

WHAT IS THIS?



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

grass the hut looking is water

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?

Color each thumb in to show if you agree with each word. Color it green for yes. Color it red for no.

robe nose cone

Clue #3: Multiple Choice

Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

A. dumb B. tube C. mule D. fuse

A. rule A. auto A. make

Clue #4: Word Hunt

time ride kite

Clue #5: Descrambler

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

A	O	A	R	L
cape	mole	poke	rose	bite
L	M	T	C	F
huge	pipe	dine	dime	gate

The chest is in a place that is:

C A L M O R F L A T

dimed cape bite pipe mole rose gate huge poke dime

solve the mystery

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

The Case of the Missing Treasure

Where's the Treasure?

As you solve each clue, cross out the places the treasure is not located. The location left at the end is where the treasure is.

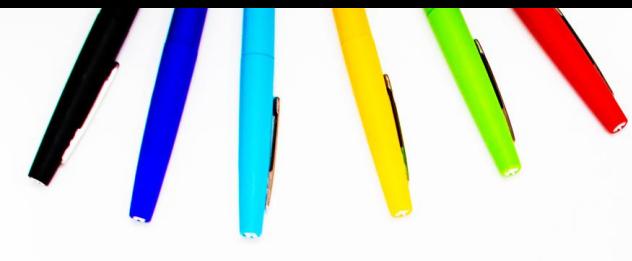
Jungle	Beach	Waterfall	Volcano
Cave	River	Mountains	Beach Hut

Name: _____

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the treasure is located!

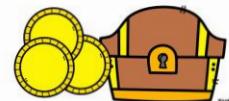
HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Oh no! The treasure has been stolen by pirates and no one knows where it is located. Now, it's your job to search different locations to find the treasure and save the day!

1. Take a location list and start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the treasure is located.
3. Cross out wrong places each time you find new information. Good luck!



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

grass	the	hut	looking	is	water
you	sit	up	not	for	green
hot	chest	inside	walk	down	are

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

Word: tape	Word: cage	Word: wake
The	are	is
wave	bake	game
chest	looking	not
cake	vase	lake
you	for	inside

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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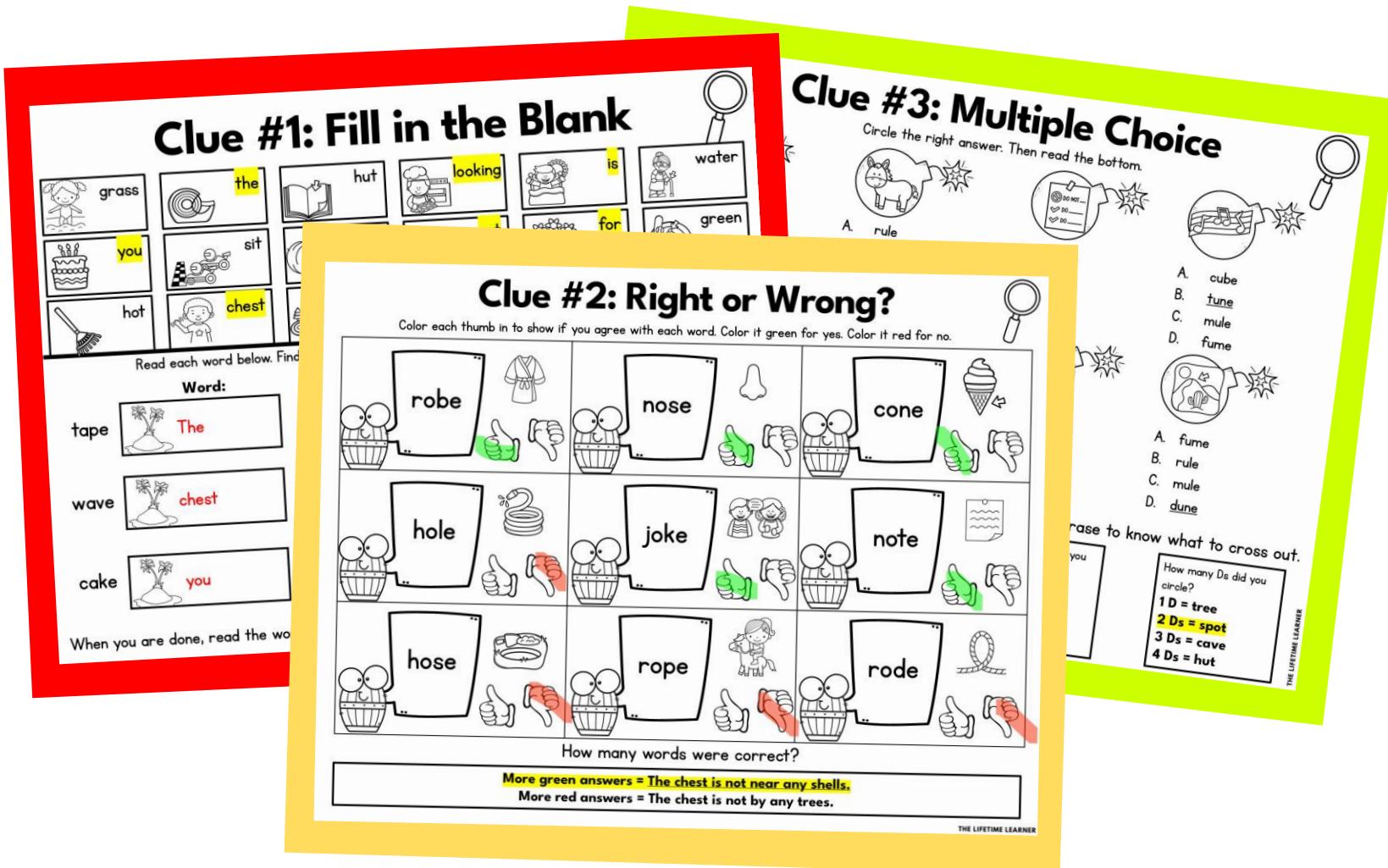
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place(s) to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the pirate treasure will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE



- CVCe Words Review
- Long A CVCe Words
- Long I CVCe Words
- Long O CVCe Words
- Long U CVCe Words

All clues focus on reviewing CVCe words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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Clue #3: Multiple Choice

Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

A. tube B. mule C. mule D. fuse

A. rule B. mule A. cube B. cube A. cube B. tube

3 Clue Version

Circle how many you chose in each box below. Then, read the phrase to know what to cross out.

How many As did you circle? 1A = not 2 As = up 3 As = is 4 As = run	How many Bs did you circle? 1B = over 2 Bs = next 3 Bs = under 4 Bs = in	How many Cs did you circle? 1C = hot 2 Cs = high 3 Cs = cold 4 Cs = bad	How many Ds did you circle? 1D = tree 2 Ds = spot 3 Ds = cave 4 Ds = hut
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A B O A R L

huge pipe mole rose gate huge poke dime

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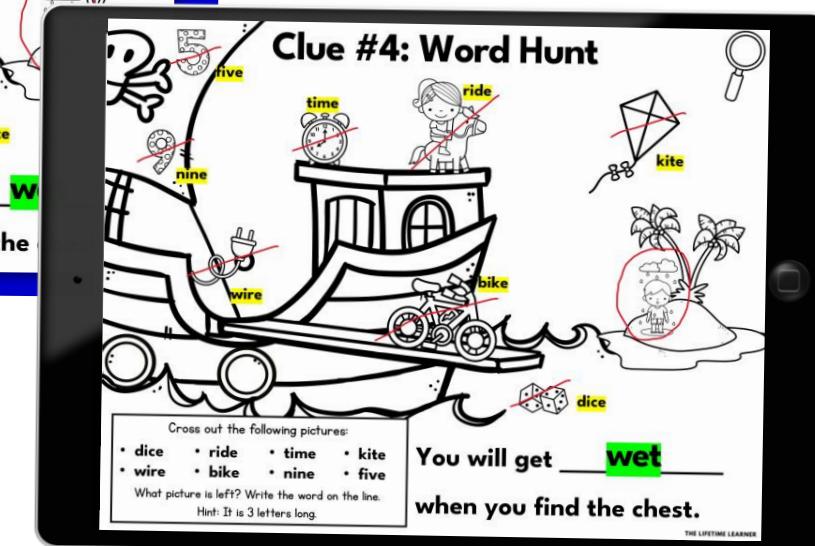
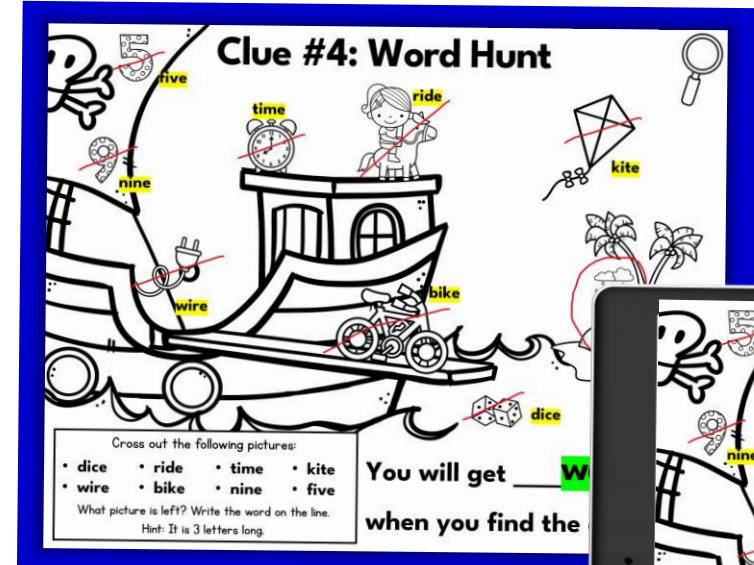
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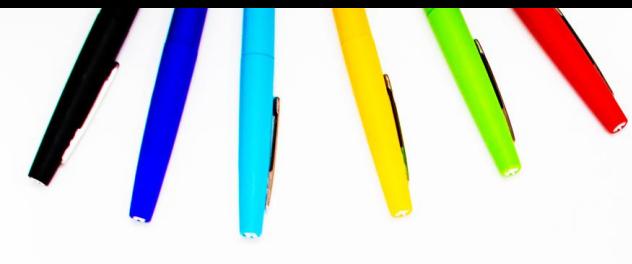
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Short & Long Options

Print & Digital Forms



CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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Name: _____

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank
Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

bed	set	are
men	hen	looking
net	web	

