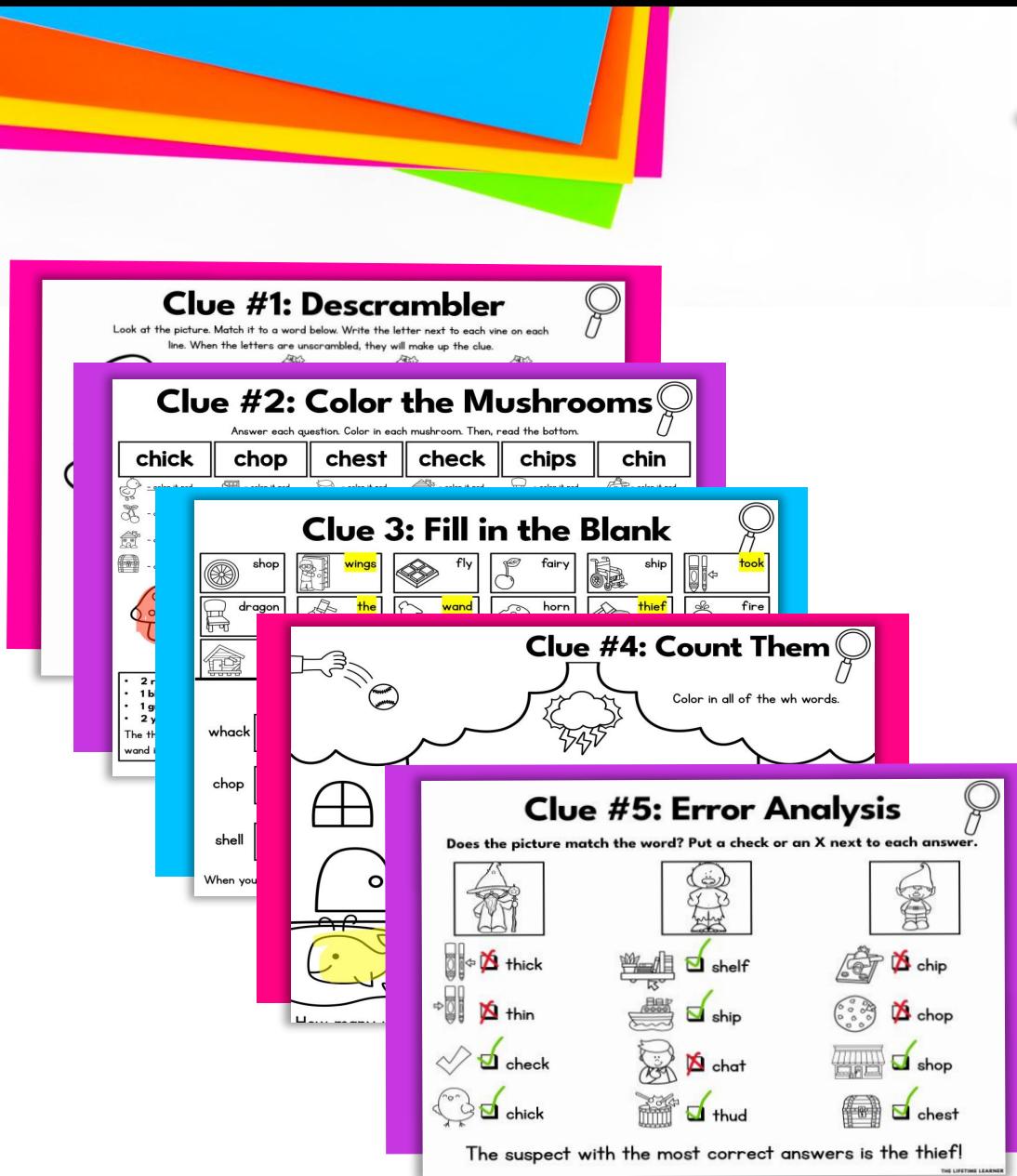


WHAT IS THIS?



