

WHAT IS THIS?



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place

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with

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



solve the mystery

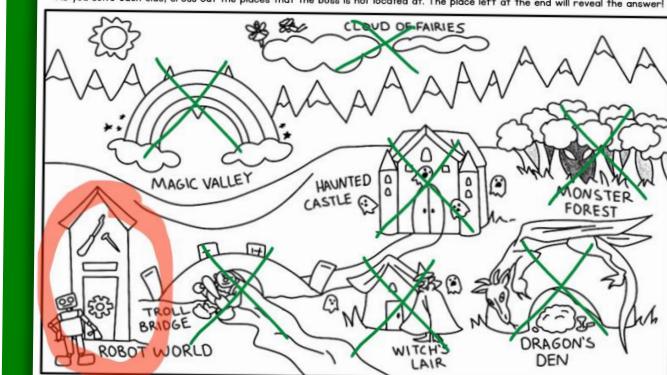


THE LIFETIME LEARNER

The Case of the Video Game Boss

The Video Game World

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Cloud of Fairies

Magic Valley

Haunted Castle

Monster Forest

Troll Bridge

Robot World

Witch's Lair

Dragon's Den

Name: _____

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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!

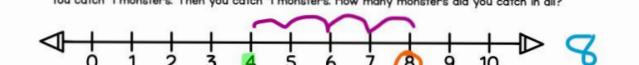


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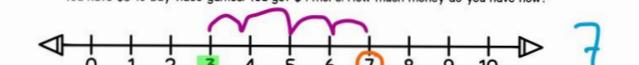
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Jerry has 2 video games. He gets 7 more. How many video games does Jerry have now?



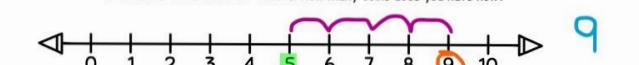
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7

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



9

The final boss is not hiding...

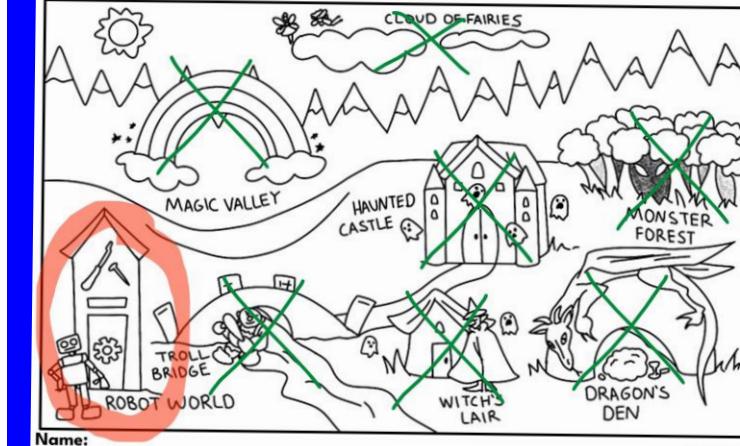
What answer do you see the most?

