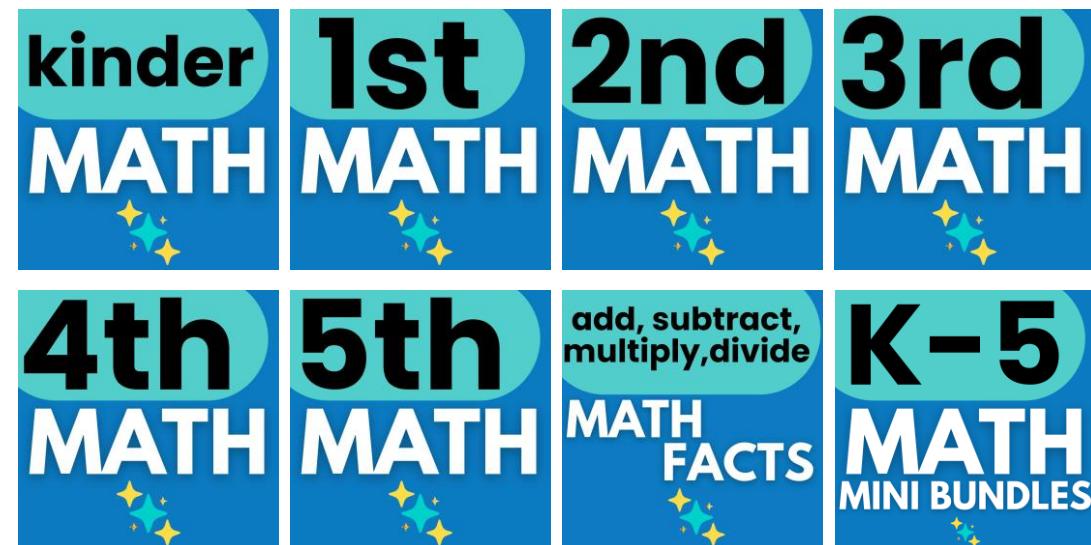
GRAB A READING MYSTERY:

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!

