

WHAT IS THIS?



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1= lots	Henry beat 3 video games. Then he beat 5 video games. How many did he beat total? $3+5=8$ place	The fairy has 2 wands. She gets 2 more. How many wands does the fairy have now? $2+2=4$ with
2= the		
3= tree		
4= with		
5= a		
6=robot		
7= ghosts	Riley has 5 video games. He gets 5 more. How many video games does Riley have now? $5+5=10$ no	You have 3 monsters to beat. Then, you have to beat 4 more. How many monsters do you have to beat in all? $3+4=7$ ghosts
8= place		
9= dark		
10= no		

solve the mystery

The Case of the Video Game Boss

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

The Video Game World

As you solve each clue, cross out the places that the boss is not located at. The place left at the end will reveal the answer!

Cloud of Fairies

Magic Valley

Haunted Castle

Monster Forest

Troll Bridge

Robot World

Witch's Lair

Dragon's Den

Name: _____

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the video game boss is hiding!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

The final boss of the video game is on the run! He doesn't want you to find him because he knows you will defeat him in the last level. Help track down where he is hiding by solving the clues.

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



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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **8**

Jerry has 2 video games. He gets 7 more. How many video games does Jerry have now?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **9**

You have \$3 to buy video games. You get \$4 more. How much money do you have now?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **7**

You have 5 coins. You take 4 more. How many coins do you have now?

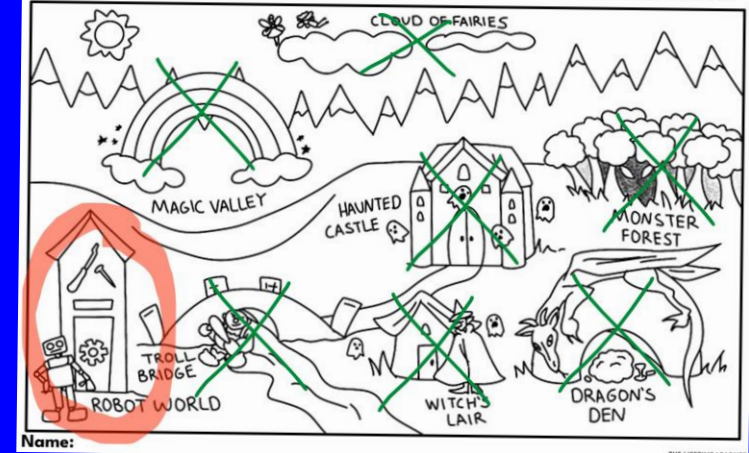
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The final boss is not hiding...

What answer do you see the most? **7: in trees** **9: in the clouds**
8: in a cave **10: with water**

The Video Game World

As you solve each clue, cross out the places that the boss is not located at. The place left at the end will reveal the answer!



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When all clues are completed, the mystery of the video game boss will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

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What answer do you get?

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?

Then, he beat 5 monsters. How many monsters did he beat in all?
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Tiffany plays video games for 4 hours. Then she plays for 1 hour. How many hours did she play in all?
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Bella has 6 video games. She gets 2 more. How many does she have now?
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What answer do you get?

Clue #3: The Controller
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First, Al sees 4 video games. Next, Al sees 5 video games. How many video games did Al see in all?
 $4 + 5 = 9$
Answer: ~~9~~ dark

Logan likes to play video games. Logan played video games for 2 minutes. Then, Logan played for 2 minutes. How long has Logan played games so far?
 $2 + 2 = 4$
Answer: ~~4~~ outside

Maria has 2 points on her game. Maria gets 6 more points. How many points does she have now?
 $2 + 6 = 8$
Answer: ~~8~~ inside

Cross out the boxes with the following answers:
4 and 9

Write the word that is left on the line.
The boss is hiding somewhere: inside

- Addition Word Problems to 10
- Subtraction Word Problems to 10
- Video Game Themed!
- Error Analysis Practice

All clues focus on reviewing word problems!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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First, AI uses 4 video games. Next, AI sees 5 video games. How many video games did AI see in all? Answer: 9

3 Clue Version

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The final boss is hiding in a...

