

WHAT IS THIS?



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Answers: 4 9 7 19 15 5 1 17

Letters: C A N P L A N T

The mailman is at a place with something you...

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

A = [picture]	G = [picture]	M = [picture]	S = [picture]	Y = [picture]
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C = [picture]	I = [picture]	O = [picture]	U = [picture]	
D = [picture]	J = [picture]	P = [picture]	V = [picture]	
E = [picture]	K = [picture]	Q = [picture]	W = [picture]	
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solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Mailman

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Where is the Mailman?
Figure out where the mailman is by solving each clue.

Shoe Store	Car Repair Shop	Toy Store	Home Repair Shop
Candy Store	Post Office	Flower Shop	Jewelry Shop

Name: _____

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

HOW TO PLAY

What Happened?

You need to get in touch with your mailman, but you can't find him anywhere! You know that he's somewhere around town but can't figure out the right place. Help find out where he is by solving the clues.



















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



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

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

SKILL PRACTICE

Clue #1: Right or Wrong?

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$14+5=19$  	$1+2=1$  	$9+5=15$  
$10+7=16$  		
$2+6=8$  		

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Clue #3: Fill in the Blank

10	toy	19	at	5	short	15	the	10	place
	mailman		flower				is		

Answer: Word:

$6+2$

$8+5$

$4+10$

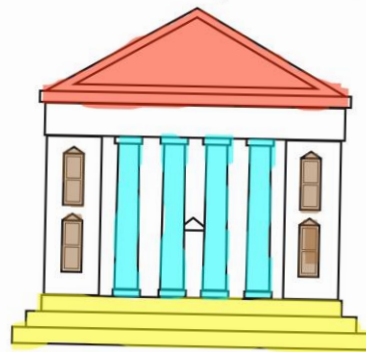
When you are done, read the

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Clue #2: Color the Building

Solve each equation. Then, follow the instructions to color the building.

- | | |
|--|---|
| 18-10
A. 11 - color steps red
B. 10 - color steps blue
C. 9 - color steps green
D. 8 - color steps yellow | 7-5
A. 1 - color windows red
B. 2 - color windows brown
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- Yellow roof

Cross out places where you can repair something if the building has:

- Blue steps
- Green windows
- Blue pillars
- Yellow roof

Cross out places where you can buy something to wear if the building has:

- Yellow steps
- Brown windows
- Blue pillars
- Red roof

Cross out places where you can buy something to play with if the building has:

- Red steps
- Brown windows
- Yellow pillars
- Red roof

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- Version 1:
Addition & Subtraction Facts
- Version 2:
Multiplication & Division Facts

All clues focus on reviewing math facts!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS

Print & Digital Forms

Short & Long Options

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72	49	11	80	36	24
15	40	22	35	121	20
32	21	12	30	10	144

Answers: $12 \times 3 = 36$ The $9 \times 8 = 72$ not $4 \times 5 = 20$ a

$4 \times 10 = 40$ mailman $2 \times 6 = 12$ located $3 \times 7 = 21$ repair

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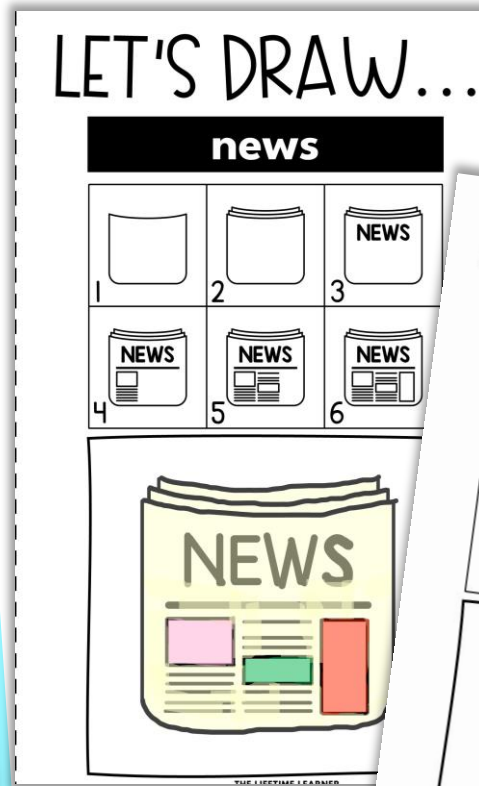
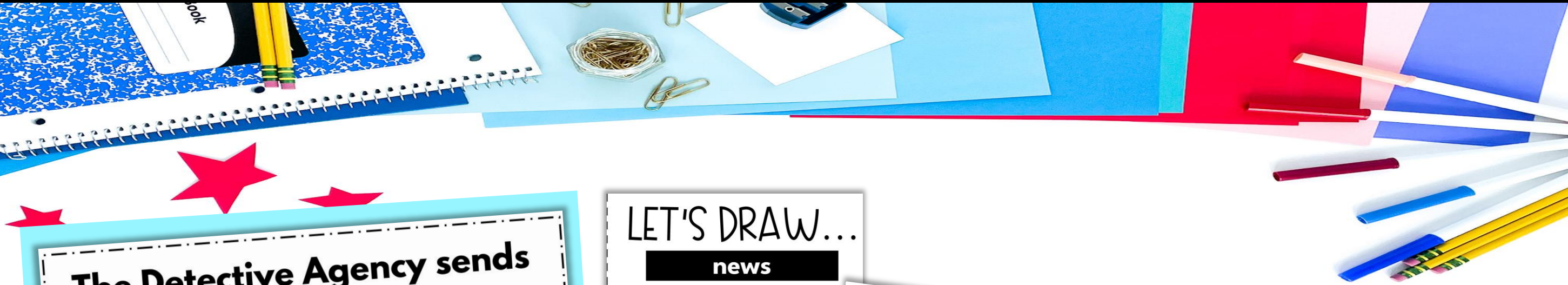
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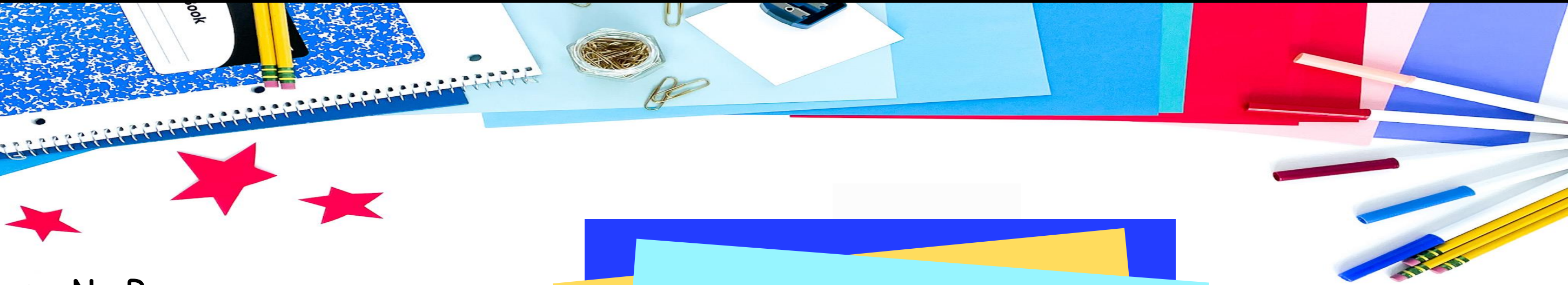
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FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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
- Fun and Engaging
- Easy to Differentiate
- Encourages Critical Thinking
- Aligns with Math Standards
- Perfect for Review Days