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Clue 3: Fill in the Blank

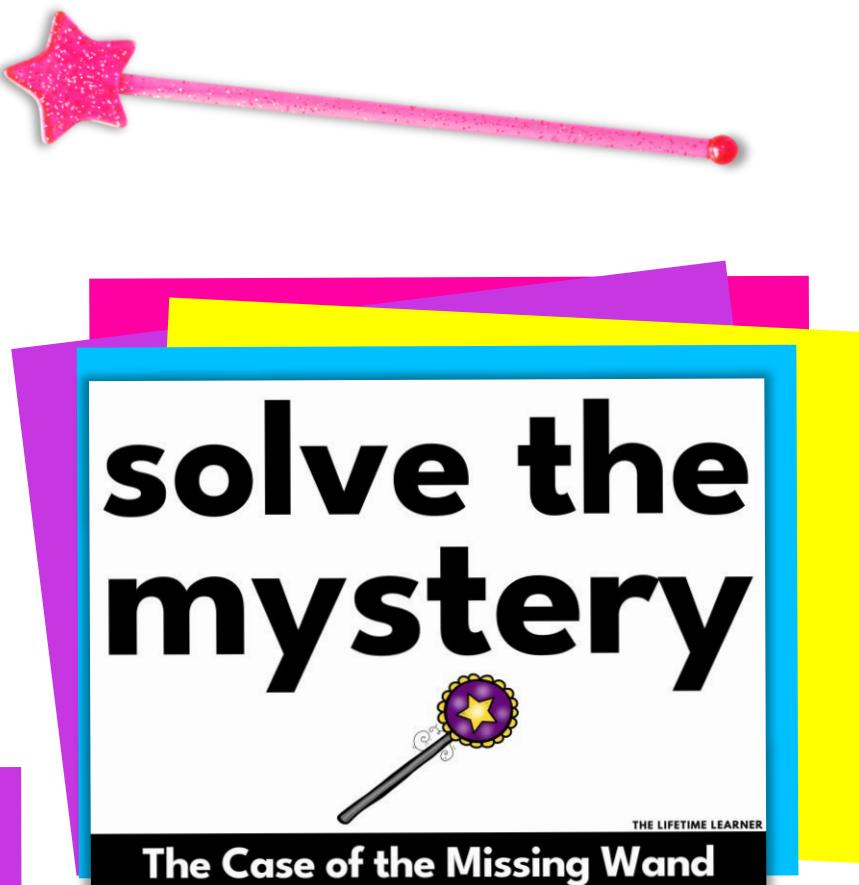
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house	whack	whip	thief	thief	thief

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The suspect with the most correct answers is the thief!



solve the mystery



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The Case of the Missing Wand



The Suspect List

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

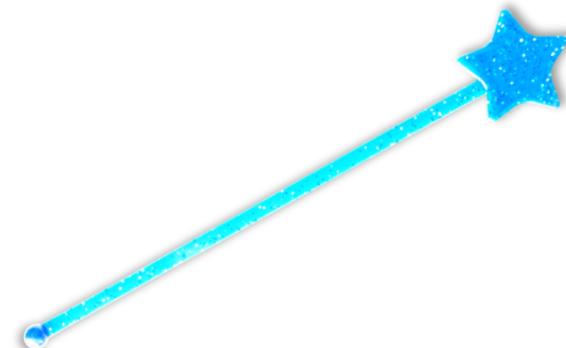
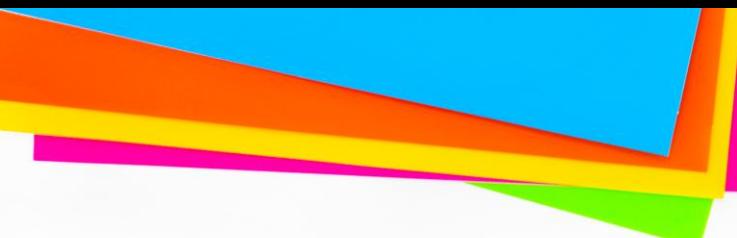
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Dragon	Fairy	Gnome	Unicorn
I was at the shop.	I was in the garden.	I was at my house.	I was at the shop.
Wizard	Monster	Witch	Troll

Name: _____

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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.

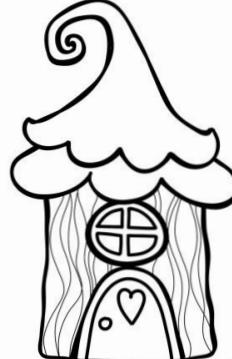
Solve each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the treasure is! Good luck!

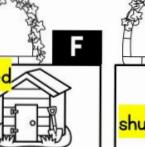
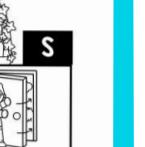
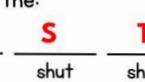


THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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	shed		shin		shut
	O		E		ship
	shel		shel		shel

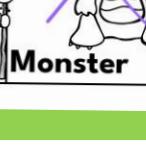
The thief was not in the: **F O R E S T**

shed shin ship shell shut shelf

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

The Suspect List

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

 Dragon	 Fairy	 Gnome	 Unicorn
 Wizard	 Monster	 Witch	 Troll
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 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

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What color mushrooms do you see? Find the key that matches for your next hint!