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3= tree
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5= a
6= robot
7= ghost
8= place
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10= no

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5 Clue Version

What answer do you see the most? 7: in trees
8: in a cave

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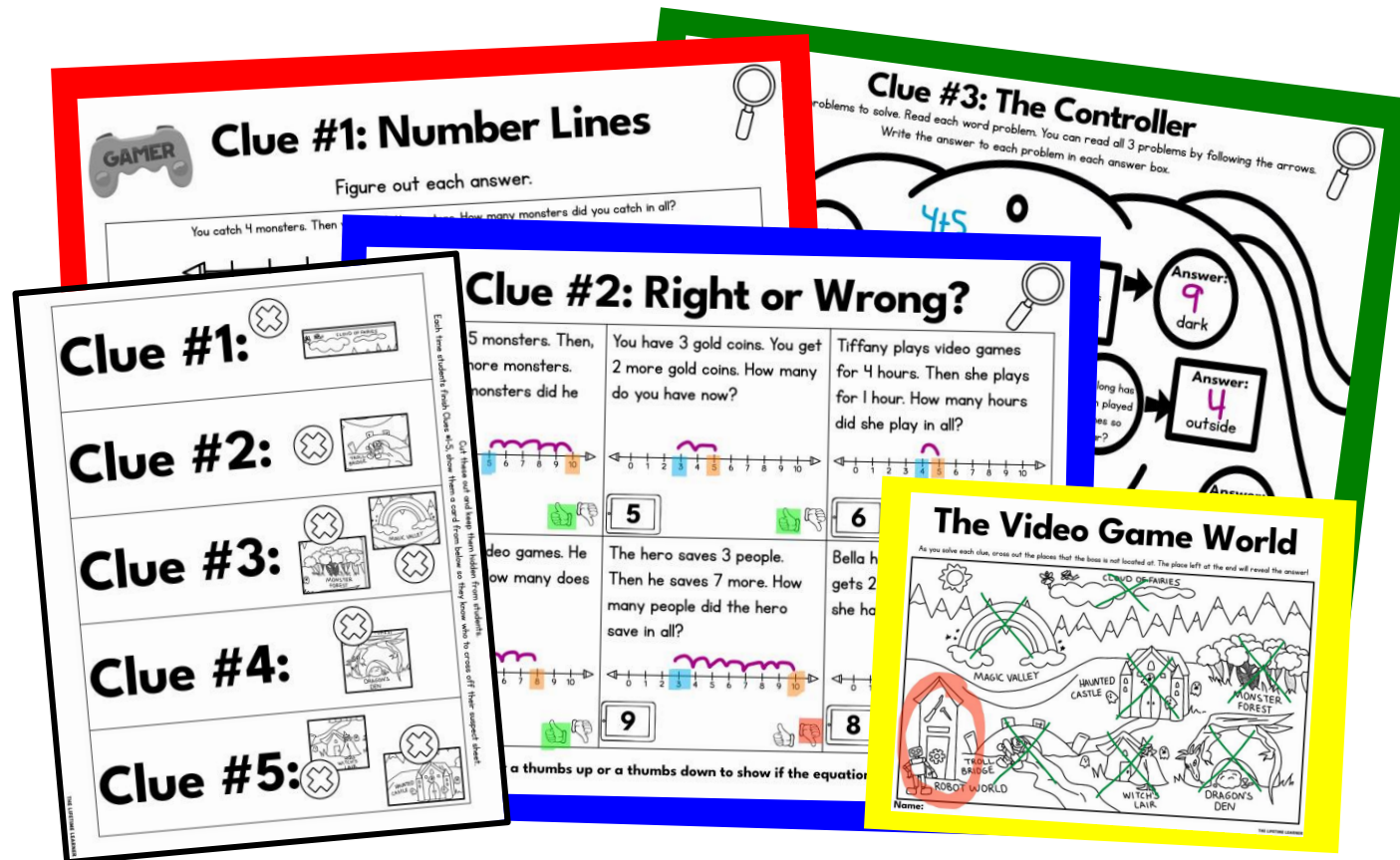
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10: with water