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?
Color each thumb up to show if you agree with each word. Color it green for yes. Color it red for no.

pin	thumb up	bib	thumb up	big	thumb up
bin	thumb up	thumb up	thumb up	him	thumb up
lan	thumb up	thumb up	thumb up	dip	thumb up

Clue #3: Multiple Choice
Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

A. cod	B. nod	C. or	D. pax
A. jam	B. jot	C. jog	D. jig
A. pot	B. hop	C. hot	D. hit
A. job	B. jog	C. jam	D. job

Clue #4: Word Hunt
Look at the picture. Match it to a word below. Write the letter next to each chest on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

Cross out the following pictures:
• tug • pup • tub • sun
• nut • bun • cub • run

You will get wet when you find the chest.

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

A	O	A	R	L
wax	bat	jam	sat	hat
cab	mad	fan	van	gap
cab	fan	van	gap	jam
cab	fan	van	jam	fan

The chest is in a place that is:
C A L M O R F L A T

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



Clue #3: Multiple Choice
Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

Top Row:

- A. dune
B. tube
C. mule
D. fuse
- A. rule
B. mule
C. June
D. huge
- A. cube
B. mute
C. rule
D. cute
- A. cube
B. tune
C. mule
D. fume

Middle Row:

- A. tube
B. huge
C. cube
D. mule
- A. cube
B. mute
C. fume
D. rule
- A. cute
B. June
C. fuse
D. mute
- A. fume
B. rule
C. mule
D. dune

Bottom Row:

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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!

