


WHAT IS THIS?



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop
Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then

Clue #3: Error Analysis
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Clue #4: Word Hunt

Clue #5: Descrambler
Look at the picture. Match it to a word below. Write the letter next to each shop on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

	R		P		S		N		L
rub		gum		bun		nut		run	
	K		S		E		I		
mud		hug		bus		pup			

The missing donut does not have:

S	P	R	I	N	K	L	E	S
hug	gum	rub	pup	nut	mud	run	bus	bun

solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Donut

Which Donut Was Stolen?
Solve the clues to figure out which donut went missing from the donut shop.

Glaze Donut	Jam-Filled Donut	Donut Holes	Chocolate Drizzle
Apple Cruller	Sprinkle Donut	Chocolate Swirl	Cream Filled

Name: _____

Students complete a series of clues to figure out what donut was stolen!

HOW TO PLAY



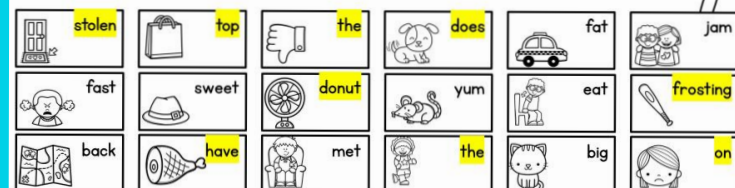
What Happened?

Someone has stolen a donut from the donut shop! The owner wants your help to figure out what flavor was taken. Solve the clues to figure out what donut was taken and solve the mystery!

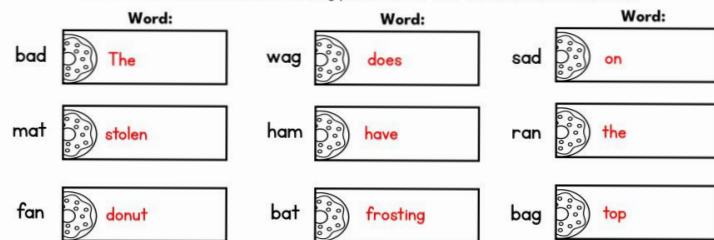
1. Take a donut list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which donut was taken.
3. Cross out wrong donuts each time you find out new information. Good luck!



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank



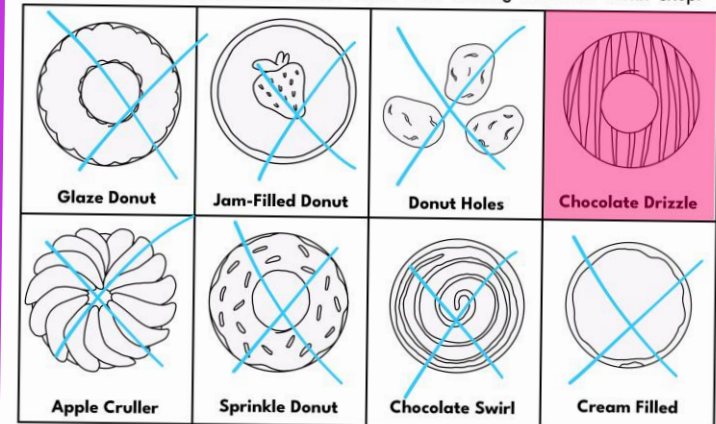
Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.



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

Which Donut Was Stolen?

Solve the clues to figure out which donut went missing from the donut shop.



Name: _____

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

SKILL PRACTICE

- CVC Words Review
- Short A Words
- Short E Words
- Short I Words
- Short O Words
- Short U Words
- Rhyming Words

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

Read each word below. Find the word that matches the picture.

	stolen		top		the		does		fat		jam
	fast		sweet		back		have		eat		frosting

Word: bad The

mat stolen

fan donut

When you are done, read the words.

Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop

Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

A. wig - pink door
B. wet - purple door
C. wag - yellow door
D. win - blue door

A. pig - pink window
B. pop - purple window
C. pit - yellow window
D. pan - blue window

A. bib - pink girl
B. big - purple girl
C. bit - yellow girl
D. bin - blue girl

A. lot - pink roof
B. lit - purple roof
C. lip - yellow roof
D. lap - blue roof

A. set - pink cup
B. sit - purple cup
C. sad - yellow cup
D. sip - blue cup

A. fat - pink bag
B. fan - purple bag
C. fun - yellow bag
D. fin - blue bag

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

<p>Cross out swirl donut if the picture has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">blue doorpink windowyellow girlyellow roofpurple cupblue bag	<p>Cross out jam donut if the picture has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">blue doorpurple windowyellow girlyellow roofpink cupblue bag	<p>Cross out glaze donut if the picture has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">blue doorpink windowblue girlyellow roofpurple cupyellow bag	<p>Cross out cream donut if the picture has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">pink doorpink windowyellow girlpurple roofpurple cuppink bag
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Clue #3: Error Analysis

Are the pictures the same? Put a check or an X next to each answer.