Short & Long Options

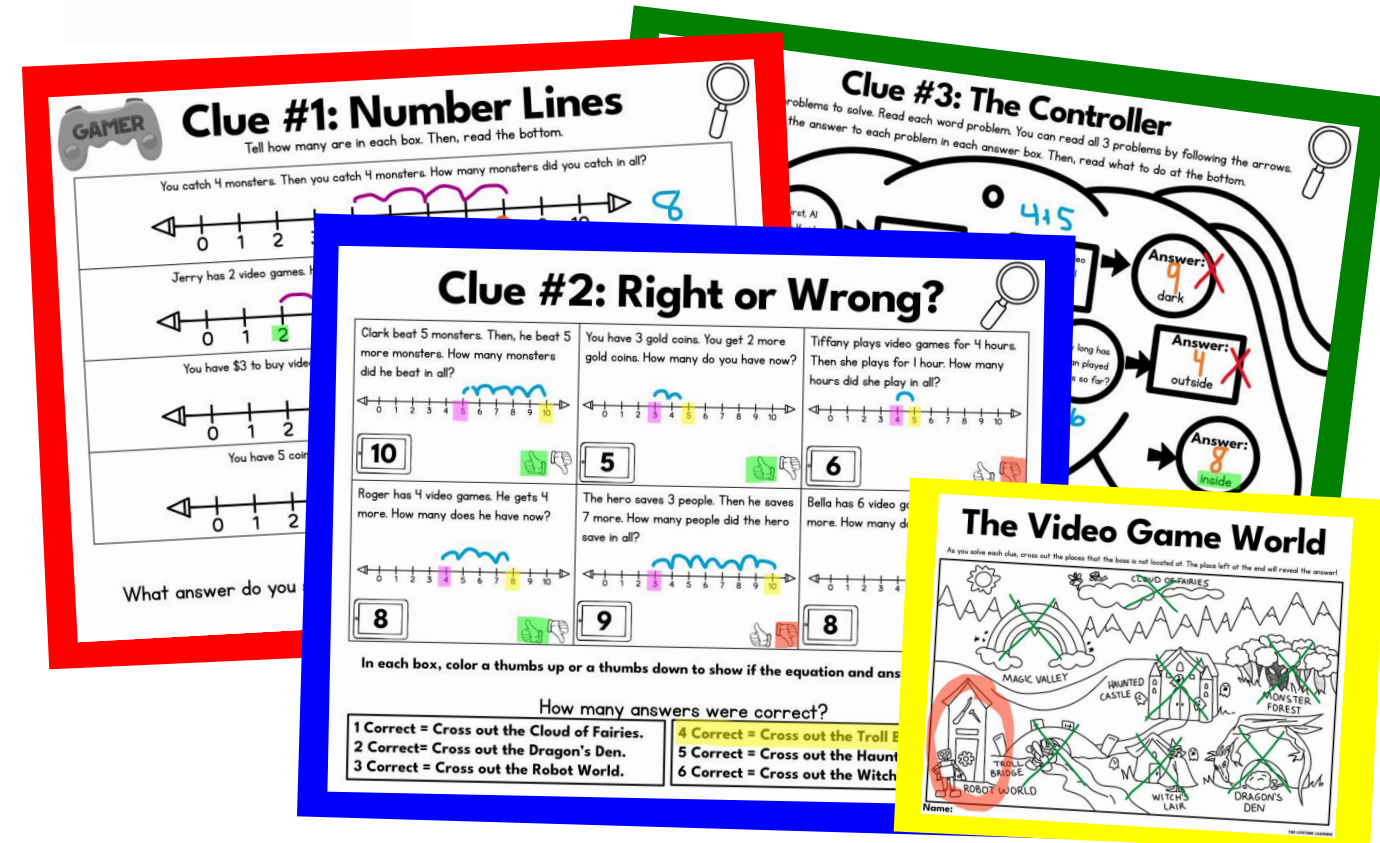
EASY & HARD OPTIONS

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.



