

WHAT IS THIS?



Clue #1: Picture Decoder
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Clue #2: Color the Castle
Solve each question. Circle the right answer and color each piece in on the castle. Then read the bottom.

Clue #3: Detective Report
Once upon a time, there were $23+45+22$ fairies. The fairies went to the castle to give the princess $38+16+31$ gifts. The first fairy waved her magic wand $18+31+29$ times and gave the princess a beautiful dress. The next fairy waved her wand $42+2$ times.

Clue #4: The Cottage
First, fill in the answers in each box. Then, read what to do at the bottom.

$62+16+6$ 94	snout	$13+45+28$ 86	spot
$26+17+24$		$39+14+22$	

Clue #5: Right or Wrong?
Look at each answer. Decide if it's right or wrong. Color a thumbs up or down to show if you agree.

$9+9$	$4+13$	$8+3$	$14+4$
18	16	11	19
$16+3$	$9+5$	$2+4$	$9+10$
18	14	6	19

How many answers did each character get correct?
Cross out who got more answers correct.
Now you should know who stole the missing wand!

solve the mystery

A purple star wand with a purple star at the tip and a purple dot at the base.

The Case of the Missing Wand

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

The Suspect List

Read what the suspects had to say about where they were when the magic wand went missing.

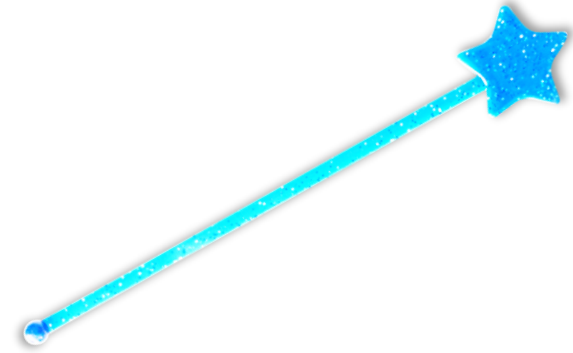
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<p>I was at the shop.</p> Wizard	<p>I was in the garden.</p> Monster	<p>I was at my house.</p> Witch	<p>I was at the shop.</p> Troll

Name: _____

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Students complete a series of clues to figure out who took the missing wand!


HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Uh oh! Your new magic wand went missing and you don't know who took it! It's up to you to find out where your wand might be.










Solve each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the treasure is! Good luck!



THE LIFETIME LEARNER


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

























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25	56	12	10	72	10	27	45	24

Answers: $\frac{72}{9 \times 8}$ $\frac{12}{3 \times 4}$ $\frac{25}{5 \times 5}$ $\frac{10}{1 \times 10}$ $\frac{56}{8 \times 7}$ $\frac{27}{3 \times 9}$ $\frac{10}{2 \times 5}$ $\frac{24}{4 \times 6}$ $\frac{45}{5 \times 9}$

Letters: A B L E T O F L Y

The thief is NOT 

A = 	G = 	M = 	S = 	Y = 
B = 	H = 	N = 	T = 	Z = 
C = 	I = 	O = 	U = 	
D = 	J = 	P = 	V = 	
E = 	K = 	Q = 	W = 	
F = 	L = 	R = 	X = 	

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

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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Read what the suspects had to say about where they were when the magic wand went missing.

 I was flying in the forest.	 I was flying in the garden.	 I was at my house.	 I was in the forest.
Dragon	Fairy	Gnome	Unicorn
 I was at the shop.	 I was in the garden.	 I was at my house.	 I was at the shop.
Wizard	Monster	Witch	Troll

Name: _____

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal which suspect to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the magic wand will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

Clue #1: Picture Decoder

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17 12 14

Answers: $\frac{9}{4+5}$ $\frac{14}{11+3}$

Letters: A B

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Clue #3: Detective Report

There were $10+10$ ²⁰ fairies. The fairies went to the castle to give the princess $8+7$ ¹⁵ a beautiful dress. The next day she gave her magic wand $5+3$ ⁸ times and gave the princess a beautiful dress. The next day she told the next fairy that she was surprised, but when she made a wish, the fairies waved.

A=1	J=10	S=19
B=2	K=11	T=20
C=3	L=12	U=21
D=4	M=13	V=22
E=5	N=14	W=23
F=6	O=15	X=24
G=7	P=16	Y=25
H=8	Q=17	Z=26
I=9	R=18	

Clue #2: Color the Castle


Solve each question. Circle the right answer and color each piece in on the castle. Then read the bottom.