7: in trees 9: in the clouds 10: with water

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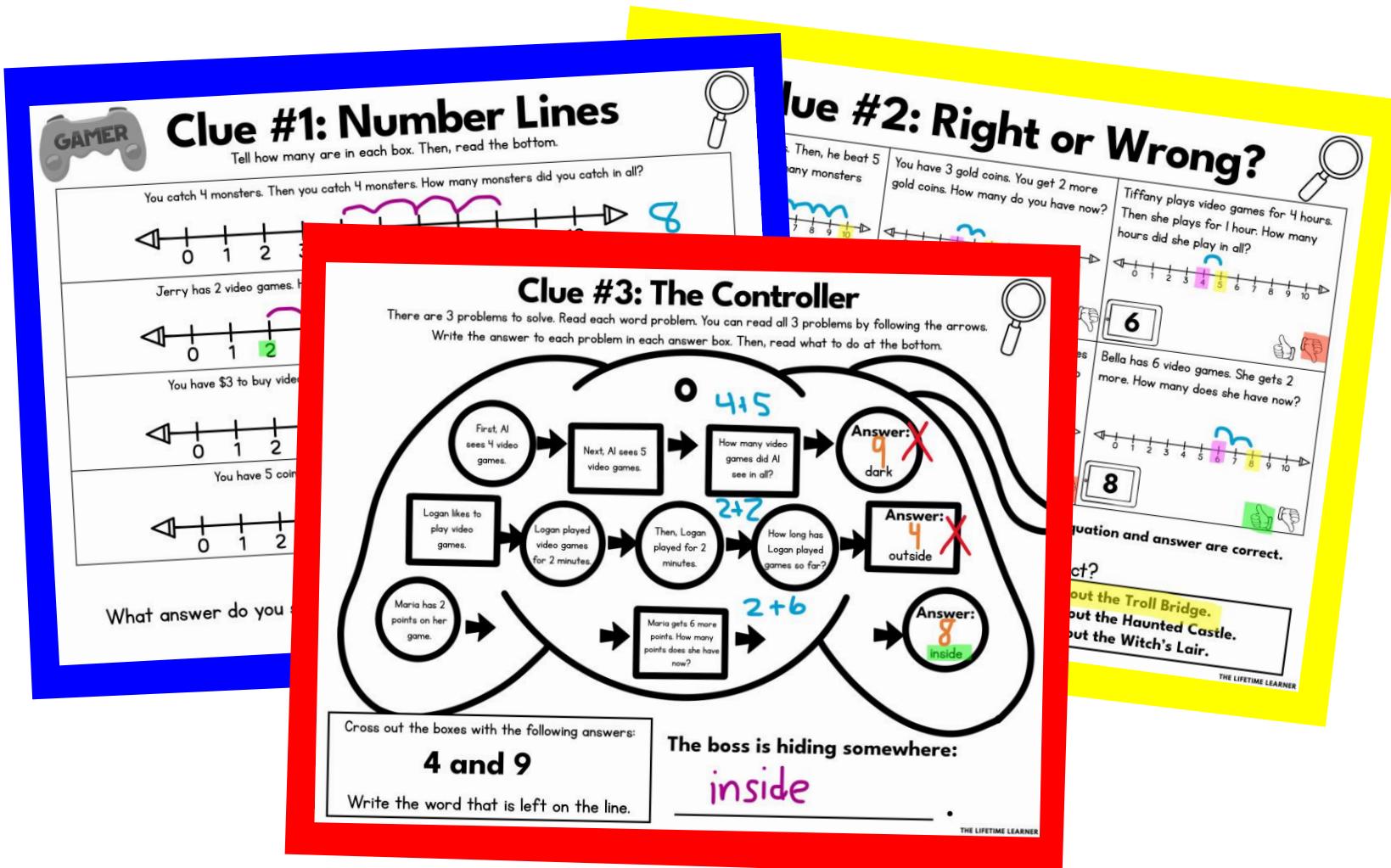
Name:

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

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

SKILL PRACTICE



- 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



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3 Clue Version

Cross out the boxes with the following answers:
4 and 9
The boss is hiding somewhere:
inside

Write the word that is left on the line.

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5 Clue Version

1= lots
2= the
3= tree
4= with
5= a
6= robot
7= ghosts
8= places
9= dark
10= no

$3+4=7$
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Print & Digital Forms