☒ net

10 ☒ den

☒ beg

☒ hen

Answers. Answers.

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All clues focus on reviewing CVC Words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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stolen top the does fat jam

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3 Clue Version

pen leg hen

Keep the donut with the most correct answers.
Cross out the 2 donuts with less correct answers.

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rob

Clue #5: Descrambler

Look at the picture. Match it to a word below. Write the letter next to each shop on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

5 Clue Version

The missing donut does not have:

S P R I N K L E S

hug gum rub pup nut mud run bus bun

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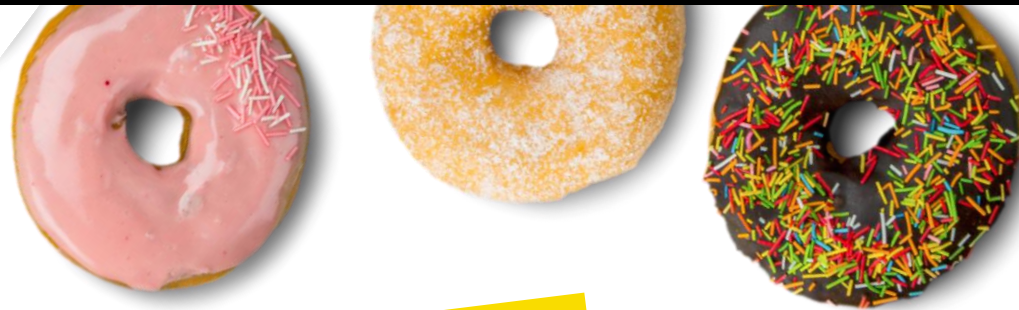
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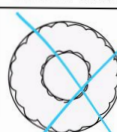


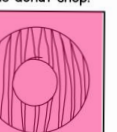




Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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Name: _____




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

stolen	top	the	does	fat
fast	sweet	donut	yum	eat
back	have	net	the	big

Word: _____

pen  cup  zip 

cut  hop  wet 

lip 

When you are done, read _____

Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop

Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

A. bag - pink door
B. bun - purple door
C. bag - yellow door
D. bun - blue door

A. gum - pink window
B. gas - purple window
C. get - yellow window
D. gem - blue window

A. bet - pink girl
B. bag - purple girl
C. bed - yellow girl
D. bin - blue girl




A. jet - pink roof
B. job - purple roof
C. jet - yellow roof
D. job - blue roof




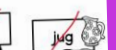


A. bad - pink cup
B. bus - purple cup
C. bag - yellow cup
D. bun - blue cup

A. fat - pink girl
B. fan - purple girl
C. fun - yellow girl
D. fox - blue girl

Clue #4: Word Hunt

Cross out the following pictures:

leg  nob  net 


fin  lid  jam  pat  ham  jug 


The donut has no **jam** on it.


What word is left?
Write the word on the line.


Clue #3: Error Analysis

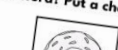
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 mop ☒ mop


 fun ☒ fun

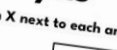
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 pet ☒ pet

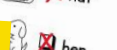
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 den ☒ den

 jam ☒ jam

 fix ☒ fix






 fin ☒ fin





 hat ☒ hat

 hen ☒ hen

Clue #5: Descrambler

Look at the picture. Match it to a word below. Write the letter next to each shop on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

 hit  tan  mom  box  sit

 pet  hug  yum  pot

The missing donut does not have:

S P R I N K L E S

mom tan hit pot box pet sit yum hug

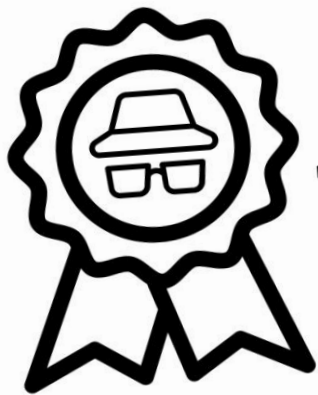
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



**The Detective Agency sends
congratulations to:**



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

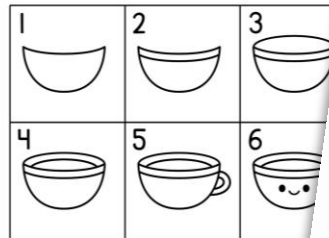
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Presented by:

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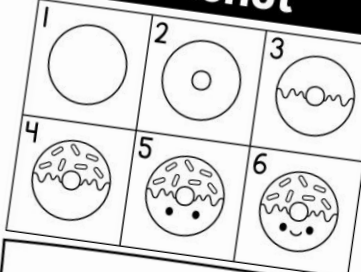
a coffee



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LET'S DRAW...