• 2 red mushrooms	• 1 red mushroom	• 2 red mushrooms	• 1 red mushroom
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• 1 green mushroom	• 2 green mushrooms	• 2 green mushrooms	• 1 green mushroom
• 2 yellow mushrooms	• 1 yellow mushroom	• 1 yellow mushroom	• 2 yellow mushrooms

The thief does not have a wand in their hand.

The thief does not have any horns.

The thief is animal with a long tail.

The thief has a hat on their head.

Clue 3: Fill in the Blank

write the word in each box.

Word: whisk	has
champ	no
shut	wings

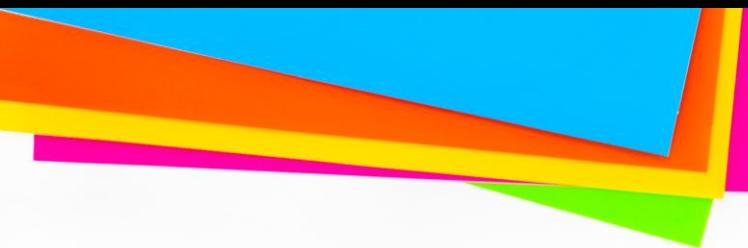
Each row to figure out the clue.

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- Digraphs Review
- SH Words
- CH Words
- WH Words
- TH Words

All clues focus on reviewing digraphs!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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the	the	the	the	the	the
Read	the	the	the	the	the
whack	the	the	the	the	the
chop	the	the	the	the	the
shell	who	that	wand	shut	wings

3 Clue Version

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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5 Clue Version