14-8

A. 6 - brown
B. 7 - gray
C. 5 - purple
D. 4 - black

A



10-2

A. 6 - purple
B. 9 - brown
C. 7 - black
D. 8 - gray

D



15-4

A. 13 - pink
B. 12 - blue
C. 11 - purple
D. 10 - brown


C



6-4

A. 3 - pink
B. 2 - green
C. 4 - yellow
D. 1 - brown

B



11-7

A. 6 - blue
B. 4 - yellow
C. 7 - red
D. 5 - pink

B



9-3

A. 3 - red
B. 4 - black
C. 5 - yellow
D. 6 - blue

D



Choose the key below that matches how you colored the picture of the castle.

<p>Cross out the Wizard if the castle has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gray door • brown castle • purple towers • green plants • yellow windows • blue flags 	<p>Cross out the Witch if the castle has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brown door • gray castle • green towers • purple plants • yellow windows • blue flags 	<p>Cross out the Gnome if the castle has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brown door • gray castle • purple towers • green plants • blue windows • yellow flags 	<p>Cross out the Troll if the castle has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brown door • gray castle • purple towers • green plants • yellow windows • blue flags 
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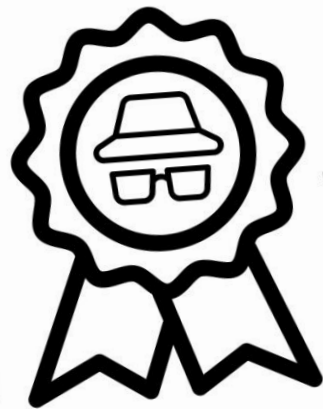
- Version 1:
Addition & Subtraction Facts
- Version 2:
Multiplication & Division Facts

All clues focus on reviewing math facts!

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

11/2
Date

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Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...
a fairy

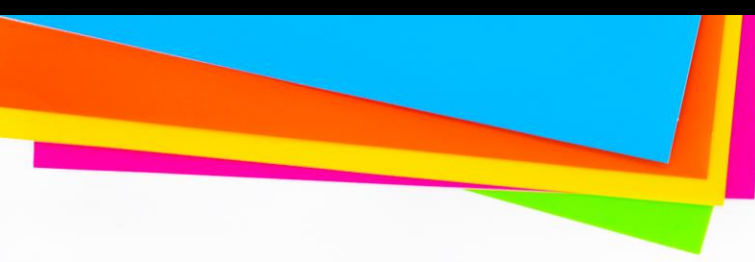
1	2	3
4	5	6

LET'S DRAW...
a frog prince

1	2	3
4	5	6 Color It!

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 Cottage

First, fill in the answers in each box. Then, read what to do at the bottom.

17-7 10 snout	11-5 6 spot
14-2 12 tail	7-6 1 hat
6-3 3 beard	14-6 8 horn

Cross out the boxes with the following answers:
10, 12, 3, 6, 8
Write the word that is left on the line.

The culprit does not have a
Hat

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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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5×3	3×4	2×6	9×4
15	11	12	35
7×8	10×5	3×8	7×6
57	50	24	42

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WHAT MAKES MATH MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

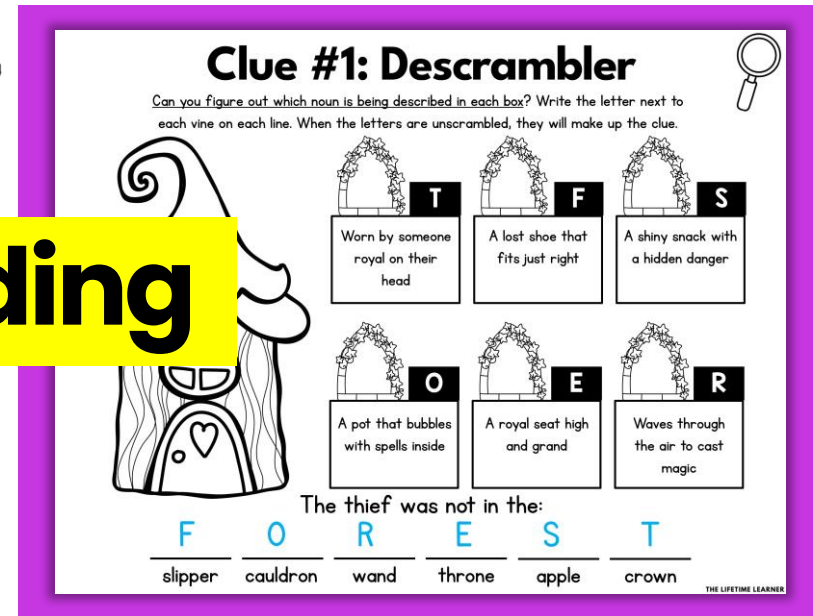
Math Mysteries aren't just a copy of Reading Mysteries!