a donut

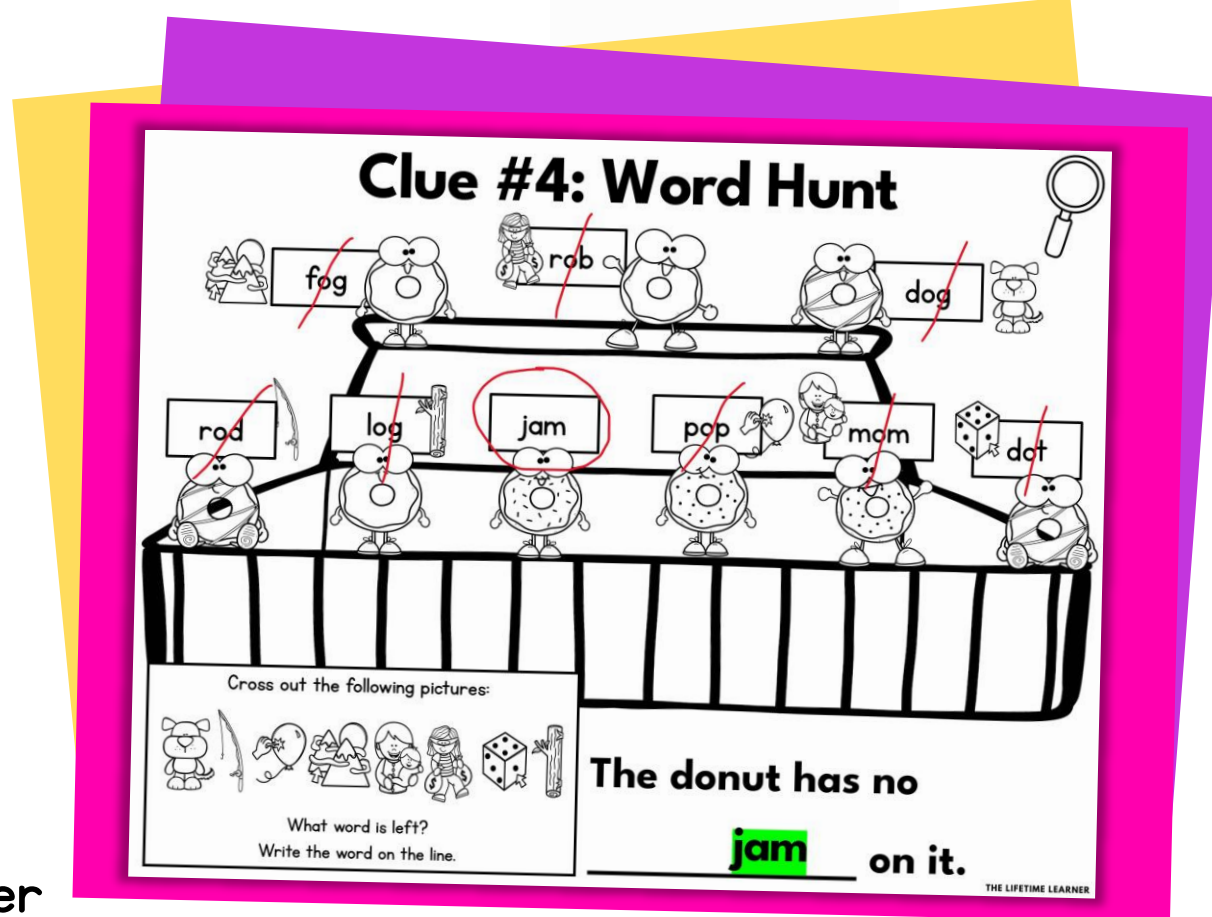


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If students finish early,
give them a
certificate of completion
and a **directed drawing**
to complete while others
continue working.

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: CVC Review Mystery OR CVC Words Mystery. You can even mix/match clues to combine the 2 skills together (clues are interchangeable)!



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!

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fog rob dog

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R P S N L
rub gum bun nut run

K S E I
mud hug bus pup

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S P R I N K L E S
hug gum rub pup nut mud run bus bun

The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

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

LET'S DRAW... a coffee

1 2 3 4 5 6

LET'S DRAW... a donut

1 2 3 4 5 6

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Name:

solve the mystery

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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

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

 stolen	 top	 the	 does	 fat	 jam
 fast	 sweet	 donut	 yum	 eat	 frosting
 have	 met	 the	 big	 on	

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

Word:  wag	Word:  does	Word:  sad	Word:  on
mat  stolen	ham  have	ran  the	
fan  donut	bat  frosting	bag  top	













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

Example
of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Find It!

Circle the boxes that have five cents in them.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

 the	 smallest	 sprinkles	 donut
 looks	 does	 hole	 not
 have	 chocolate	 fruit	 filling

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

The donut does not have filling

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.



**BUY A BUNDLE
TO SAVE BIG!**

