

# WHAT IS THIS?



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**Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop**  
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**Clue #4: Word Hunt**

**Clue #5: Descrambler**  
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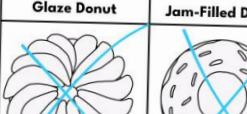
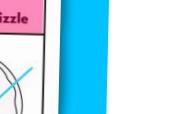
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| S   | P   | R   | I   | N   | K   | L   | E   | S   |
| hug | gum | rub | pup | nut | mud | run | bus | bun |

**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.

|  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <br>Glaze Donut   | <br>Jam-Filled Donut | <br>Donut Holes     | <br>Chocolate Drizzle |
| <br>Apple Cruller | <br>Sprinkle Donut   | <br>Chocolate Swirl | <br>Cream Filled      |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# HOW TO PLAY



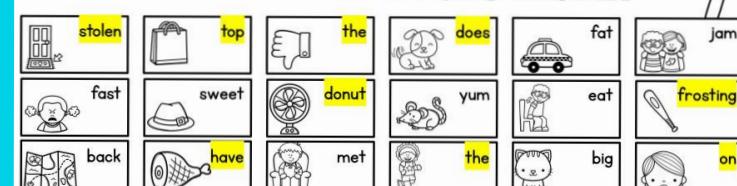
## What Happened?

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



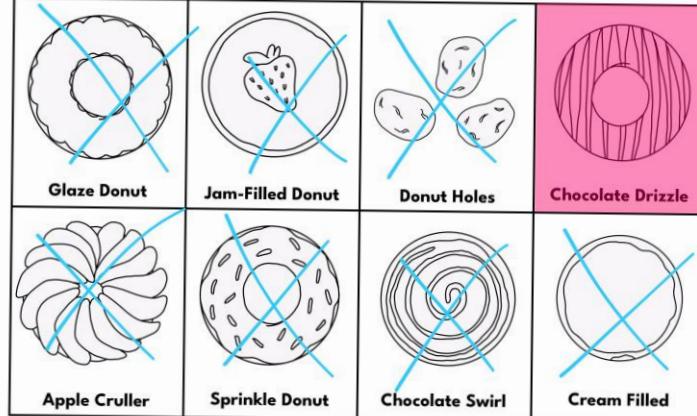
Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

| Word: | Word:  | Word: |          |     |     |
|-------|--------|-------|----------|-----|-----|
| bad   | The    | wag   | does     | sad | 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.

### Which Donut Was Stolen?

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



Name:

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

**Clue #1: Fill in the Blank**

Read each word below. Find the word in the box and write it in the blank. Then color the picture.

|        |          |
|--------|----------|
| stolen | top      |
| fast   | the      |
| sweet  | does     |
| back   | fat      |
| have   | jam      |
| bad    | eat      |
| mat    | frosting |
| fan    |          |

Word: **bad** The **mat** stolen **fan** donut

When you are done, read the words again.

**Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop**

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

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cross out swirl donut if the picture has:<br>• blue door<br>• pink window<br>• yellow girl<br>• yellow roof<br>• purple cup<br>• blue bag | Cross out jam donut if the picture has:<br>• blue door<br>• pink window<br>• yellow girl<br>• yellow roof<br>• pink cup<br>• blue bag | Cross out glaze donut if the picture has:<br>• blue door<br>• pink window<br>• yellow girl<br>• yellow roof<br>• pink cup<br>• blue bag | Cross out cream donut if the picture has:<br>• pink door<br>• pink window<br>• yellow girl<br>• purple roof<br>• purple cup<br>• pink bag |
|---|---|---|---|

**Clue #3: Error Analysis**

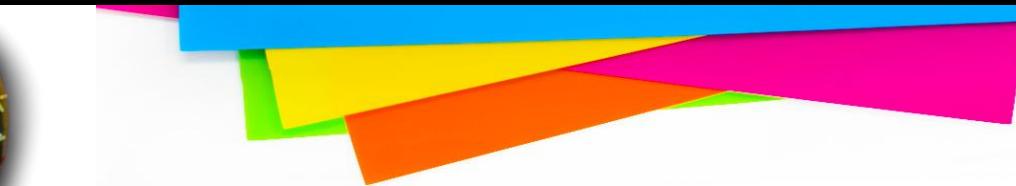
Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

Answers: **10**  den  beg  hen

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

All clues focus on reviewing CVC Words!

