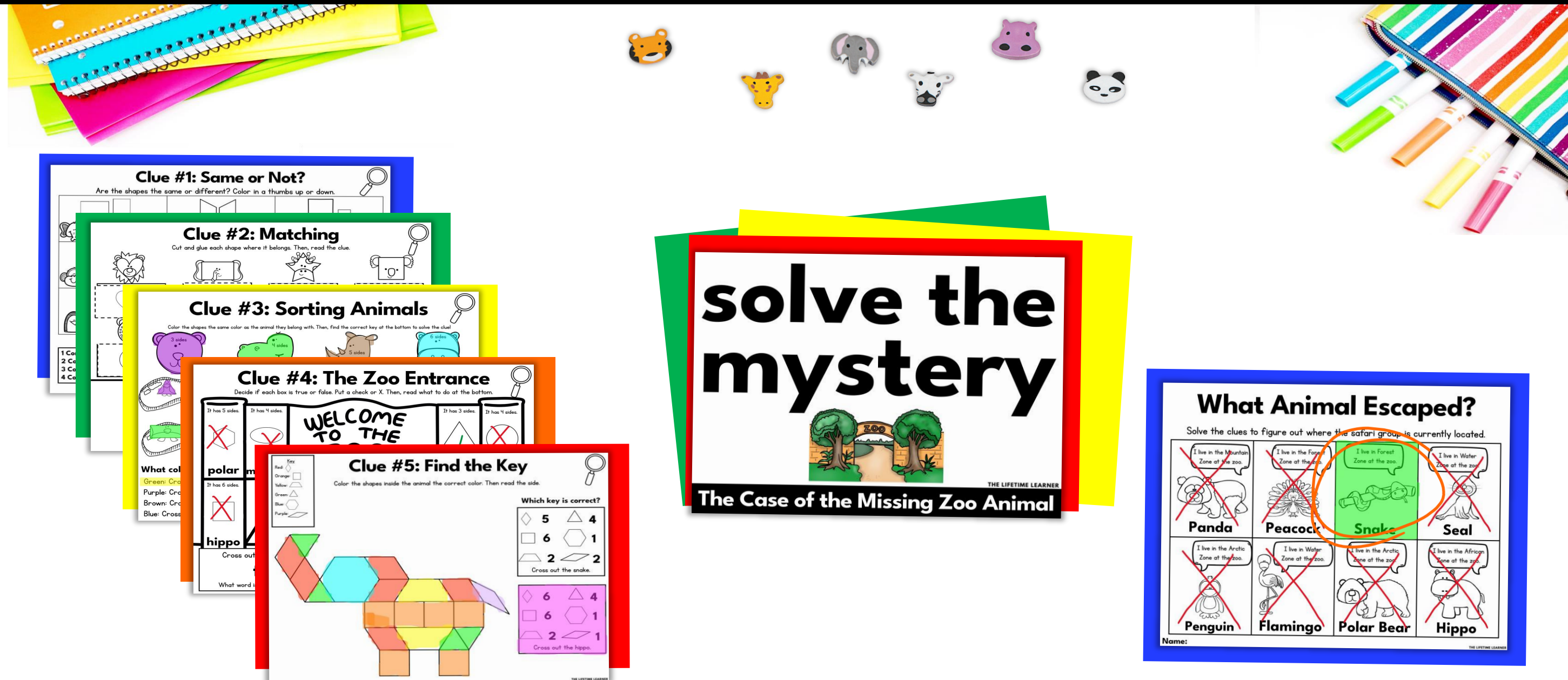
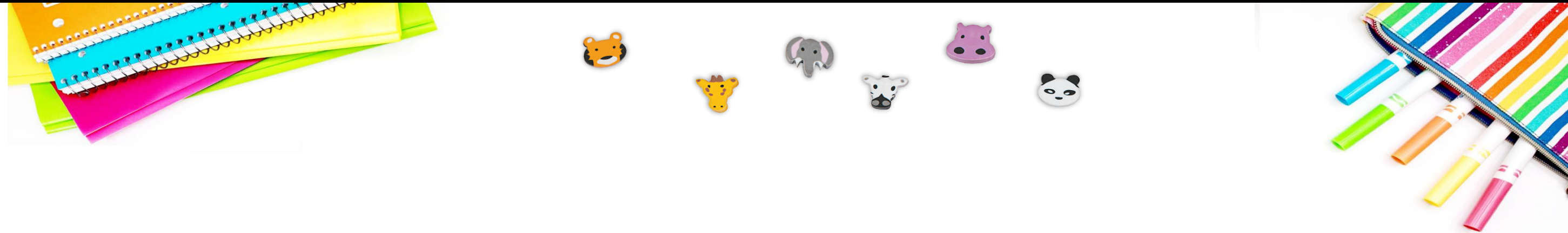


# WHAT IS THIS?



Students complete a series of clues to figure out what animal escaped the zoo!