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Short & Long Options

Clue #2: Color the Mushrooms
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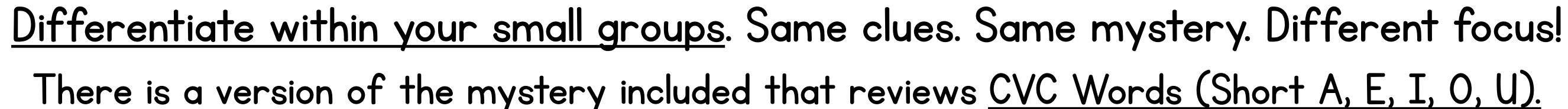
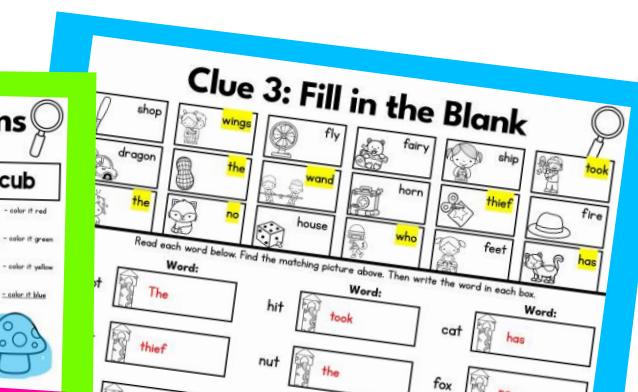
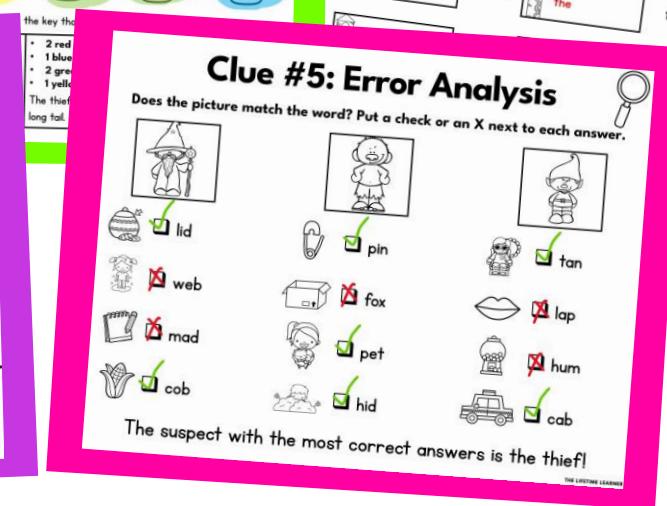
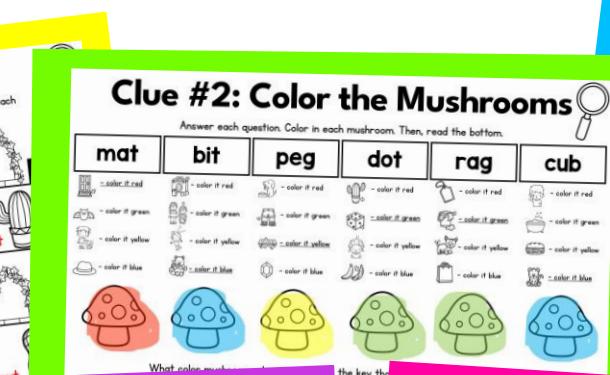
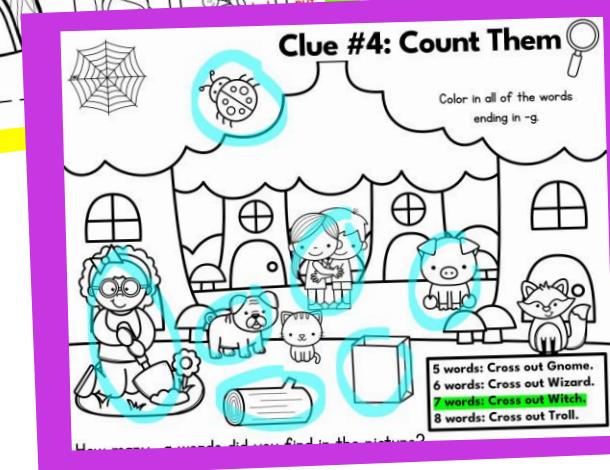
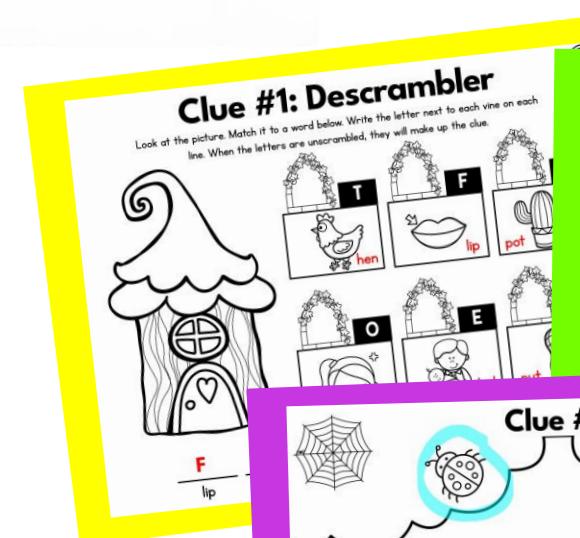
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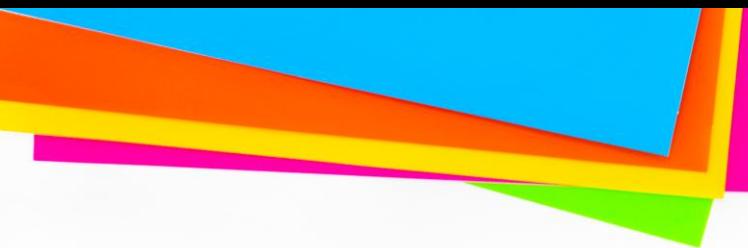
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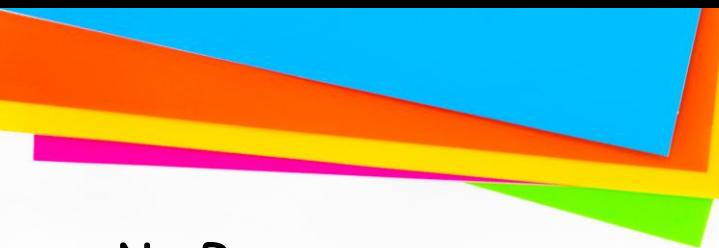