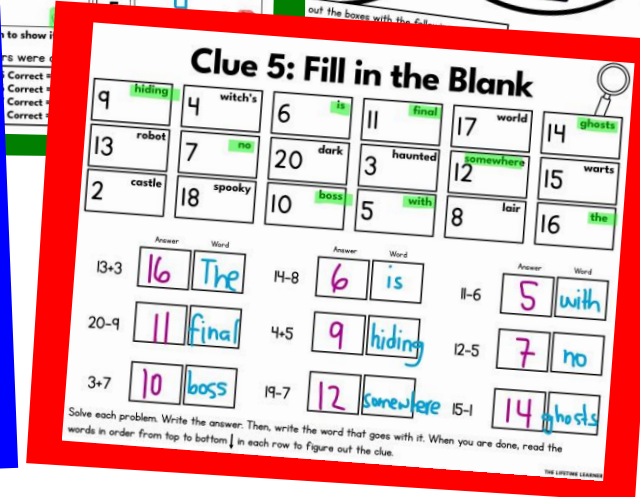
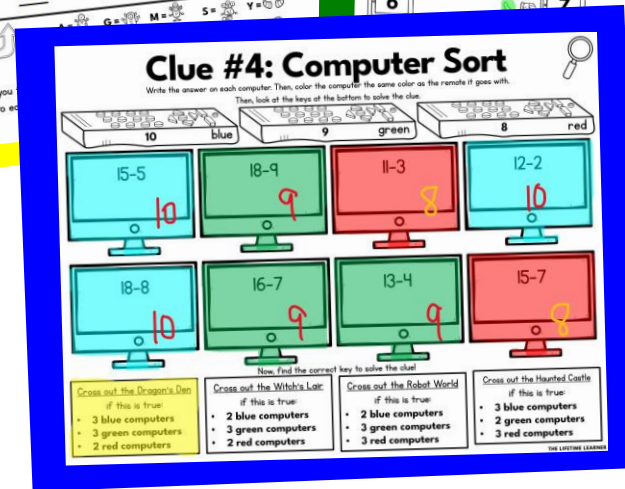
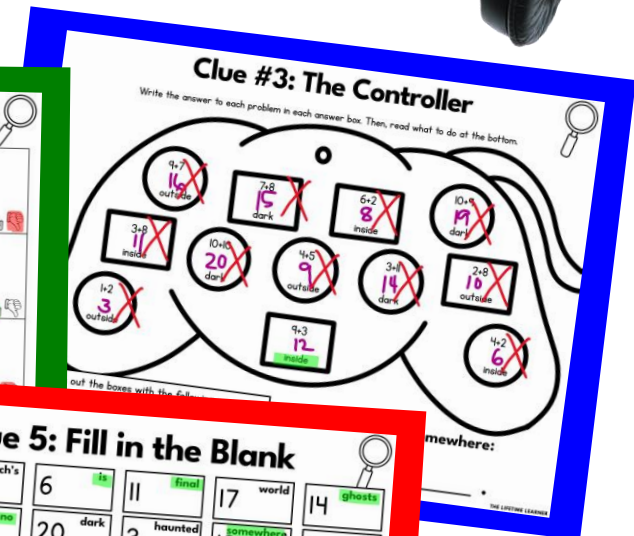
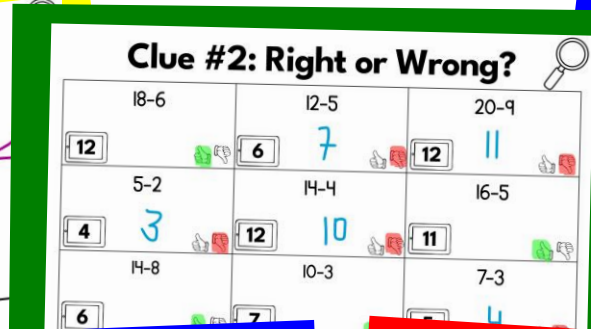
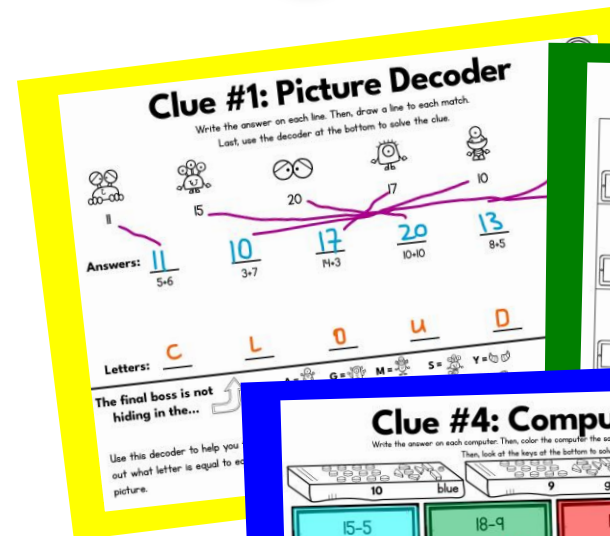
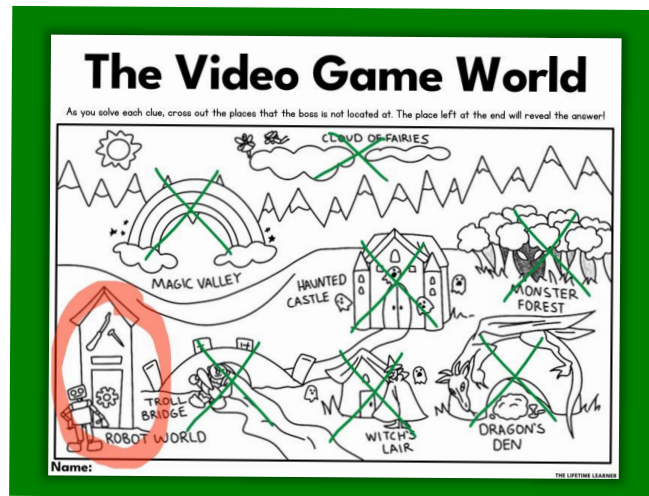
Easy Version