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

An animal has escaped from the zoo! You need to know what animal it is so the animal can be located. Help figure out which animal is missing by solving the clues.

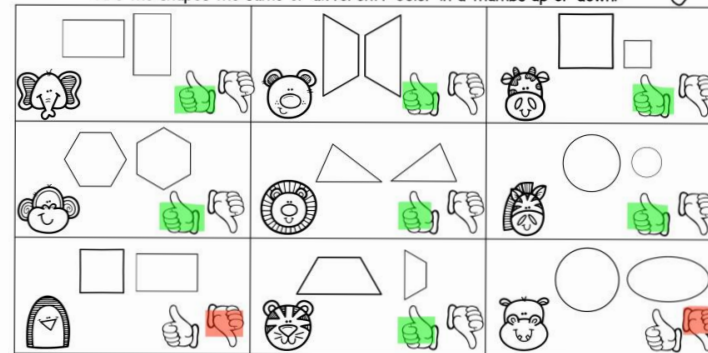
1. Take a list of animals and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering what animal is missing.
3. Cross out wrong animals each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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## What Animal Escaped?

Solve the clues to figure out where the safari group is currently located.



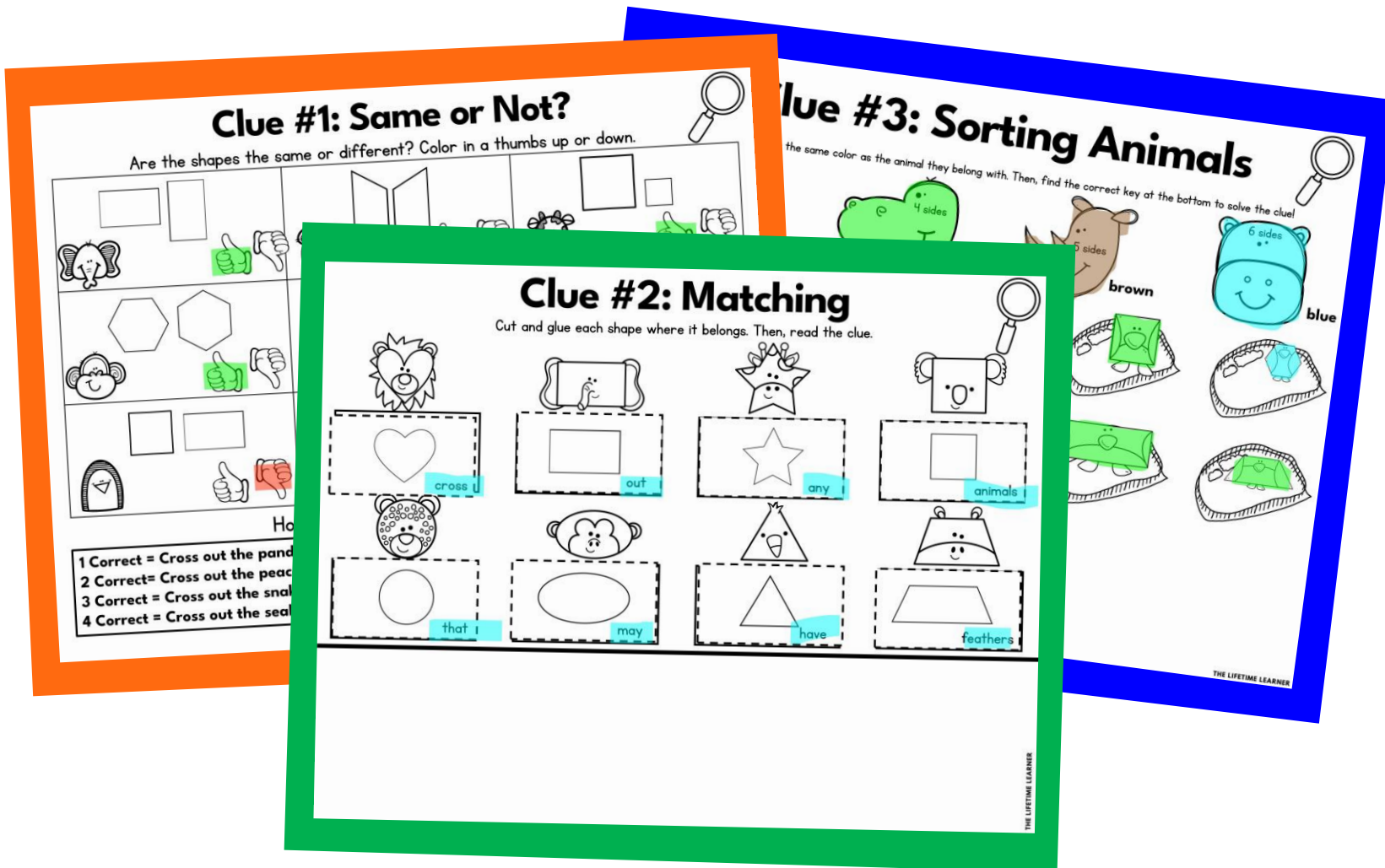
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what animal(s) to cross out.  
When all clues are completed, the mystery of the zoo animal will be solved!



