

WHAT IS THIS?



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solve the mystery



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

The Case of the Missing Wand

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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!



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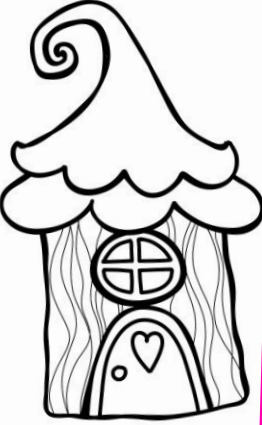
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal which suspect to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the magic wand will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

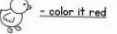

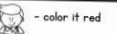
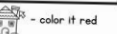
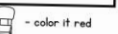
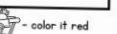
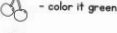

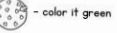


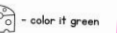


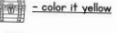
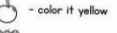
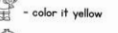
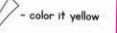



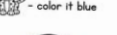
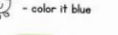
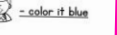
- Digraphs Review
- SH Words
- CH Words
- WH Words
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write the word in each box.

Word: whisk has

champ no

shut wings

each row to figure out the clue.

All clues focus on reviewing digraphs!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS

Print & Digital Forms

3 Clue
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5 Clue
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Short & Long Options

