

WHAT IS THIS?

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Clue #3: Word Hunt

Clue #4: Dino Notes
Color each dinosaur the same color as the footprint it goes with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

Clue #5: Fill in the Blank
Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.
Word: **act** Word: **left** Word: **raft**
Word: **the** Word: **dino** Word: **we**
Word: **sharp** Word: **craft** Word: **next**
Word: **saw** Word: **does** Word: **not**
Word: **horn** Word: **lift** Word: **text**
Word: **meat** Word: **sharp** Word: **claws**
Word: **spots** Word: **lift** Word: **claws**
Word: **dino** Word: **text** Word: **claws**

Cross out the **meat** eaters if there:
• 1 blue dino
• 5 purple dino
• 4 green dino

When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom in each row to figure out the clue.



solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Dino Egg

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Who Does the Egg Belong to?

Solve the clues to figure out which dinosaur the egg belongs to.

I'm a herbivore. Parasaurolophus	I'm a carnivore. Pterodactyl	I'm a herbivore. Pachycephalosaurus	I'm an omnivore. Oviraptor
I'm a carnivore. T-Rex	I'm a carnivore. Spinosaurus	I'm a herbivore. Brontosaurus	I'm a herbivore. Triceratops

Name: _____

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Students complete a series of clues to figure out who the egg belongs to!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

An egg fell out of its nest. Your mission is to figure out which dinosaur the egg belongs to so you can put the egg back in the correct nest. Solve the clues to figure out what dinosaur the egg belongs to and solve the mystery!

1. Take a dinosaur list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which dinosaur the egg belongs to.
3. Cross out wrong dinosaurs each time you find out new information. Good luck!



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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the	cute	dino	egg
q uilt	g ulp	b uilt	p alm
does	wings	not	have
b olt	sh elf	s alt	t ill
w itt	short	long	neck
h elp	m elt	b elt	

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong dinosaur off your list.

THE DINO DOES NOT HAVE A LONG NECK

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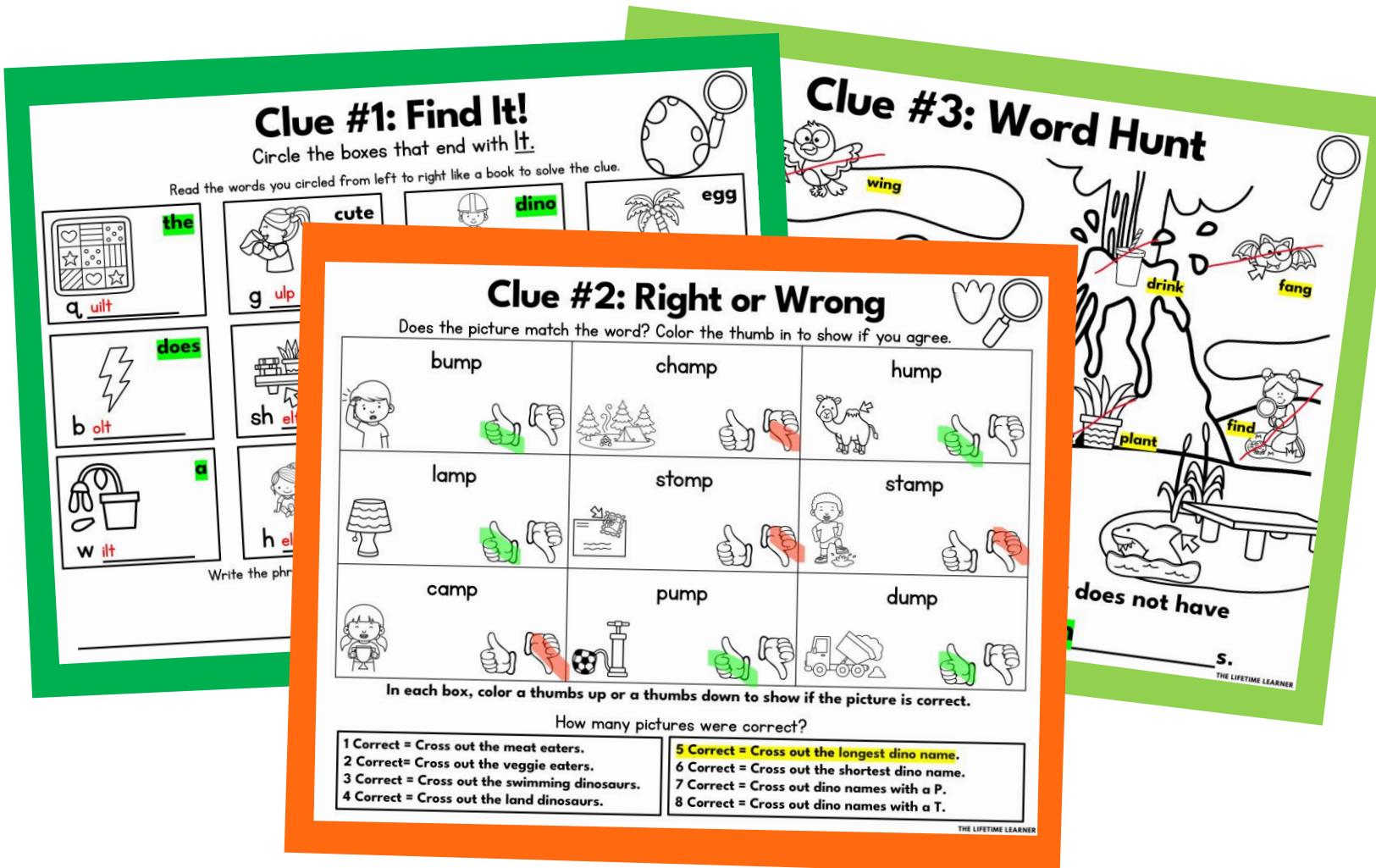
I'm a herbivore.	I'm a carnivore.	I'm a herbivore	I'm an omnivore.
Parasaurolophus	Pterodactyl	Pachycephalosaurus	Oviraptor
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Name:

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what dinosaur to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the dinosaur egg will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE



- Final Blends Review
- L Blends
- M Blends
- N Blends
- S Blends
- T Blends

All clues focus on reviewing final blends!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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bump champ hump

Clue #3: Word Hunt
Color each dinosaur the same color as the footprint it goes with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue.

3 Clue Version

Cross out the following pictures:
• drink • wind • plant • sting • sand
• skunk • find • tent • wing • fang
What picture is left? Write that word on the line.

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Print & Digital Forms

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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



Color each dinosaur the same color as the footprint it goes with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

blue -ub

purple -ug

green -un

sun

tug

rub

rug

mug

bun

fun

hug

Cross out the meat-eaters if there are:

- 1 blue dino
- 5 purple dinos
- 4 green dinos

Cross out the smallest dinos if there are:

- 1 blue dino
- 4 purple dinos
- 5 green dinos

Cross out the veggie-eaters if there are:

- 2 blue dinos
- 6 purple dinos
- 2 green dinos

Cross out the largest dinosaur if there are:

- 2 blue dinos
- 6 purple dinos
- 2 green dinos

THE LOSTIN LEARNERS

ross out the following pictures:

Clue #5: Fill in the Blank

we	the	sharp	saw	horn	meat
have	eat	feet	swim	does	spots
not	hands	wings	claws	arms	dino
lip	The	dig	saw	win	have
dip	dino	rip	does	hit	sharp
fix	we	pin	not	zip	claws

Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

Word: **lip** Word: **dip** Word: **fix**

Word: **win** Word: **hit** Word: **zip**

Word: **have** Word: **sharp** Word: **claws**

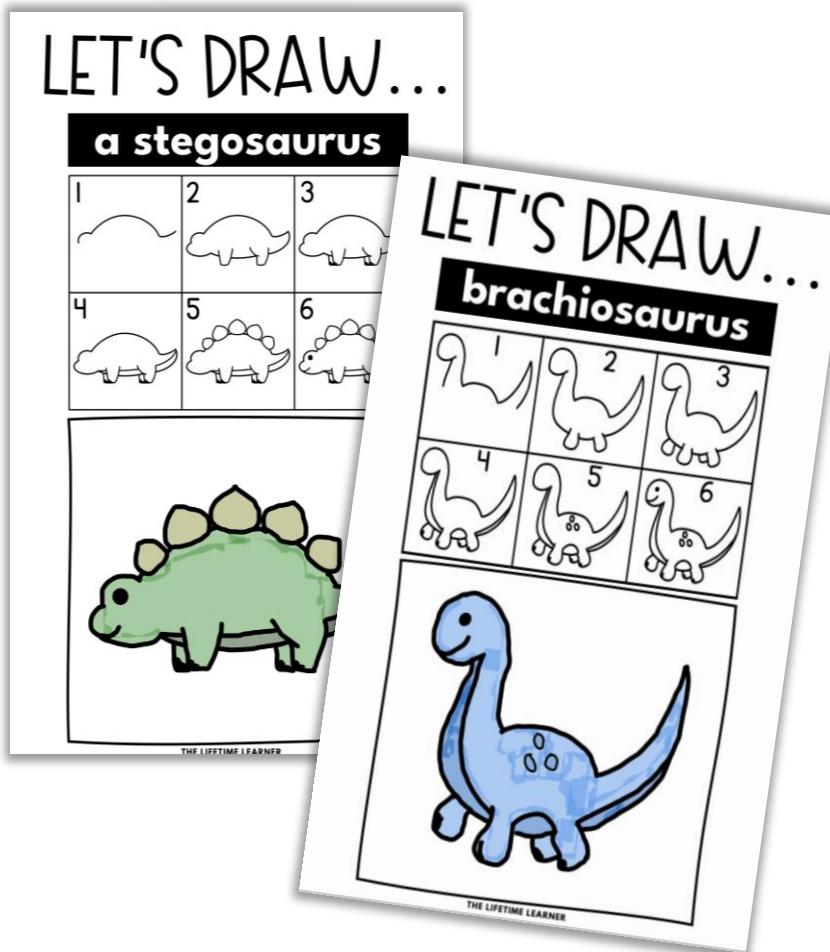
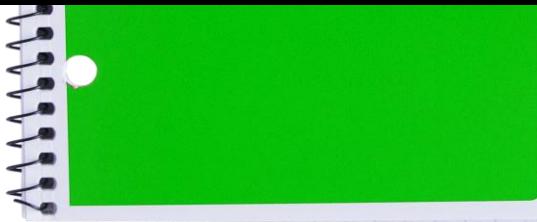
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THE CLEVER LEARNER

Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

There is a version of the mystery included that reviews CVC Words (Short A, E, I, O, U).