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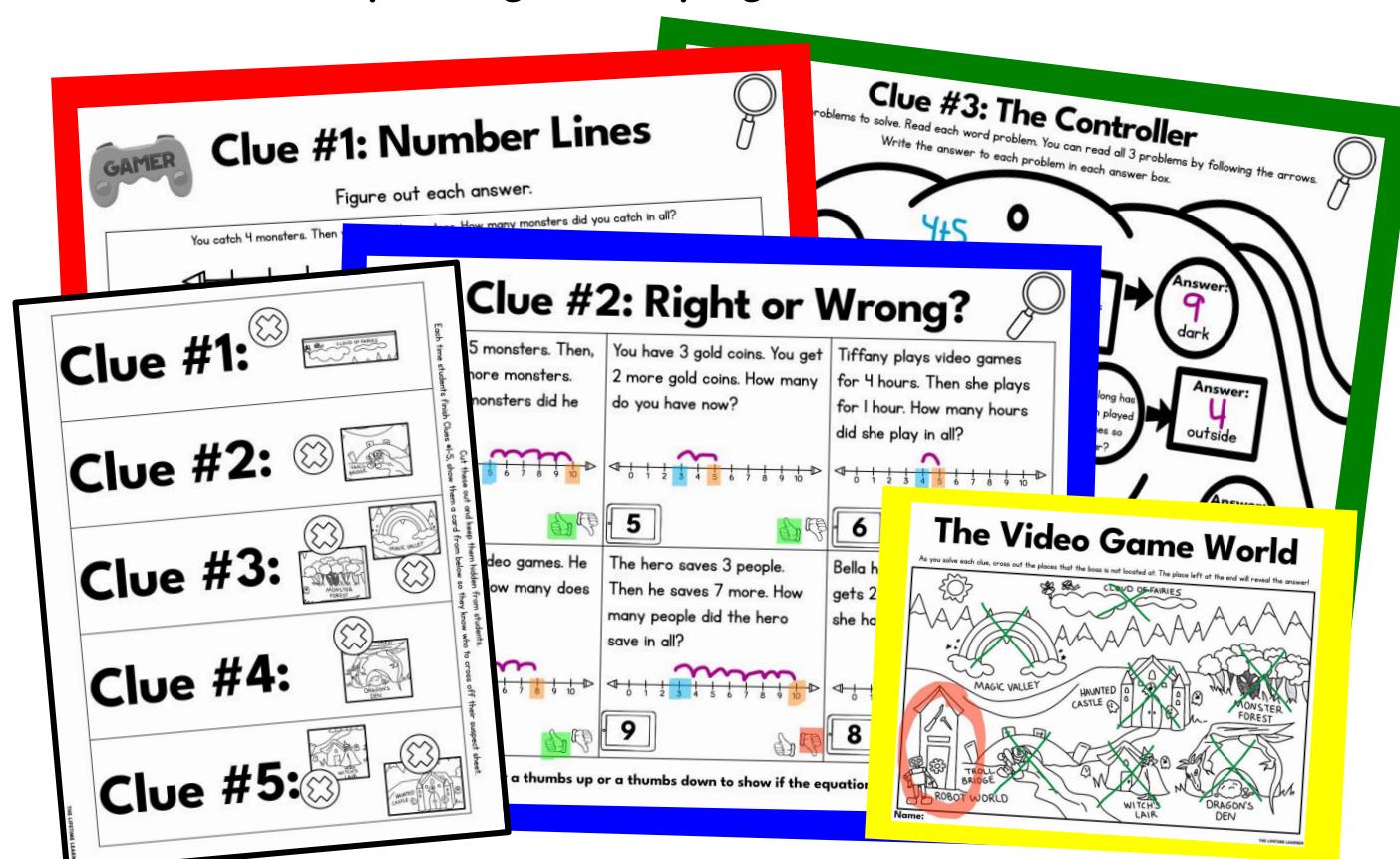
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Short & Long Options