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























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























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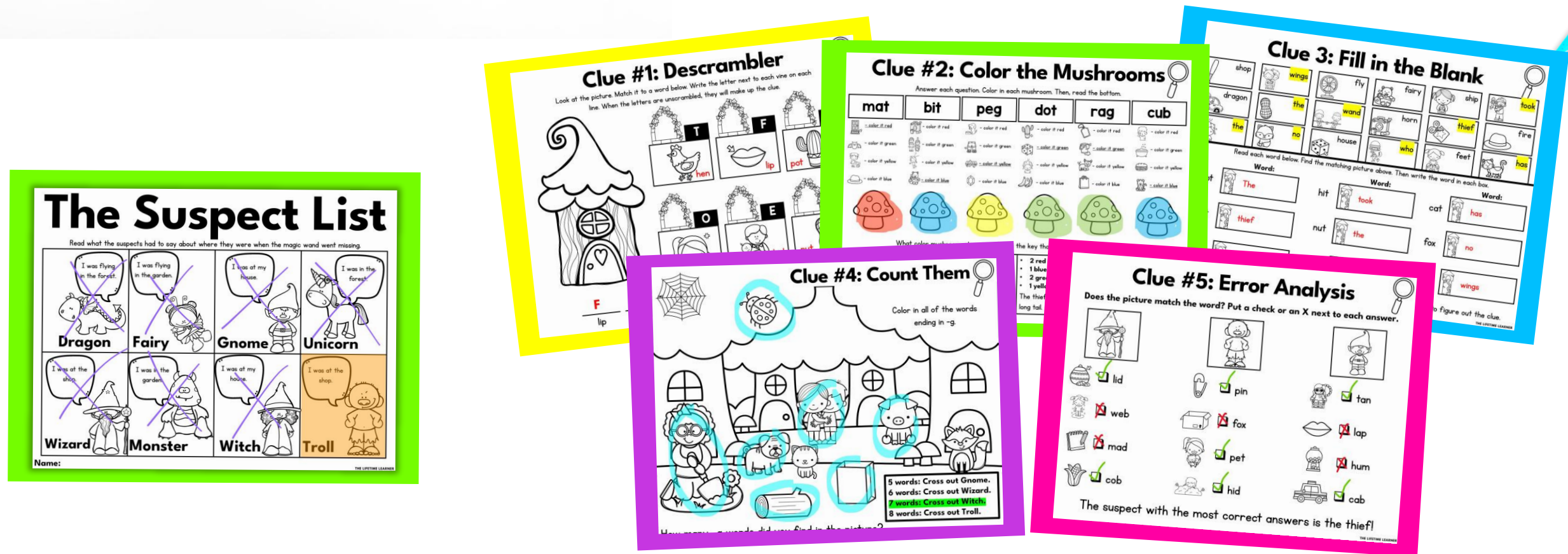
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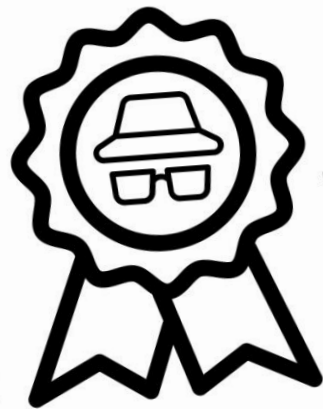
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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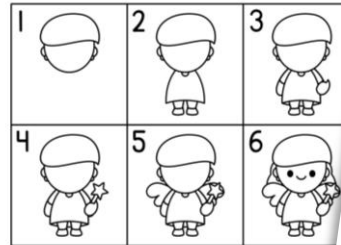
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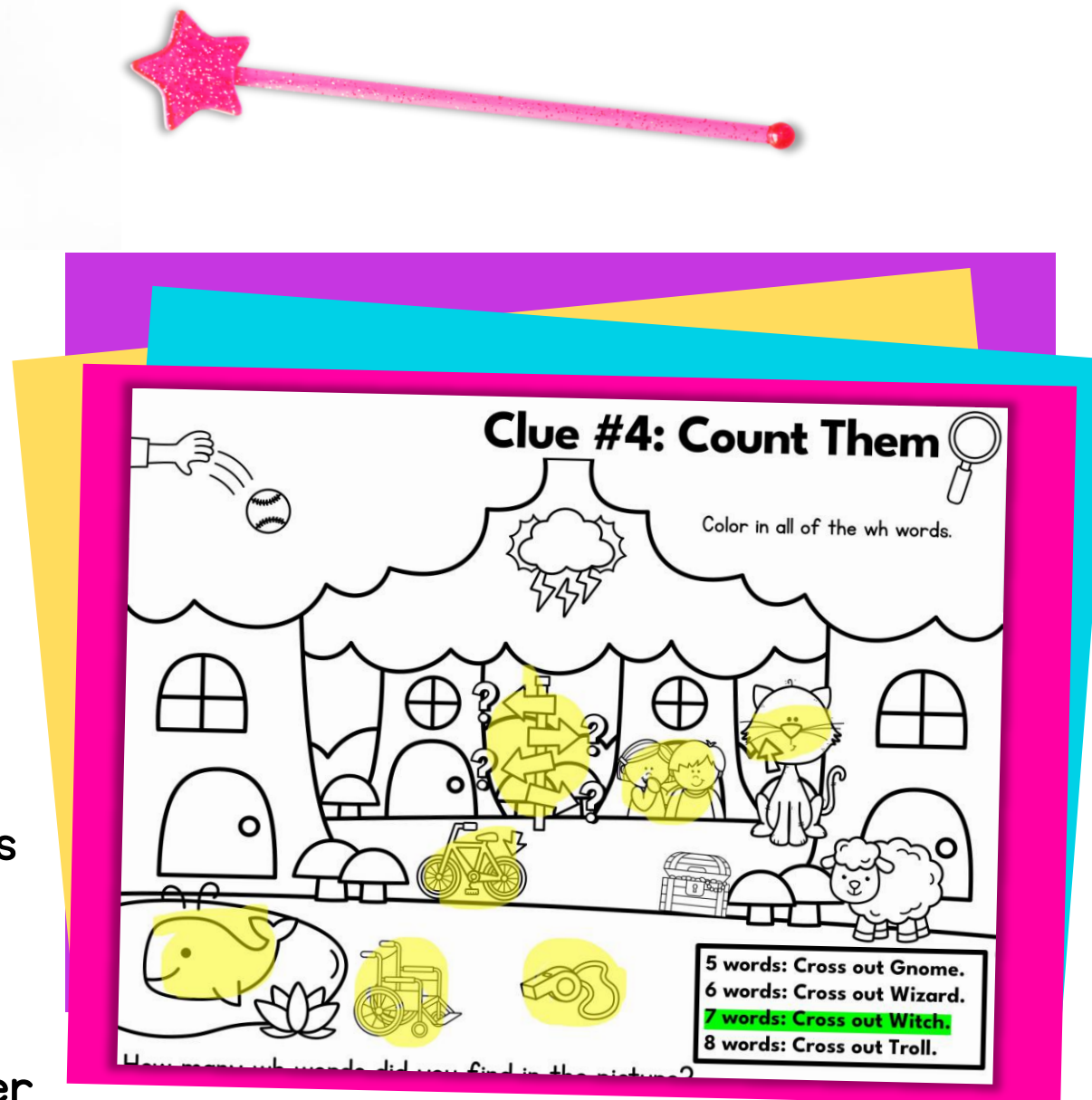