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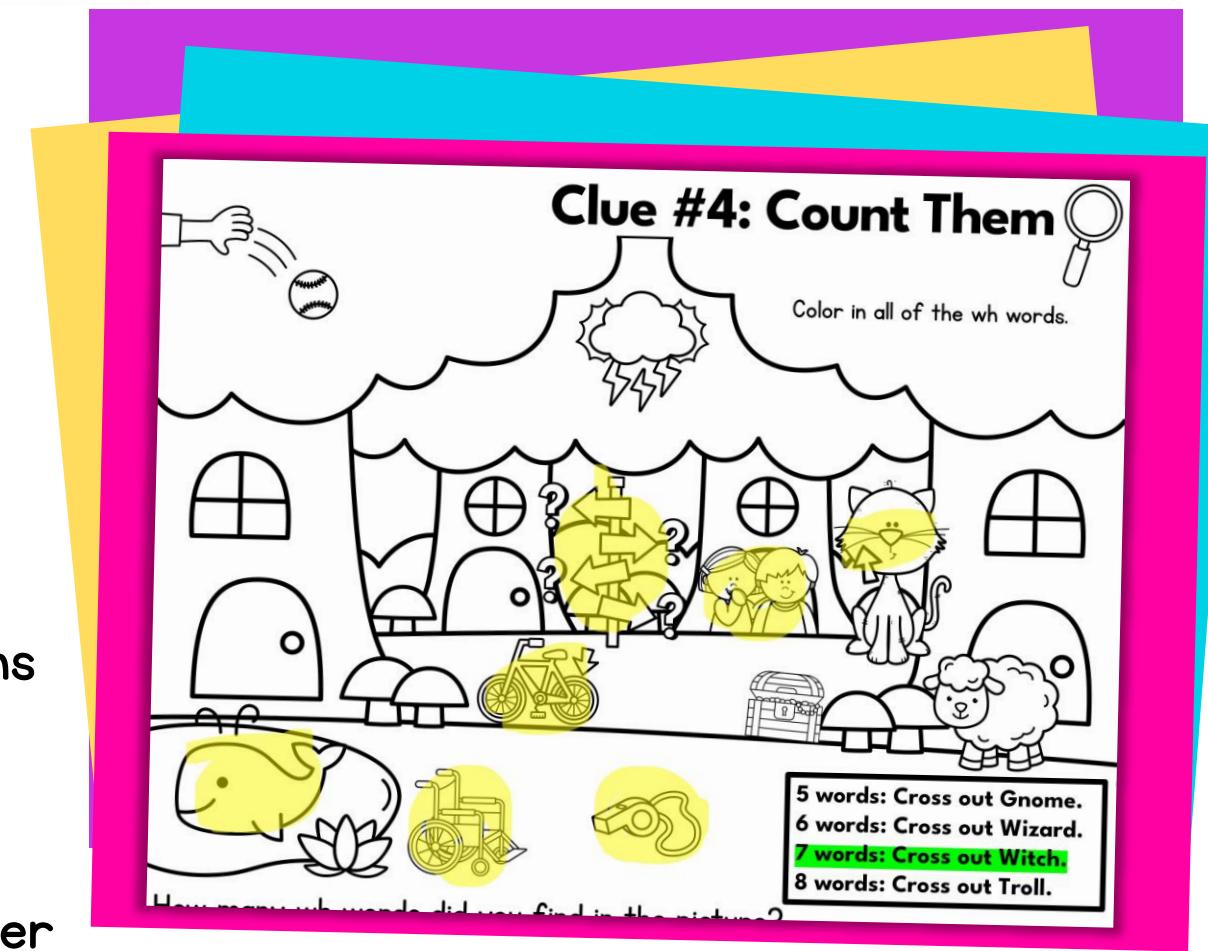


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

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: Digraphs 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!

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The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

Lindsay
You solved the mystery!

11/2 **SW**

Date Presented by:

LET'S DRAW... a fairy

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Name:

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The Case of the Missing Wand

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

Example of Clue 1

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T	F	S			
shelf	shed	shut			
O	E	R			
shin	shell	ship			
F	O	R	E	S	T
shed	shin	ship	shell	shut	shelf

The thief was not in the:

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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.

16	13	14	9	12	15	17	10	19
12	14	16	15	13	17	9	19	10
$4+4+4$	$2+3+9$	$7+4+5$	$9+4+2$	$3+8+2$	$3+5+9$	$1+4+4$	$6+7+6$	$5+2+3$

The thief is NOT

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 =	
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KEEP THE FUN GOING!

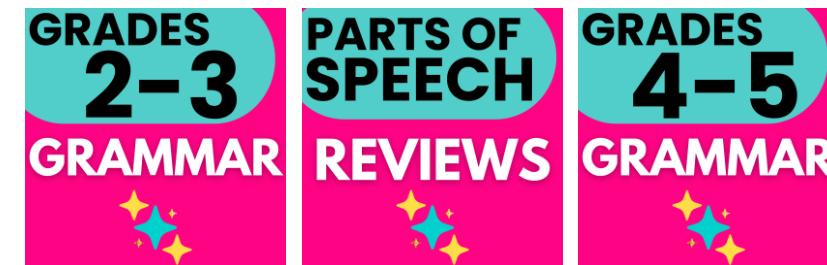
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