

# WHAT IS THIS?



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# solve the mystery



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**The Case of the New Pet**

## Which Pet Did I Receive?

Read the facts about each animal to help you solve the clues.

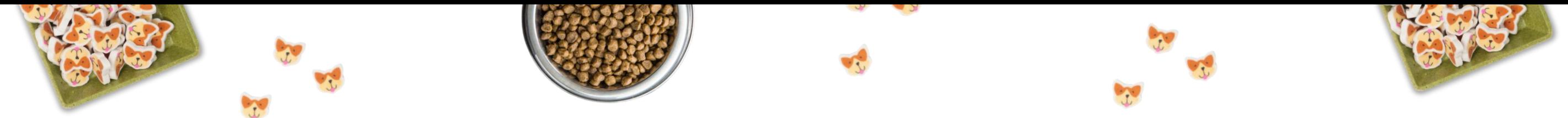
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out what animal the new pet is!

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

Yay! My parents got me a new pet! They've given me clues to figure out what animal it is. Help me by solving each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering what my new pet is!

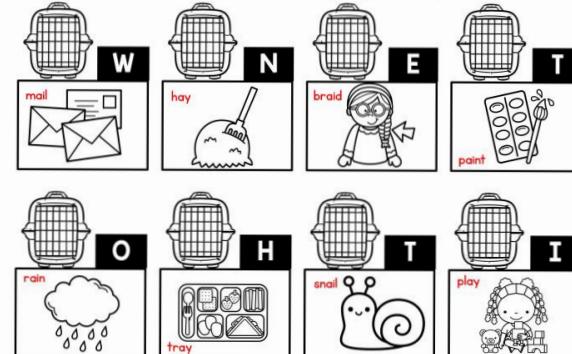
1. Take a pet list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which pet is mine.
3. Cross out wrong pets each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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The pet you got is:  
**N O T W H I T E**



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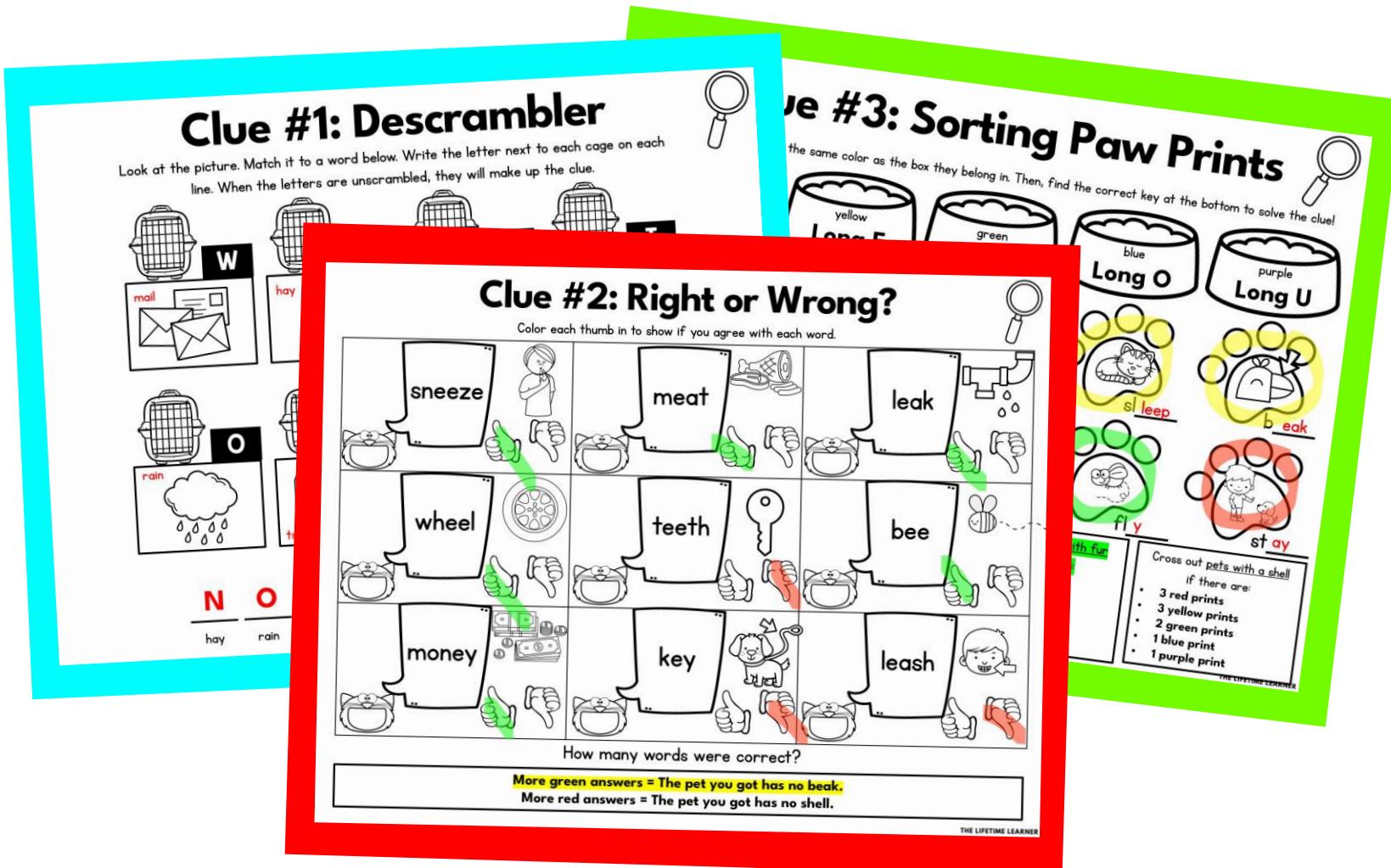
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal which pets to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the new pet will be solved!