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!



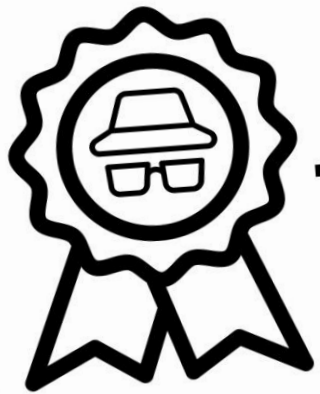
Same clues. Same mystery. Different math!

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

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends
congratulations to:



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

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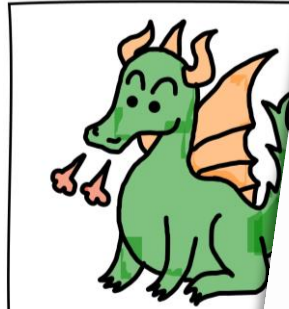
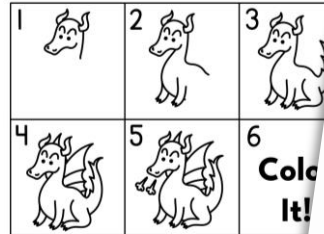
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Presented by:

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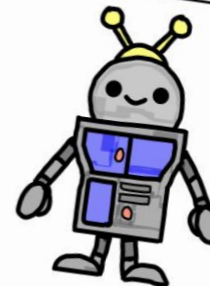
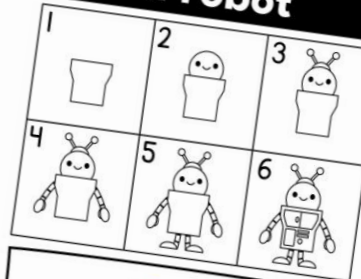
a dragon



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

LET'S DRAW...

a robot



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: Computer Sort

Write the answer on each computer. Then, color the computer the same color as the remote it goes with.