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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**3 Clue Version**

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

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**5 Clue Version**

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

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**Short & Long Options**

## Print & Digital Forms

**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. sod - 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.

|  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| Cross out jam donut if the picture has:<br>• pink window<br>• yellow girl<br>• yellow roof<br>• purple cup<br>• blue bag | Cross out jam donut if the picture has:<br>• blue window<br>• yellow girl<br>• yellow roof<br>• pink cup<br>• blue bag | Cross out glaze donut if the picture has:<br>• pink door<br>• pink window<br>• yellow girl<br>• yellow roof<br>• purple cup<br>• pink bag | Cross out glaze donut if the picture has:<br>• pink door<br>• pink window<br>• yellow girl<br>• yellow roof<br>• purple cup<br>• pink bag |
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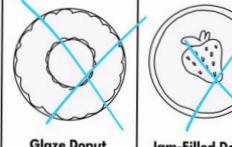
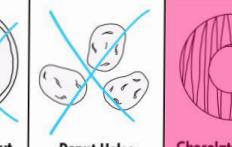
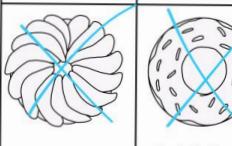
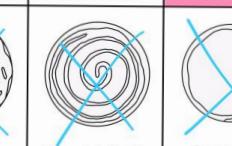
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# CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

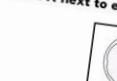
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|     |        |      |
|-----|--------|------|
| pen | cup    | does |
| cut | hop    | zip  |
| lip | stolen | wet  |

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

|  |  |
|--|--|
| A. bog - pink door<br>B. bun - purple door<br>C. leg - yellow door<br>D. big - blue door | A. gum - pink window<br>B. gas - purple window<br>C. get - yellow window<br>D. gem - blue window |
| A. jet - pink roof<br>B. job - purple roof<br>C. jet - yellow roof<br>D. job - blue roof | A. bad - pink cup<br>B. base - purple cup<br>C. bag - yellow cup<br>D. fog - blue cup            |
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**Clue #3: Error Analysis**  
Does the picture match the word? Put a check or an X next to each answer.

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mop |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> beg |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fun |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> den |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wag |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> jam |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pet |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fin |
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**Clue #4: Word Hunt**  
Cross out the following pictures:  
What word is left?  
Write the word on the line.

The donut has no jam on it.

**Clue #5: Descrambler**  
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|     |     |     |        |     |
|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|
| R   | P   | S   | N      | L   |
| hit | tan | mom | box    | sit |
| pet | hug | yum | cactus |     |

The missing donut does not have:  
S P R I N K L E S  
mom tan hit pot box pet sit yum hug

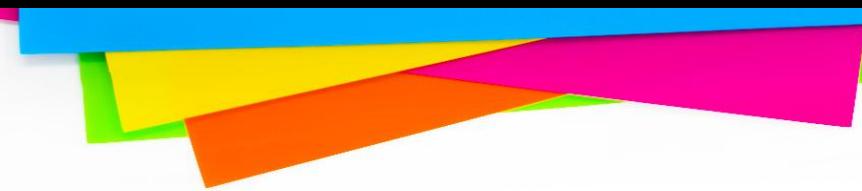
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!  
There is a version of the mystery included that reviews CVC Words (Short A, E, I, O, U).