# SKILL PRACTICE



- Long Vowels Review
- AI and AY (Long A)
- EE, EA, and EY (Long E)
- OA, OW, and OE (Long O)
- UI, EW, and UE (Long U)
- Y as I, IGH, IE (Long I)

All clues focus on reviewing long vowels!

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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**3 Clue Version**

Cross out pets who bark  
if there are:  
• 1 red print  
• 1 yellow print  
• 3 green prints  
• 3 blue prints  
• 2 purple prints

Cross out pets with fur  
if there are:  
• 3 red prints  
• 2 yellow prints  
• 1 green print  
• 3 blue prints  
• 1 purple print

Cross out pets with no legs  
if there are:  
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## Print & Digital Forms

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**How many words were correct?**

**More green answers = The pet you got has no beak.**  
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## Short & Long Options

# CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

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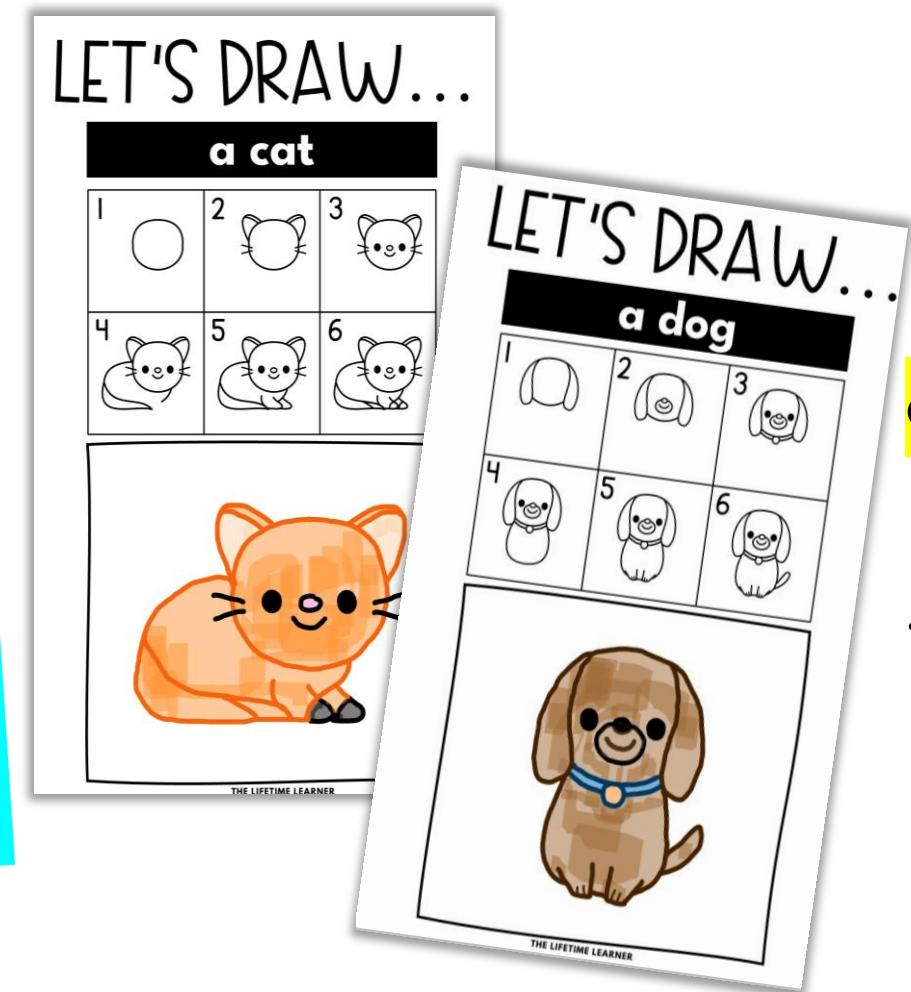
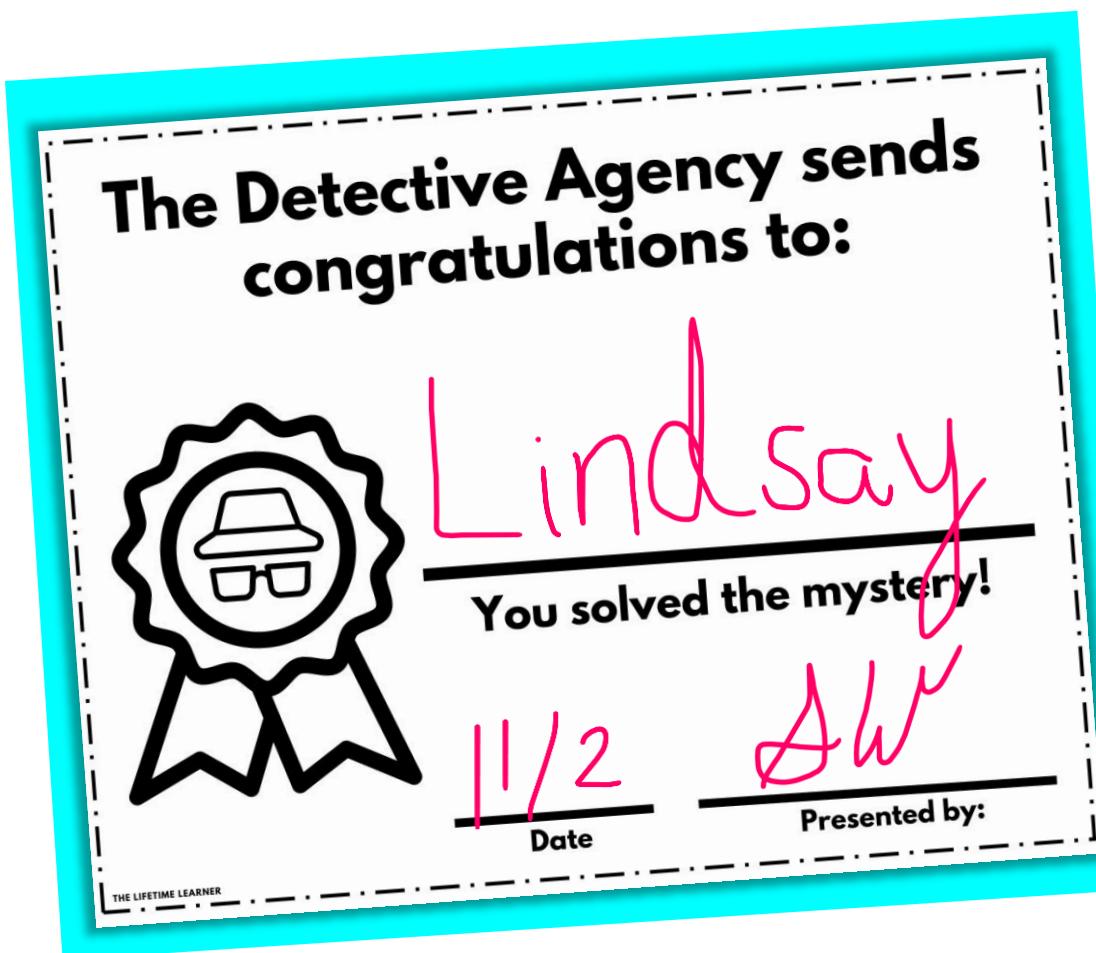
**Clue #4: Word Hunt**  
Cross out the 8 pictures:  
• sun • mud • nut • tub  
• tug • rug • bus • bug  
What picture is left? Write the word on the line.  
The pet does not live in **water**.