# SKILL PRACTICE



- Geometry
- Identify Shapes
- Zoo-Themed!
- Error Analysis Practice

**All clues focus on reviewing geometry vocabulary!**

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS

Print & Digital Forms

3 Clue  
Version

5 Clue  
Version

Short & Long Options

**Clue #1: Same or Not?**  
Are the shapes the same or different? Color in a thumbs up or down.

**Clue #2: Matching**  
Cut and glue each shape where it belongs. Then, read the clue.

**Clue #3: Sorting Animals**  
Color the shapes the same color as the animal they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

3 sides purple  
4 sides green  
5 sides brown  
6 sides blue

**Clue #4: The Zoo Entrance**  
Decide if each box is true or false. Put a check or X. Then, read what to do at the bottom.

**Clue #5: Find the Key**  
Color the shapes inside the animal the correct color. Then read the side.

Which key is correct?

5 4  
2 1  
2 2  
Cross out the snake.

4 1  
2 1  
Cross out the hippo.

What color do you see the most?  
Green: Cross out animals in the Water Zone.  
Purple: Cross out animals in the Arctic Zone.  
Brown: Cross out animals in the Mountain Zone.  
Blue: Cross out animals in the African Zone.

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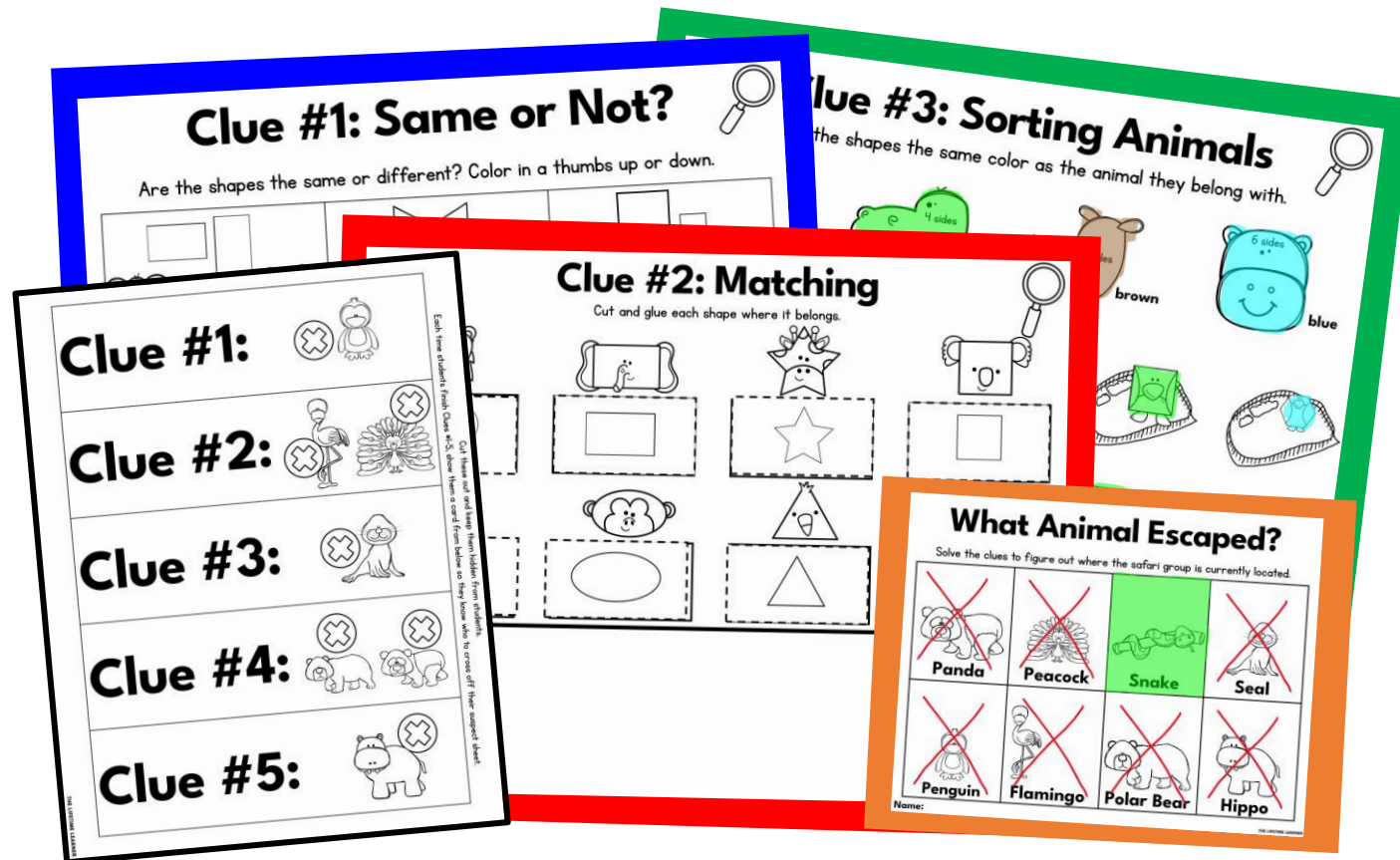
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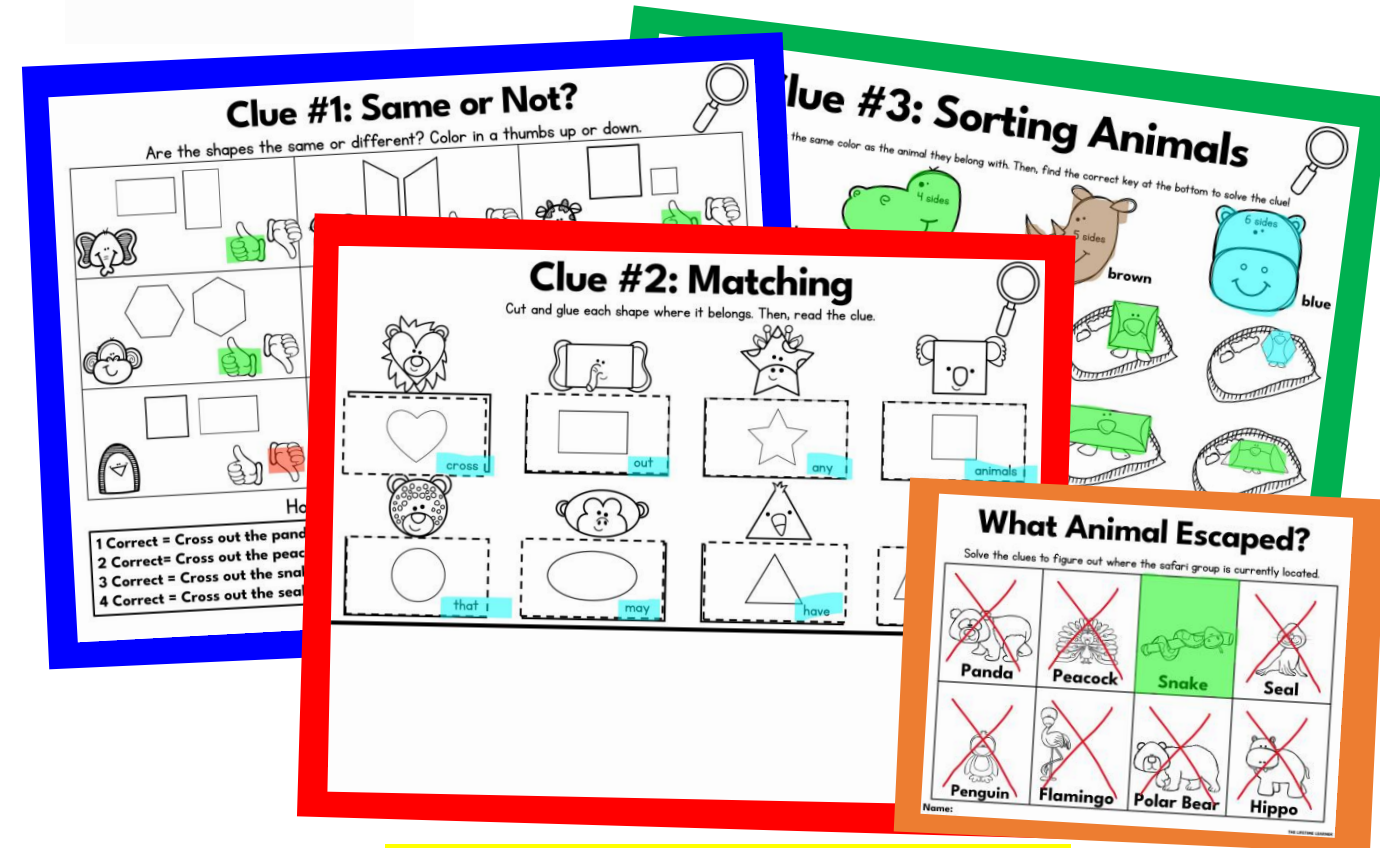
# EASY & HARD OPTIONS