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If students finish early,
give them a
certificate of completion
and a directed drawing
to complete while others
continue working.

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!

Ordinary phonics worksheets can be boring and unoriginal.

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

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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.

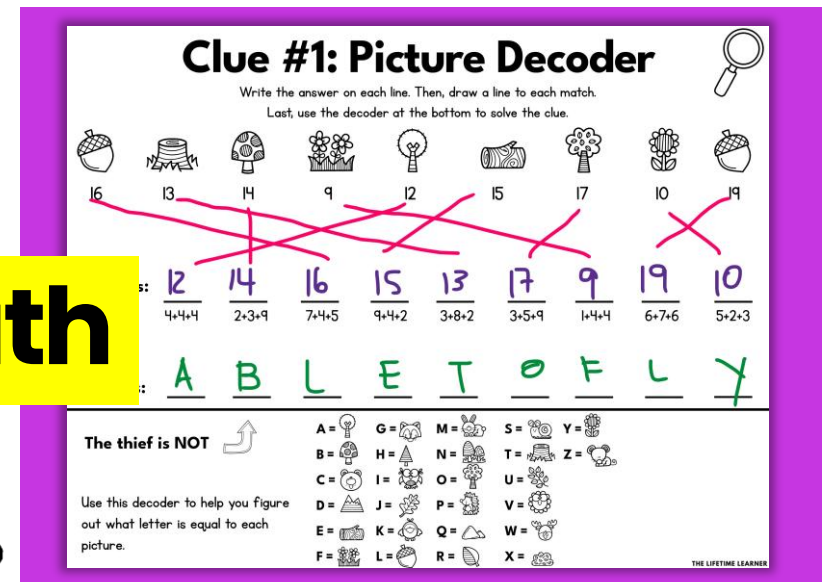
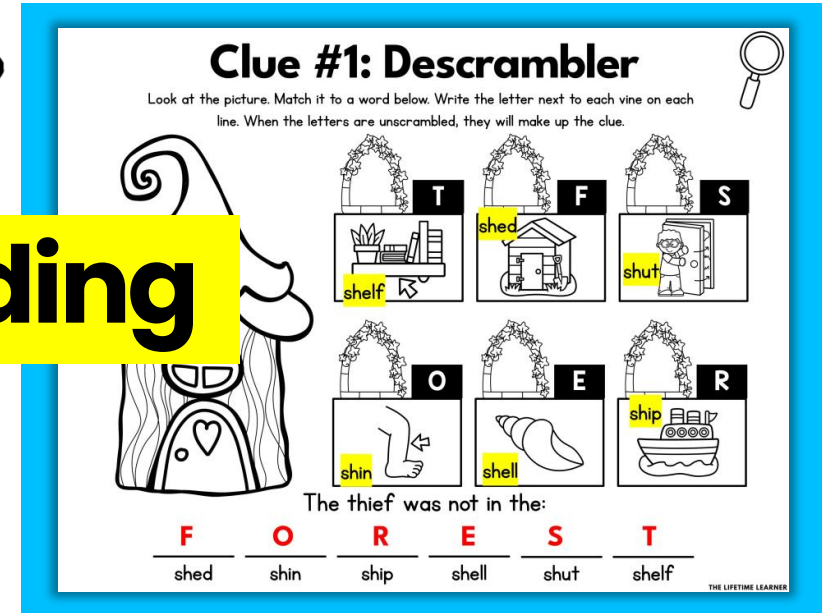
The only thing that stays the same is the list of suspects students start with!

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

Reading

Example
of Clue 1

Math



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!