**Clue #5: Multiple Choice**  
Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

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

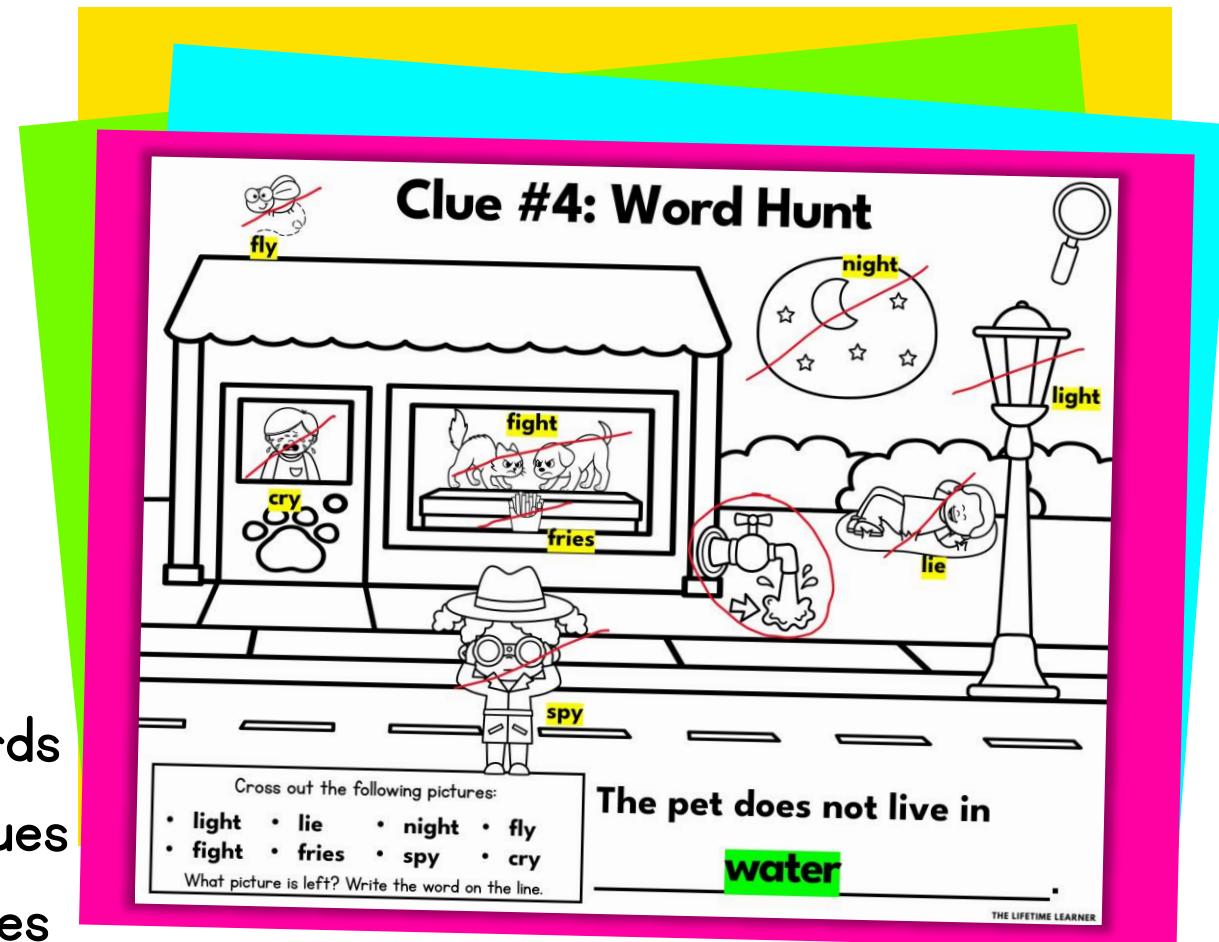


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

# 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: Long Vowel 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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**The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:**

 **Lindsay**  
You solved the mystery!  
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Date: **Presented by:**

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<b>Rabbit</b> I have white ears. A. coat B. coal C. coach D. float	<b>Dog</b> I have brown fur. A. glow B. goat C. goal D. grow	<b>Cat</b> I have white stripes. A. poem B. toe C. doe D. hoe	<b>Turtle</b> I have a green shell. A. poem B. toe C. doe D. hoe

Name: **Turtle**

**LET'S DRAW... a cat**

1	2	3
4	5	6



**LET'S DRAW... a dog**

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**The Case of the New Pet**

# 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

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The pet you got is: **NOT WHITE**

hay rain paint mail tray play snail braid

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**Clue #1: Picture Decoder**

Write what numbers comes next when counting up. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

rs: **26**, **59**, **81**, **112**, **36**, **94**, **66**, **108**, **17**

rs: **23**, **24**, **56**, **57**, **78**, **79**, **109**, **110**, **33**, **34**, **91**, **92**, **63**, **64**, **105**, **106**, **14**, **15**, **16**, **17**

**H A S N O F E E T**

You did NOT get any pet that... 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!

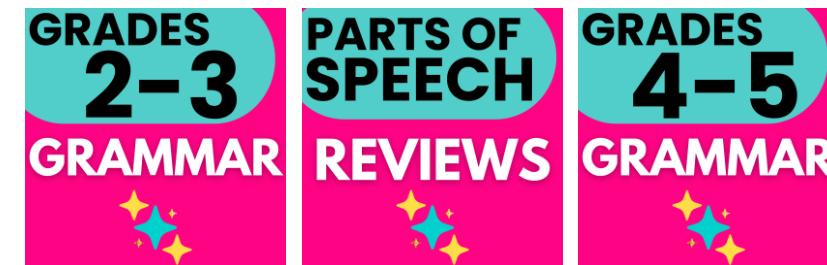
## GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

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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