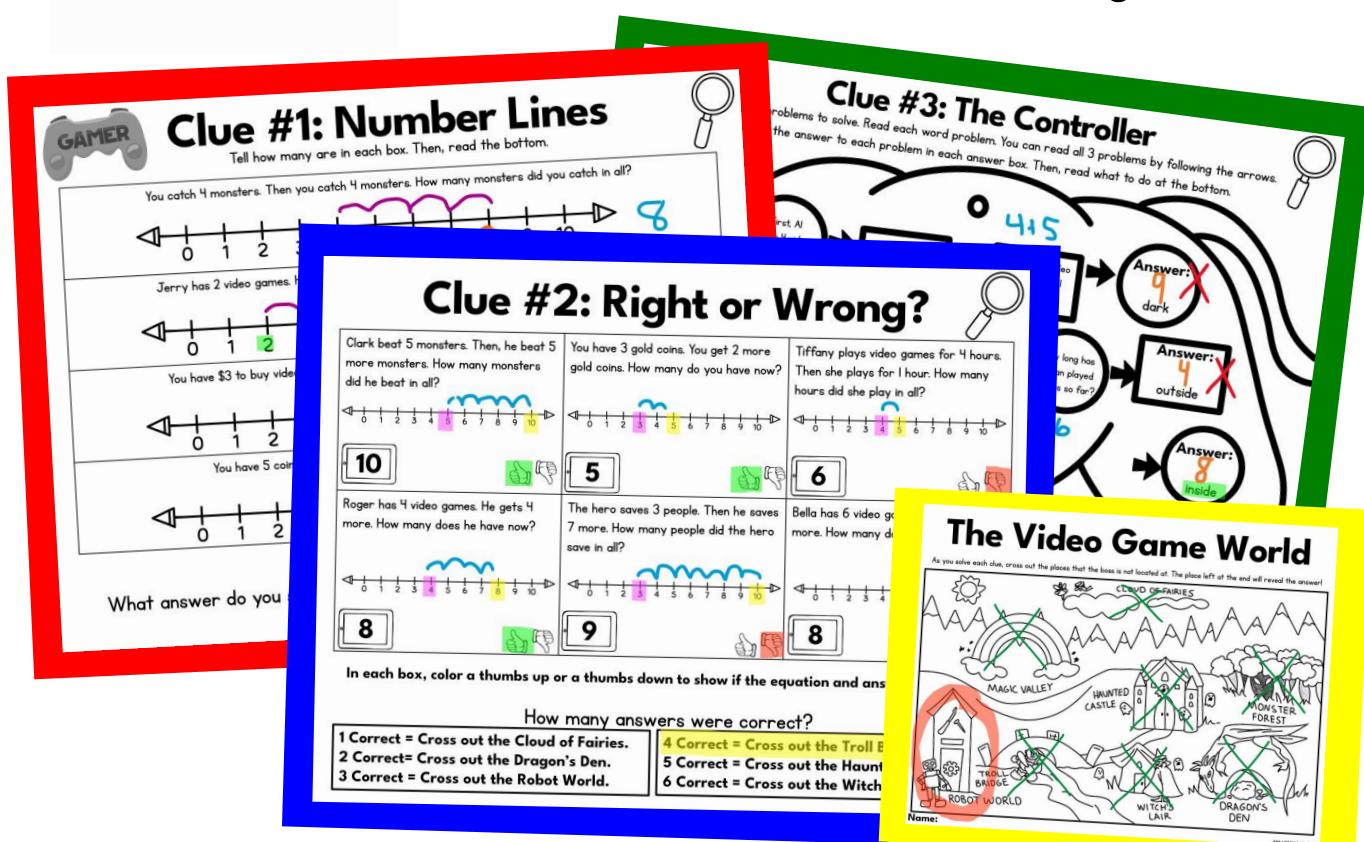
EASY & HARD OPTIONS

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.



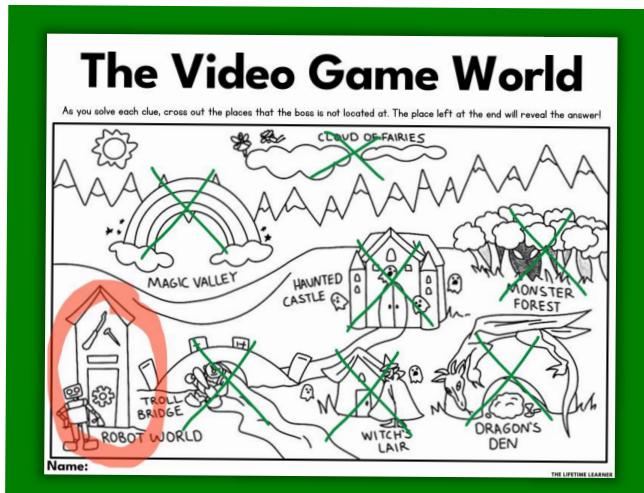
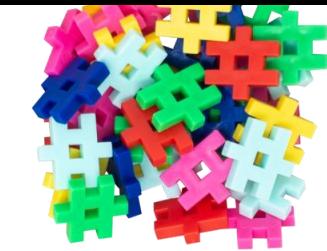
Easy Version

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!



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:
11 5+6
10 3+7
17 M+3
20 10+10
13 9+5

Letters:
C L O U D

The final boss is not hiding in the...

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

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?

18-6	12-5	20-9
12	6	12
5-2	14-4	16-5
4	10	11
14-8	10-3	7-3
6	7	11

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out the boxes with the E.R.