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

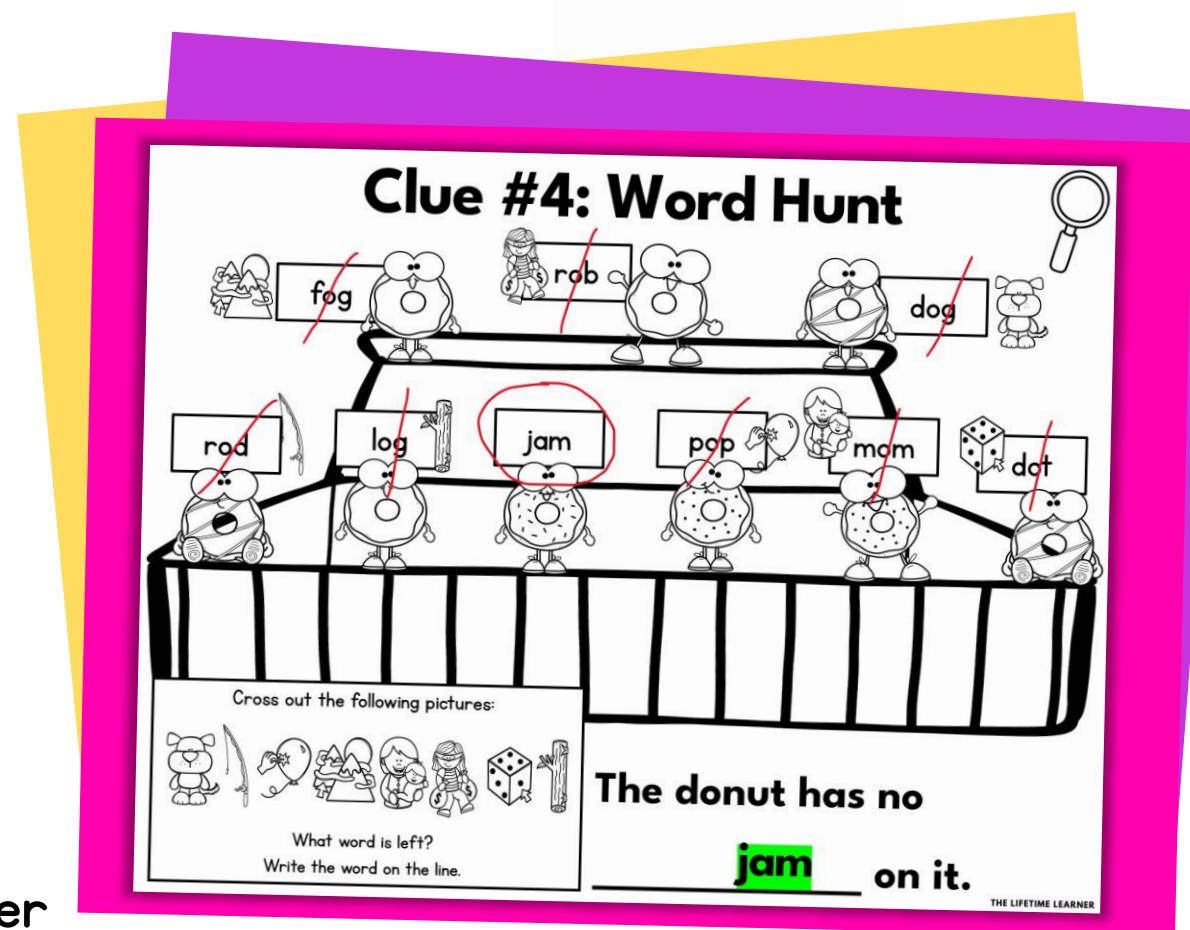


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

# 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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|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 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 S

hug gum rub pup nut mud run bus bun

**The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:**

**Lindsay**

You solved the mystery!

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Date Presented by:

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|               |                  |                 |                   |
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**LET'S DRAW...**

**a coffee**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|   |   |   |
| 4 | 5 | 6 |
|   |   |   |

**LET'S DRAW...**

**a donut**

|   |   |   |
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# solve the mystery

**The Case of the Missing Donut**

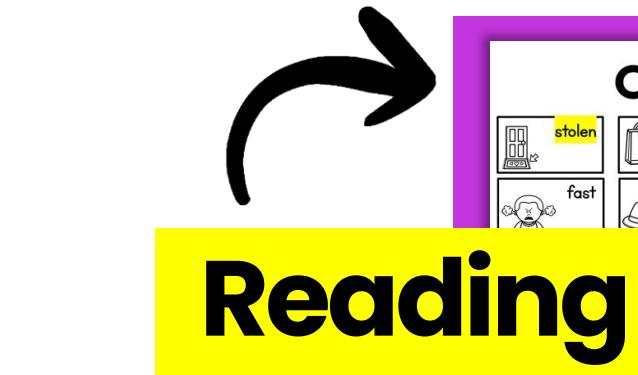
# WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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.

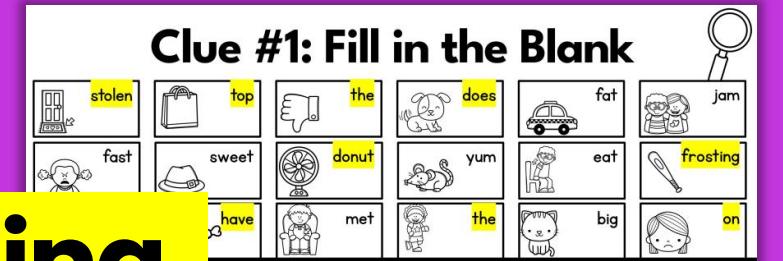
The only thing that stays the same is the list of suspects students start with!

So, if you have both, students can play during math and then again during reading for double the fun.



### Example of Clue 1

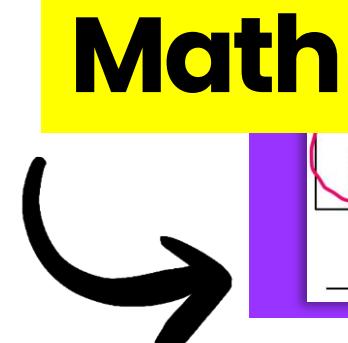
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Word:  Word:   
wag does sad on   
mat stolen ham ran   
fan donut bat frosting bag

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

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**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

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# KEEP THE FUN GOING!

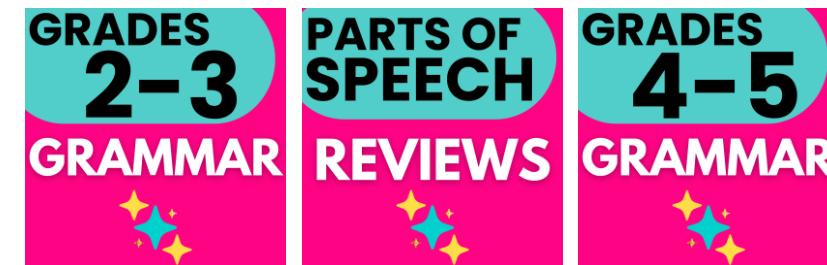
## GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

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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