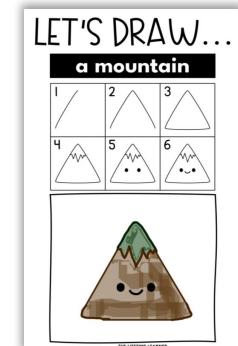
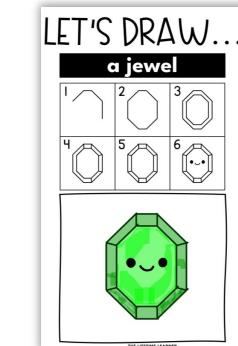
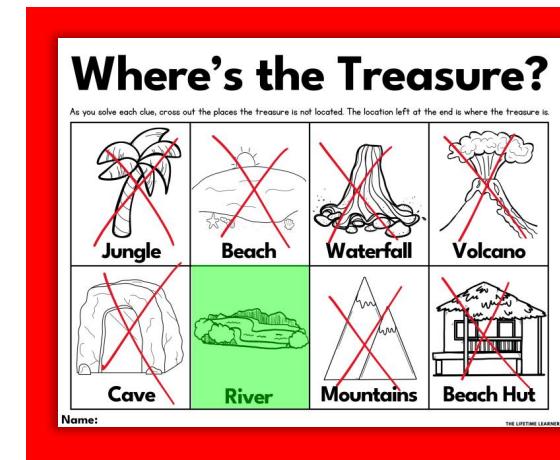
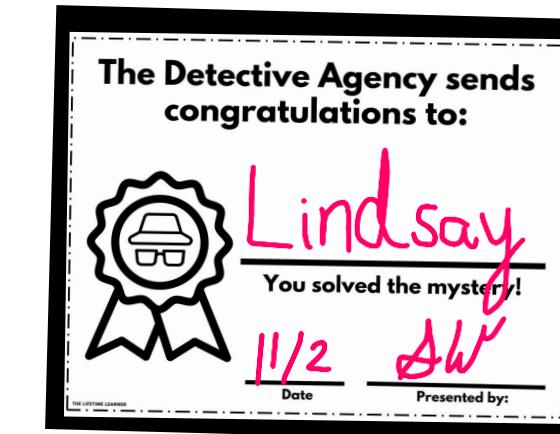
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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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

Word: **cage** are Word: **wake** is

Word: **wave** chest Word: **bake** looking

Word: **cake** you Word: **vase** for

Word: **lake** inside Word: **lake** inside

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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Example of Clue 1

Math



Clue #1: Picture Decoder

Find each answer. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

Answers:

84	79	45	58	88	97	54	48	85
45	58	79	48	54	85	84	88	97
four tens five ones	five tens eight ones	seven tens nine ones	four tens eight ones	five tens four ones	eight tens five ones	eight tens four ones	eight tens eight ones	nine tens seven ones

Decoder:

H = 🌱	A = 🌟	S = 🌊	N = 🎩	O = 🍏	D = 🎯	O = 🍏	O = 🍏	R = 🌟
A = 🌱	G = 🌱	M = 🌴	S = 🌟	Y = 🌟				
B = 🌊	H = 🌟	N = 🎩	T = 🎯	Z = 🌟				
C = 🌴	I = 🍏	O = 🍏	U = 🌱					
D = 🎯	J = 🍏	P = 🌴	V = 🌱					
E = 🌱	K = 🍏	Q = 🌱	W = 🌱					
F = 🌱	L = ✕	R = 🌱	X = 🌱					

The treasure is hidden in a place that:

Use this decoder to help you figure out what letter is equal to each picture.

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KEEP THE FUN GOING!

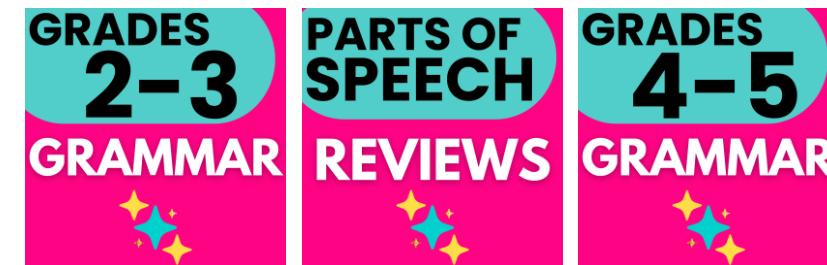
GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

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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