Remote	Computer	Clue	Answer
8 blue	Blue Computer	Fiona has 5 video games. Then she buys 3 more. How many video games does she have now?	8
9 green	Green Computer	Derek is on Level 6 of his video game. If he beats 3 more levels, what level is he on now?	9
10 red	Red Computer	Andrea has 5 video games. She gets 5 more. How many does she have now?	10
8 blue	Blue Computer	The hero helps 2 people and then helps 6 more. How many people did the hero help in all?	8
8 blue	Blue Computer	The monster has 1 coin. He gets 7 more. How many coins does he have now?	8
9 green	Green Computer	May has 2 video games. Her sister gives her 7 more. How many games does May have now?	9
9 green	Green Computer	Isaac has 5 video games and gets 4 more. How many video games does he have now?	9
10 red	Red Computer	You play video games for 8 days. Then you play for 2 days. How many days did you play in all?	10

Which sentence is true? Circle it.

- There are 2 blue computers: Cross out the Robot World.
- There are 2 green computers: Cross out the Witch's Lair.
- There are 2 red computers: Cross out the Dragon's Den.

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!

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.

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 $3 + 5 = 8$
place

Riley has 5 video games. He gets 5 more. How many video games does Riley have now?
 $5 + 5 = 10$
no

The fairy has 2 wands. She gets 2 more. How many wands does the fairy have now?
 $2 + 2 = 4$
with

You have 3 monsters to beat. Then, you have to beat 4 more. How many monsters do you have to beat in all?
 $3 + 4 = 7$
ghosts

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LET'S DRAW...
a dragon

1 2 3 4 5 6

Color It!

LET'S DRAW...
a robot

1 2 3 4 5 6

The Video Game World

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ROBOT WORLD
WITCH LAIR
MONSTER FOREST
DRAGON'S DEN

Name:

solve the mystery

The Case of the Video Game Boss

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: Descrambler

Look at the picture. Match it to a word below. Write the letter next to each question mark on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

	W		H		T		S
	C		I		E		

The final boss is scared of

W I T C H E S

math cloth sloth math bath path with

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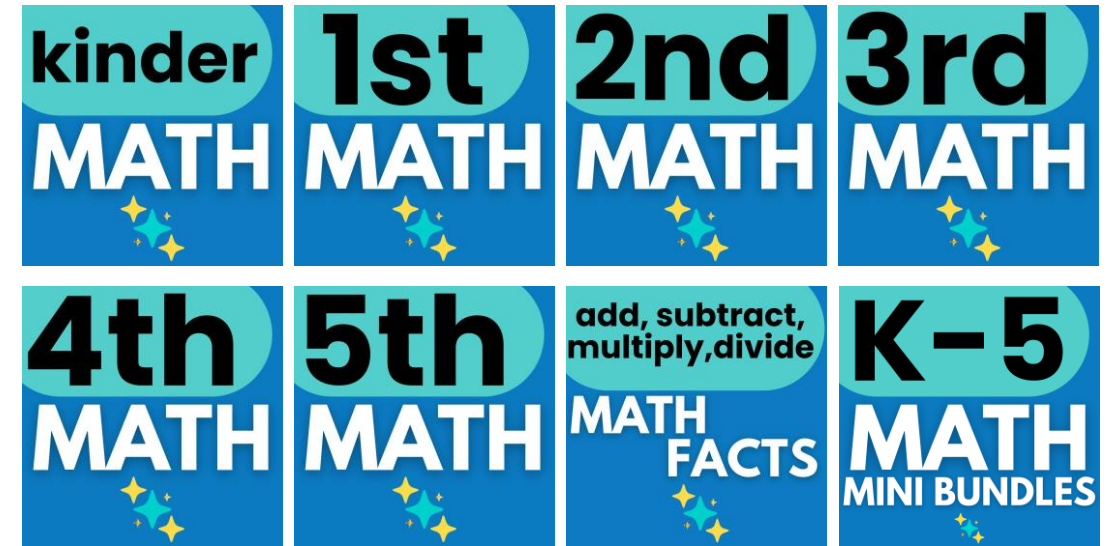
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MORE **MATH MYSTERIES**:

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TO SAVE BIG!**