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**

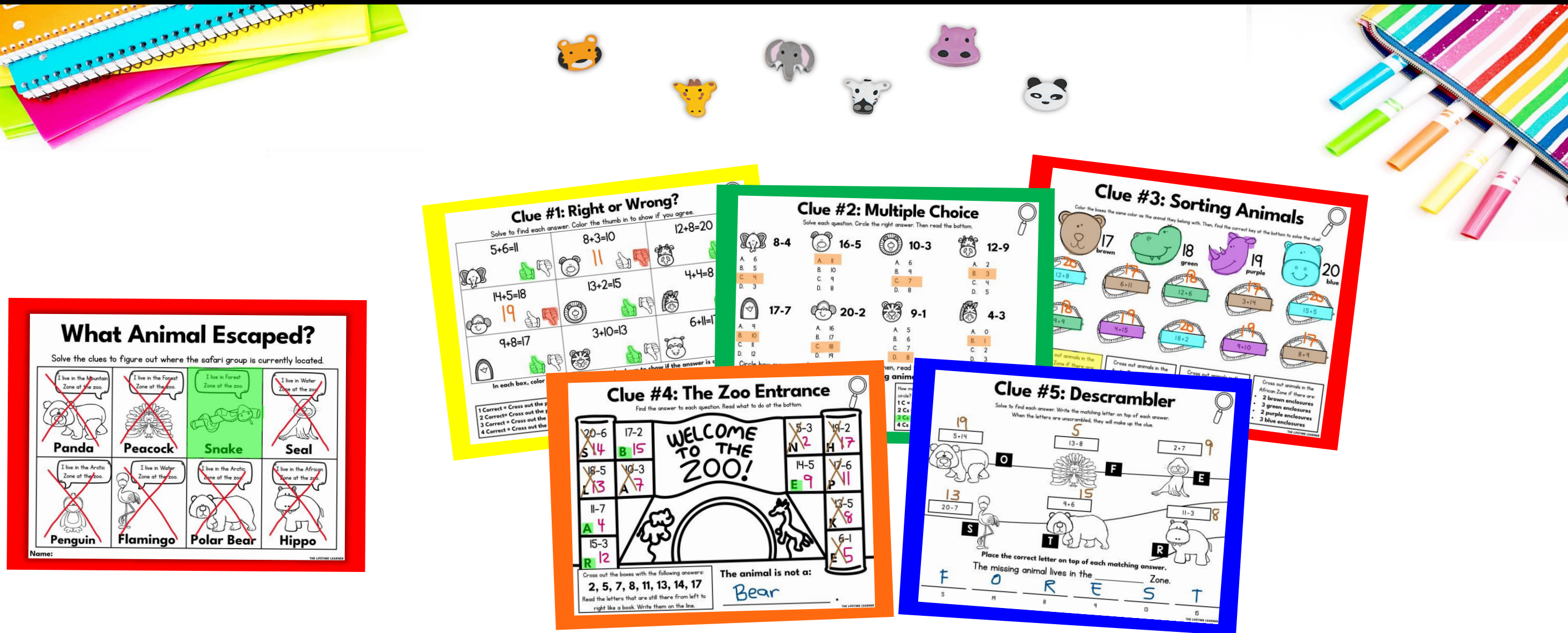
1. Students do the math on each clue page.
2. Teachers help students read the words on each clue page to figure out the mystery "hints".
3. Students use "hints" to cross out wrong answers.