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



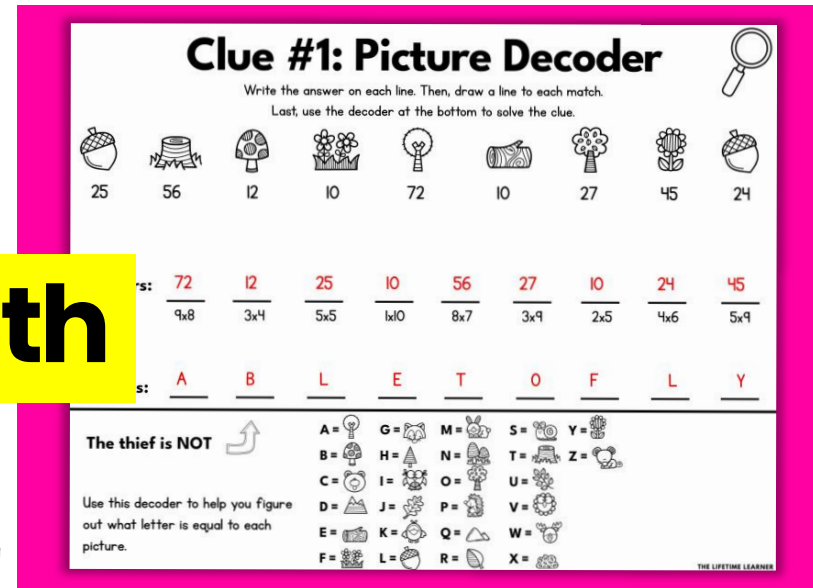
Clue #1: Descrambler
Can you figure out which noun is being described in each box? Write the letter next to each vine on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

Worn by someone royal on their head: T
A lost shoe that fits just right: F
A shiny snack with a hidden danger: S
A pot that bubbles with spells inside: O
A royal seat high and grand: E
Waves through the air to cast magic: R

The thief was not in the:
F O R E S T
slipper cauldron wand throne apple crown

Example of Clue 1

Math



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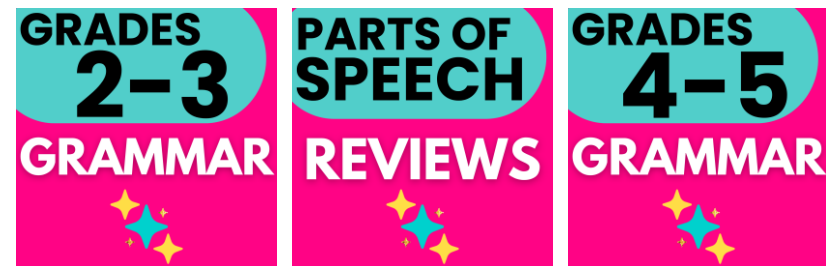
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D =	J =	P =	V =	
E =	K =	Q =	W =	
F =	L =	R =	X =	

KEEP THE FUN GOING!

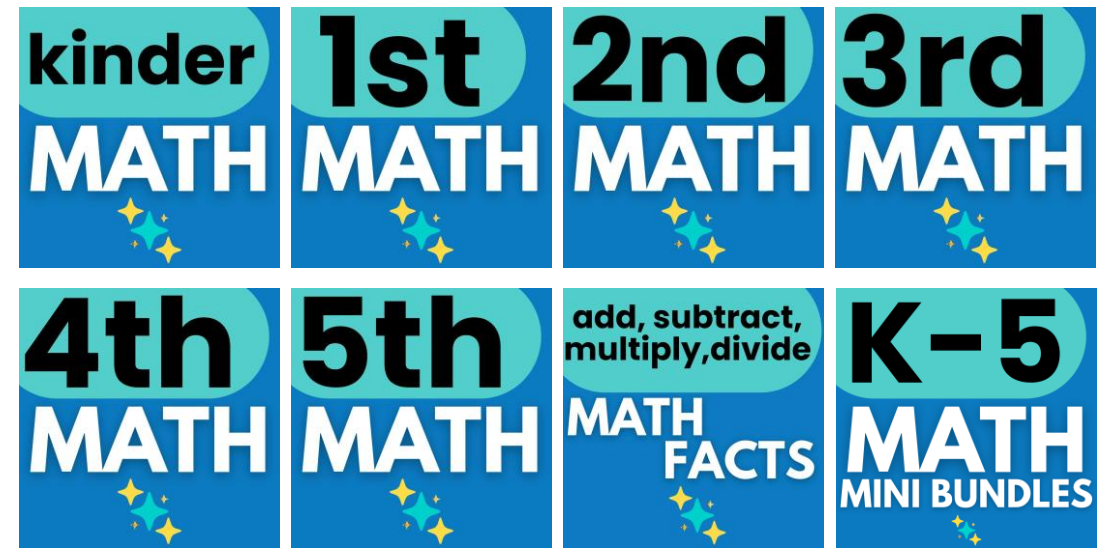
GRAB A **READING MYSTERY**:

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.



**BUY A BUNDLE
TO SAVE BIG!**