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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

PHONICS MYSTERY BENEFITS



- No Prep
- Print and Digital Versions
- 3 & 5 Clue Options
- Fun and Engaging
- Easy to Differentiate
- Encourages Critical Thinking
- Aligns with Phonics Standards
- Perfect for Review Days
- Choice between 2 versions: Final Blends Mystery OR CVC Words Mystery. You can even mix/match clues to combine the 2 skills together (clues are interchangeable)!



Clue #4: Dino Notes

Color each dinosaur the same color as the footprint it goes with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

blue -sp purple -sk green -st

cast	ask	gasp	tusk	list
mask	whisk	nest	desk	toast

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• 5 green dinos

Cross out the veggie-eaters if there are:
• 2 blue dinos
• 5 purple dinos
• 3 green dinos

Cross out the largest dinosaur if there are:
• 2 blue dinos
• 6 purple dinos
• 2 green dinos

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

In 1st grade, this works well as a whole group lesson or in small groups at the teacher table.

First graders will need teacher support to read & understand the clues/directions

WHY TEACHERS LOVE THESE!

Ordinary phonics worksheets can be boring and unoriginal.

You want activities that are fun and engaging, but also rigorous and meaningful to student learning.

PHONICS MYSTERIES ARE EXACTLY WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

The image shows a stack of four phonics mystery worksheets and a certificate. The worksheets are:

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- Clue #3: Word Hunt** Find the words: wing, blue, purple, green.
- Clue #4: Dino Notes** Color each dinosaur the same color as the footprint it goes with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue. Words: we, the, sharp, saw, horn, meat, have, eat, feet, swim, does, spots, not, hands, wings, claws, arms, dino.
- Clue #5: Fill in the Blank** Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box. Words: act, slept, gift, have, left, craft, lift, sharp, raft, next, text, claws.

The Detective Agency sends congratulations to: **Lindsay** You solved the mystery! **11/2** **SW** Date: **Presented by:**

LET'S DRAW... **a stegosaurus** **brachiosaurus**

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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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

They have brand-new clues, focus on reading 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

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the cute
g ulp
b uilt
wings
sh elf
not
s alt
short
h elp
long
m elt
neck
t elt
have
p alm
dino
egg
b elt
w it
h elp
m elt
b elt

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THE DINO DOES NOT HAVE A LONG NECK

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Example of Clue 1

Math

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.

58 92 29 43 42 73 48 63 23

s: 42 29 63 48 92 58 43 23 73

35+7 26+3 59+4 42+6 87+5 52+6 34+9 16+7 69+4

o m n i v o r e s

The egg does not belong to any:
Use this decoder to help you figure out what letter is equal to each picture.

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 =	

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KEEP THE FUN GOING!

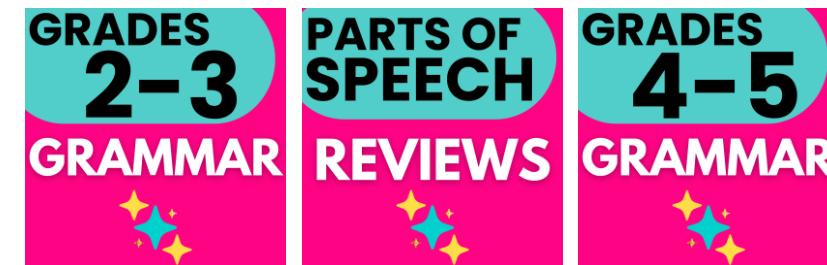
GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

Math Mysteries aren't just a copy of reading. They come with fresh clues, unique math challenges, and a new culprit, so students are solving an entirely different case!

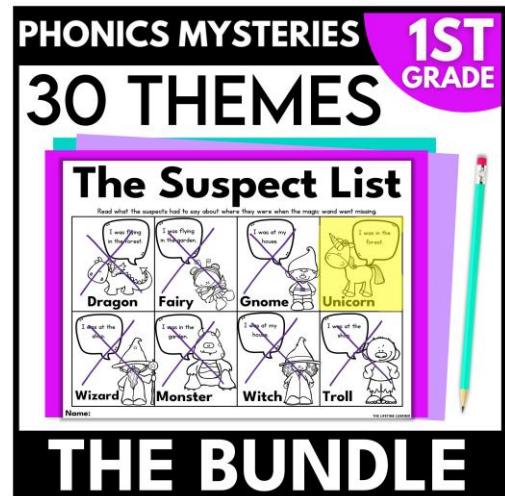


MORE READING MYSTERIES:

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



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