Clue #4: The Building

Put the correct answer in each box. Then, read what to do at the bottom.

S 14-6 8	B 18-3 15	F 11-5 6	G 14-3 11	A 19-9 10
D 8-4 4	O 13-6 7	X 20-7 13	O 18-9 9	N 16-2 14
D 19-10 9				K 5-2 3

Cross out these answers:
3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15

What letters are left? Write them on the line.

The mailman is at a place that smells Good.

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This can be used in
partners, small
groups with the
teacher, table
groups, centers, and
more!

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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The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

11/2 Date Presented by: **AW**

LET'S DRAW...

news

1 2 3 4 5 6

NEWS

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a house

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HOUSE

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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: Sorting Letters

Color the letters the same color as the box they belong in. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

yellow nouns	red verbs	green adjectives	blue adverbs
mailman	white	thick	organized
mailbox	busy	thin	early
			delivers

The mailman is not near any toys if you see:

- 1 yellow note
- 2 red notes
- 5 green notes
- 2 blue notes

The mailman is not near any cars if you see:

- 3 yellow notes
- 0 red notes
- 5 green notes
- 5 blue notes

The mailman is not near any shoes if you see:

- 2 yellow notes
- 2 red notes
- 4 green notes
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The mailman is not near any games if you see:

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Example of Clue 1

Math

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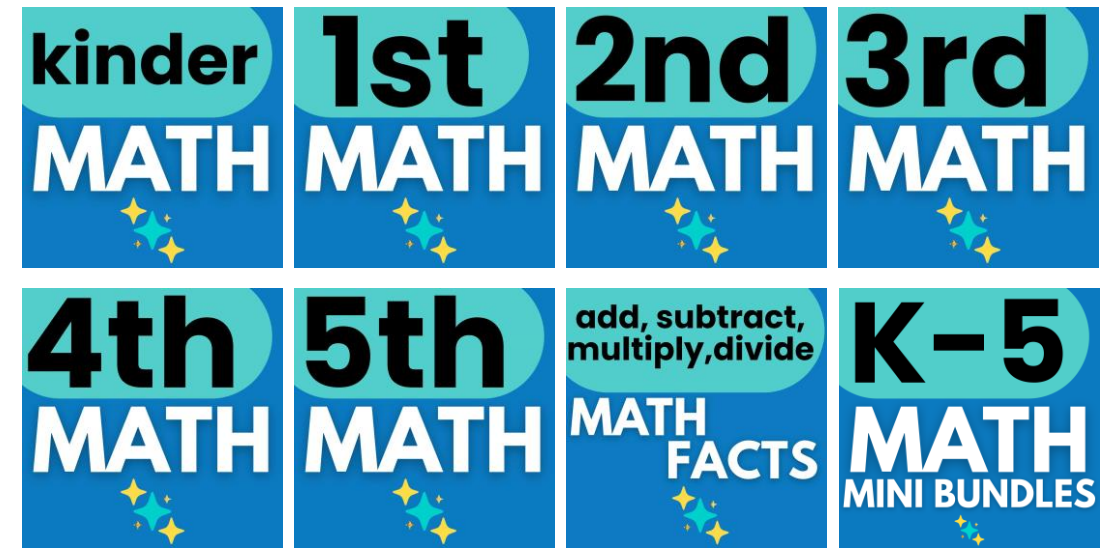
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MORE **MATH MYSTERIES**:

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



BUY A BUNDLE
TO **SAVE BIG!**