**Hard Version**



# MATH FACT VERSION!

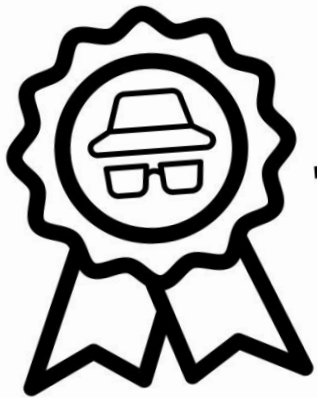


Same clues. Same mystery. Different math!

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

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

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congratulations to:



Lindsay

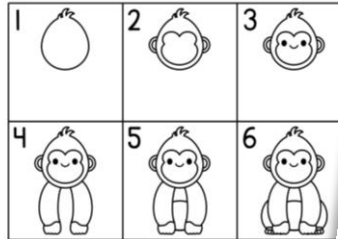
You solved the mystery!

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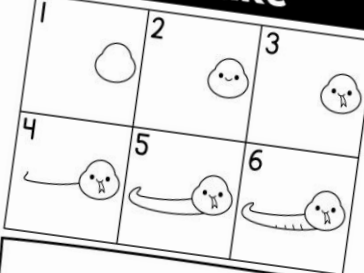
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a snake



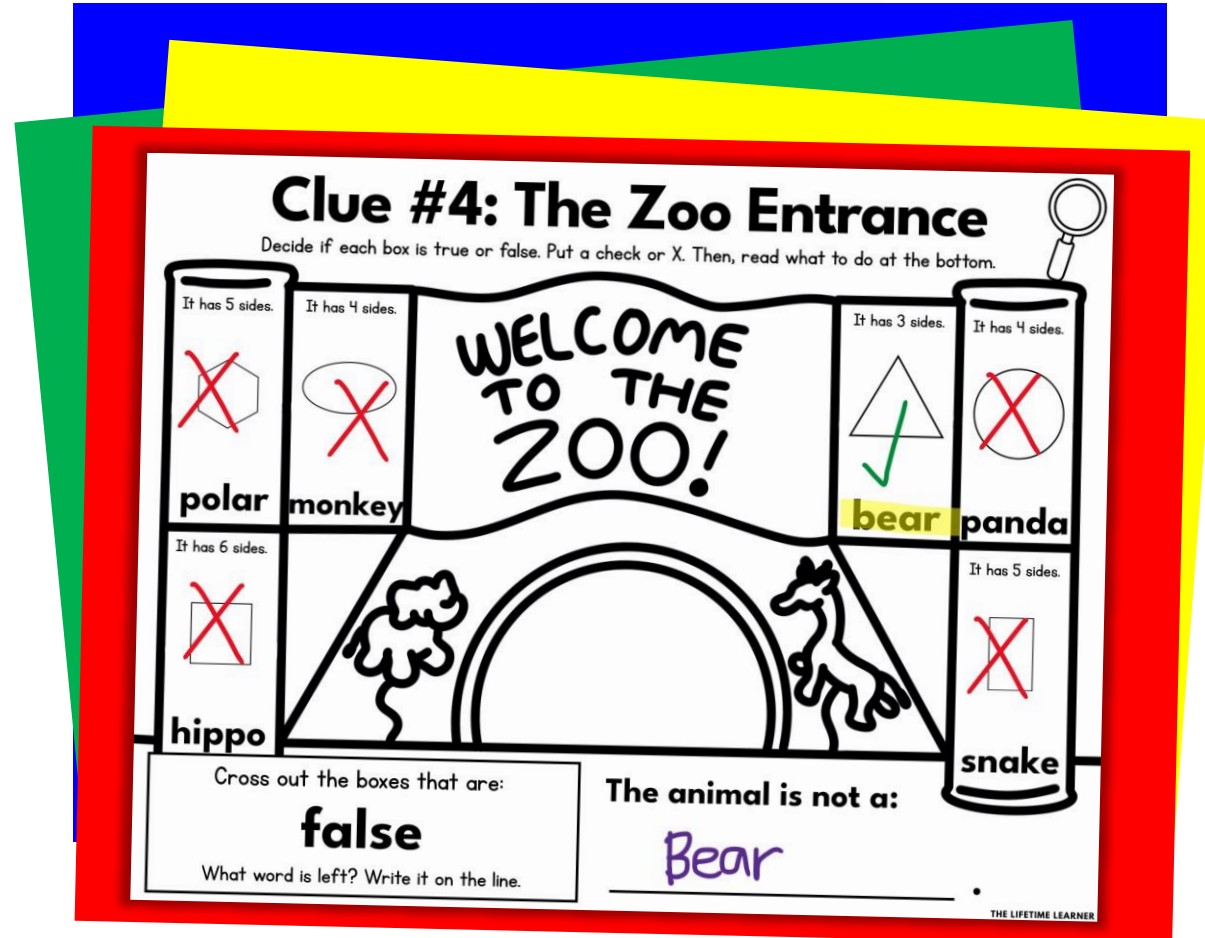
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If students finish early,  
give them a  
certificate of completion  
and a directed drawing  
to complete while others  
continue working.



# 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

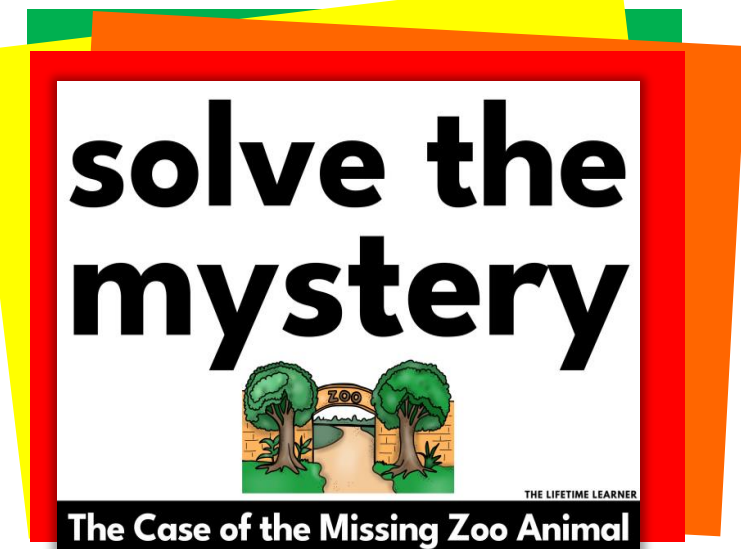
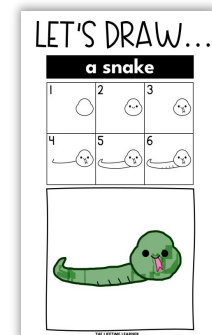
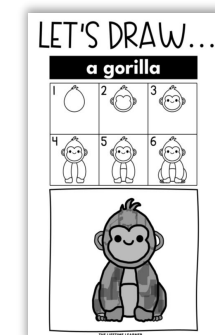
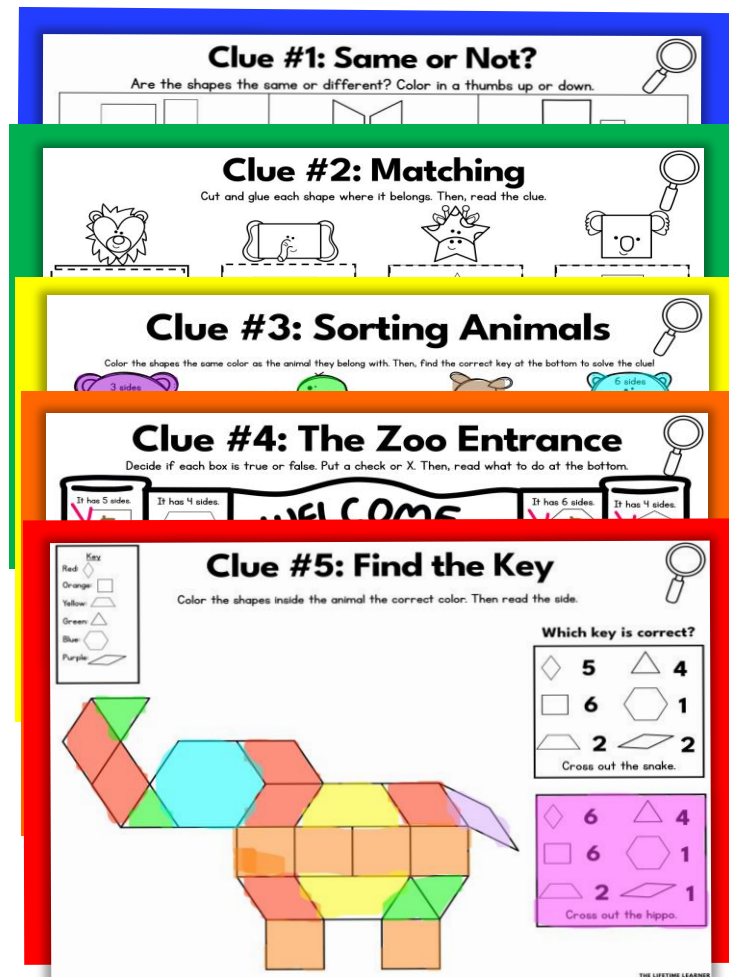