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10	9	8	10
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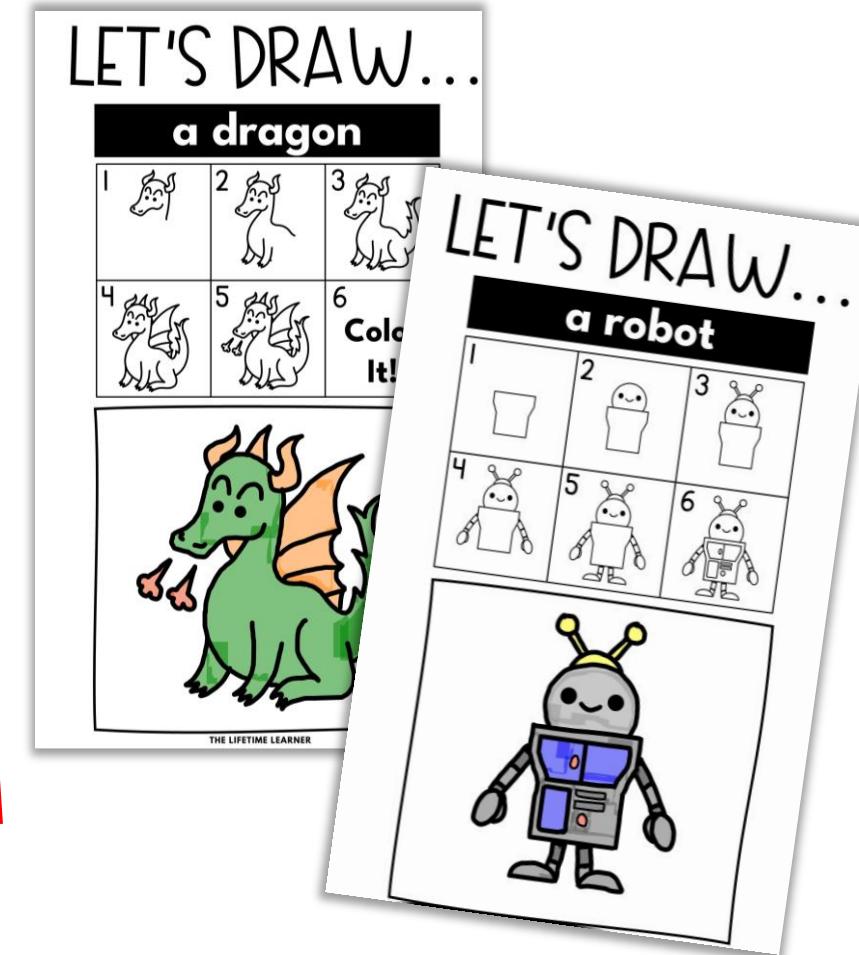
Now, find the correct key to solve the clue!

Clue 5: Fill in the Blank
Solve each problem. Write the answer. Then, write the word that goes with it. When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom in each row to figure out the clue.

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

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Computer Sort

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

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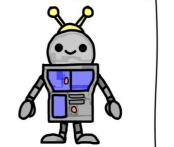
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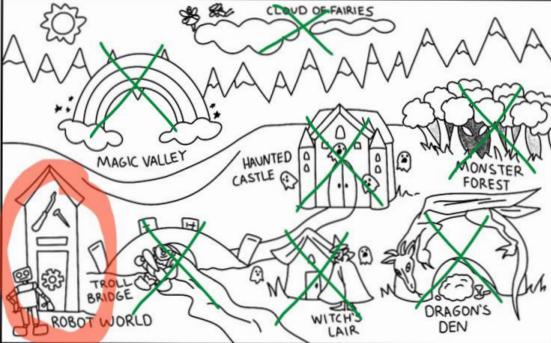
The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

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

LET'S DRAW... a dragon
1 2 3
4 5 6 Color It!


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4 5 6


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WITCH'S LAIR
DRAGON'S DEN

Name: *[Red circle]*

solve the mystery


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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

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.

moth	W	bath	H	sloth	T	with	S
math	C	cloth	I	path	E		

The final boss is scared of
W I T C H E S

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Example of Clue 1

Math



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KEEP THE FUN GOING!

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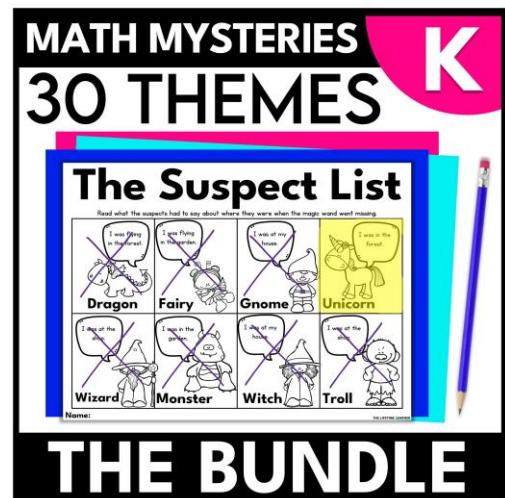


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