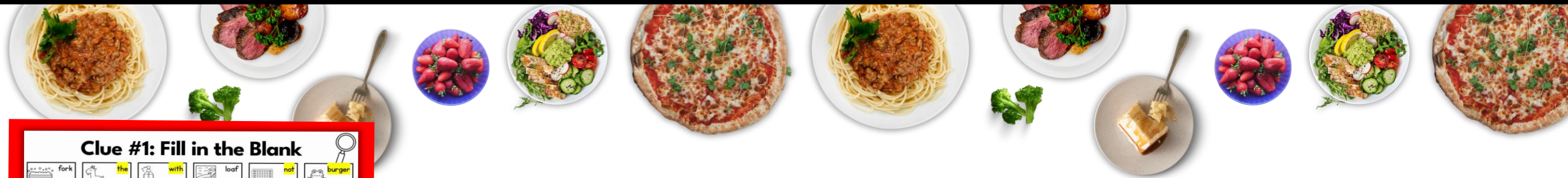


# WHAT IS THIS?



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

fork the with loaf not burger

**Clue #2: Right or Wrong**

Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

grow show mow

**Clue #3: Sorting Tables**

Color the tables the same color as the cup they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

red yellow blue

**Clue #4: Rhyming Restaurant**

Circle all the pairs that rhyme.

blow glow mow

**Clue #5: Multiple Choice**

Tell what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

Joe

A. Jan  
B. Dan  
C. Moe  
D. Joe

A. toe  
B. doe  
C. crow  
D. mow

A. peas  
B. tomatoes  
C. potatoes  
D. corn

A. tiphoe  
B. hoe  
C. mow  
D. low

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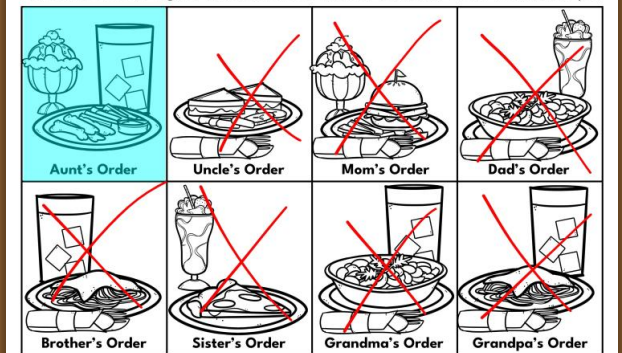
## solve the mystery



The Case of the Missing Dinner

### Whose Food Is Missing?

Solve the clues to figure out whose food has not come out from the kitchen yet.



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

Students complete a series of clues to figure out whose dinner is missing!

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

Uh oh! Everyone ordered something for dinner at the restaurant...but one person's food is missing! Help describe to the waiter what the person was missing so they know what food to bring out.

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



## Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

	the	with		not	burger

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

Word:	Word:	Word:
goat  The	coat  did	soap  with
road  missing	goal  not	coach  a
boat  order	toast  come	toad  burger

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

## Whose Food Is Missing?

Solve the clues to figure out whose food has not come out from the kitchen yet.


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

Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what foods to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing dinner will be solved!



# SKILL PRACTICE


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


Read each word below. Find the word that matches the picture.


fork	the	with	loaf	not	burger
green	salad	meat	crust	a	

When you are done, read the words.

**Word:**

goat  The

road  missing

boat  order

**Clue #2: Right or Wrong**

Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

grow	show	mow
bow	blow	glow
row	crow	snow

In each box, color a thumbs up or a thumbs down to show if the picture is correct.

How many pictures were correct? Read the right hint below. Cross two people out.

1 Correct = It did not come with a sundae.	5 Correct = It did not come with ice.
2 Correct = It did not come with a milkshake.	6 Correct = It did not come with salad.
3 Correct = It did not come with a drink.	7 Correct = It did not come with a fork.
4 Correct = It did not come in a bowl.	8 Correct = It did not come with a glass.