# WHY TEACHERS LOVE THESE!

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!**



# 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: Error Analysis**

Does the word match the picture? Put a check or an X next to each answer.  
Read the hint from the kid with the least correct answers.

The animal is not from the Arctic Zone.





































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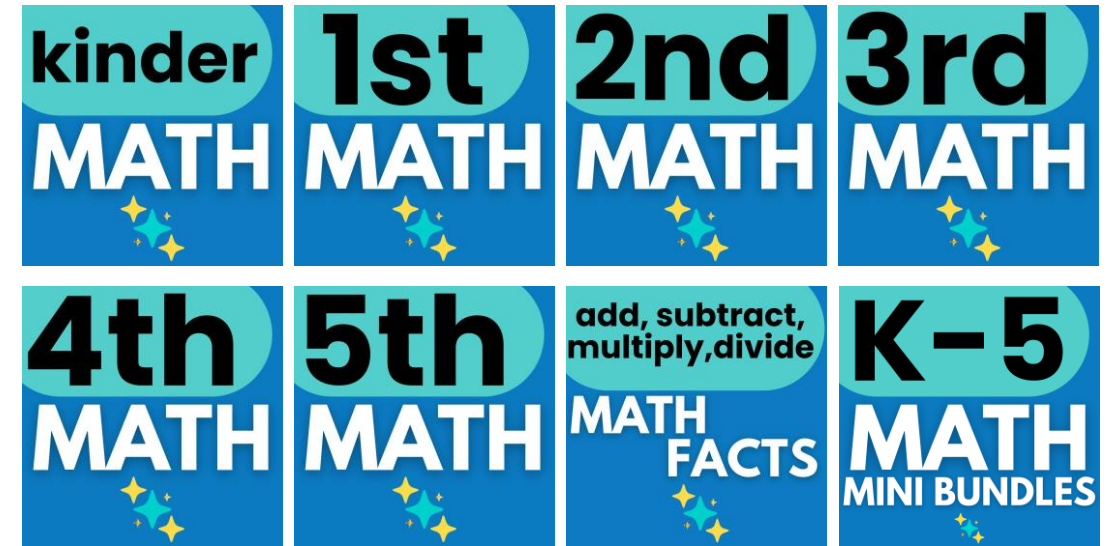
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