**Clue #3: Sorting Tables**

Find the same color as the cup they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

red body yellow

blue animals

elbow toast

crow loaf

ss out anyone with pasta if there are:

red tables

yellow tables

blue tables

- Long O Words Review
- OA Words
- OW Words
- Rhyming Words

**All clues focus on reviewing Long O Words!**

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



## Print & Digital Forms

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

Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

grow show mow

**Clue #2: Right or Wrong**

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grow show mow

**Clue #3: Sorting Tables**

Color the tables the same color as the cup they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

**3 Clue Version**

Cross out anyone with ice if there are:

- 3 red tables
- 4 yellow tables
- 3 blue tables

Cross out anyone with lettuce if there are:

- 4 red tables
- 3 yellow tables
- 3 blue tables

Cross out anyone with pasta if there are:

- 3 red tables
- 3 yellow tables
- 3 blue tables

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

Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

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**Clue #2: Right or Wrong**

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**Clue #4: Rhyming Restaurant**

Circle all the pairs that rhyme.

**Clue #5: Multiple Choice**

Tell what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

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

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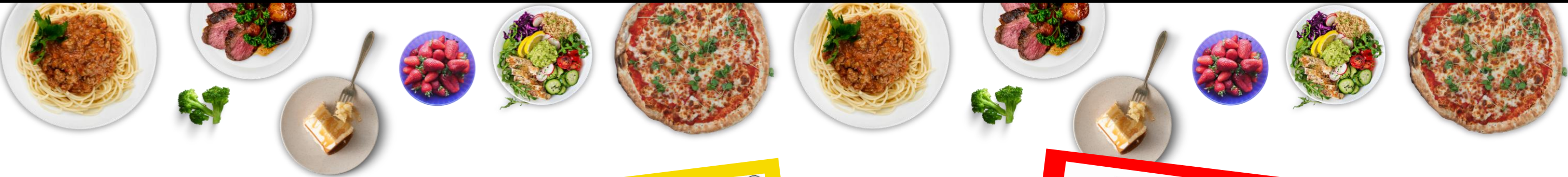
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## Short & Long Options



# CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



### Whose Food Is Missing?

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 Aunt's Order	 Uncle's Order	 Mom's Order	 Dad's Order
 Brother's Order	 Sister's Order	 Grandma's Order	 Grandpa's Order

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

### Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

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

fork	the	with	leaf	not
green	salad	plate	ice	a
order	meat	come	missing	sweet

Word: \_\_\_\_\_

pop \_\_\_\_\_ cub \_\_\_\_\_ did \_\_\_\_\_ mat \_\_\_\_\_

hit \_\_\_\_\_ missing \_\_\_\_\_ sun \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ tan \_\_\_\_\_

tag \_\_\_\_\_ order \_\_\_\_\_

When you are done, read \_\_\_\_\_

### Clue #2: Right or Wrong

Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb to show if you agree.

cat	dog	dot
10	ten	fan
web	pom	sun

### Clue #3: Sorting Tables

Color the tables the same color as the cup they belong with. Then find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

red	yellow	blue
feelings	food	animals

Cross out anyone with \_\_\_\_\_

Cross out anyone with \_\_\_\_\_

Cross out anyone with \_\_\_\_\_

### Clue #4: Rhyming Restaurant

Circle all the pairs that rhyme.

pen	hot	fog
hen	dot	nod
map	lip	fun
gap	hip	bun
cat	fib	
cab	bib	

How many rhyming pairs are there in the picture?  
Circle the answer below. Then, write the word on the line.

- 6 = pizza
- 7 = sweet treat
- 8 = sandwich
- 9 = water

The missing order comes with a \_\_\_\_\_

### Clue #5: Multiple Choice

Tell what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

 A. rip B. rap C. ran D. red	 A. ran B. cub C. rap D. red	 A. jam B. jet C. jag D. jut	 A. pol B. pan C. pad D. pat
 A. pan B. pin C. pot D. pit	 A. top B. tip C. tin D. tap	 A. hat B. hit C. ham D. him	 A. web B. wet C. wes D. win

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

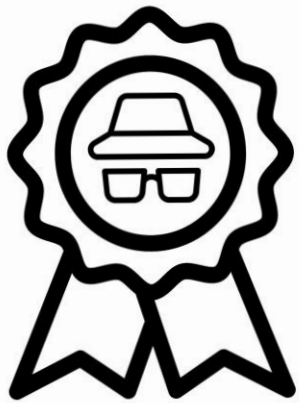
There is a version of the mystery included that reviews CVC Words (Short A, E, I, O, U).



# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends  
congratulations to:



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

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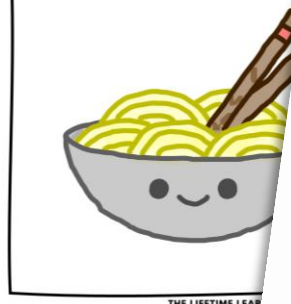
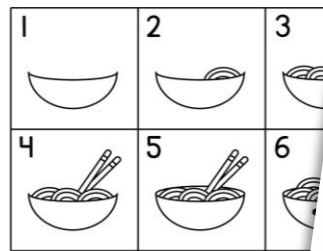
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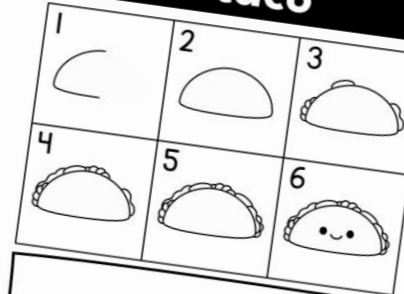
LET'S DRAW...

noodles



LET'S DRAW...

a taco



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

**Clue #4: Rhyming Restaurant**

Circle all the pairs that rhyme.

How many rhyming pairs are there in the picture?  
Circle the answer below. Then, write the word on the line.

• 6 = pizza	• 8 = sandwich
• 7 = sweet treat	• 9 = water

The missing order comes with a **sweet treat**.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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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blow slow mow window

**Clue #5: Multiple Choice**

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C. Moe  
D. Joe

foe doe crow mow

peas tomatoes potatoes corn

tip toe hoe mow low

tomatoes potatoes corn peas

hoe grow foe show

heroes bow mow toad

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LET'S DRAW...

noodles

1 2 3  
4 5 6

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a taco

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Aunt's Order Uncle's Order Mom's Order Dad's Order

Brother's Order Sister's Order Grandma's Order Grandpa's Order

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

**solve the mystery**

**The Case of the Missing Dinner**

THE LIFETIME LEARNER



# 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.


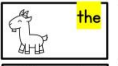
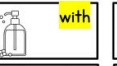

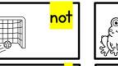



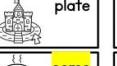
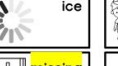

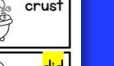

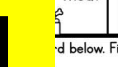
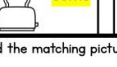
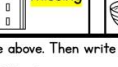
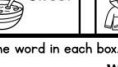
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Example  
of Clue 1


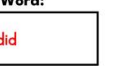
**Math**


### Clue #1: Fill in the Blank


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


 fork	 the	 with	 loaf	 not	 burger
 green	 salad	 plate	 ice	 a	 crust
 meat	 come	 missing	 sweet	 did	


Word:   did


Word:   with


road  missing

goal  not

coach  a

boat  order










toast  come

toad  burger

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

### Clue #1: Picture Decoder

Which number is bigger in each pair? Write it on the line. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

								
54	63	28	39	89	48	46	21	99

63 89 54 39 48 99 28 21 46

Sixty-three or thirty-nine

seventy-nine or eighty-eight

Fifty-four or forty-six

thirty-nine or twenty-eight

Twenty-one or forty-eight

Ninety-seven or ninety-nine

Twenty-eight or fifteen



























Nineteen or twenty-one

Eleven or forty-six

s: M I L K S H A K E

The person did not order a:

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 = 	
F = 	L = 	R = 	X = 	

# 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!**

