

WHAT IS THIS?



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solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Dinner

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THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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!



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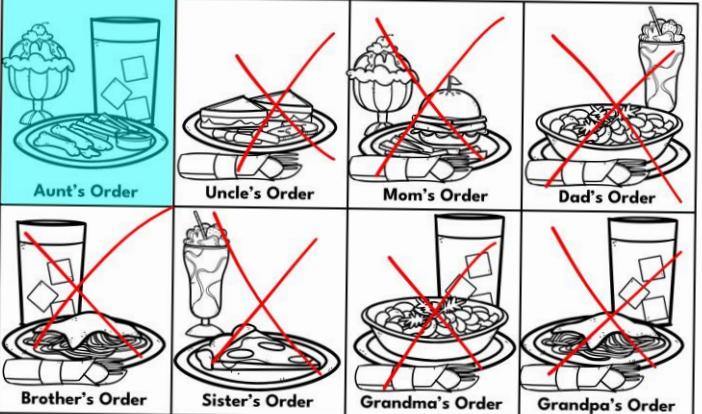
Word:	Word:	Word:			
goat	The	coat	did	soap	with
road	missing	goal	not	coach	a
boat	order	toast	come	toad	burger

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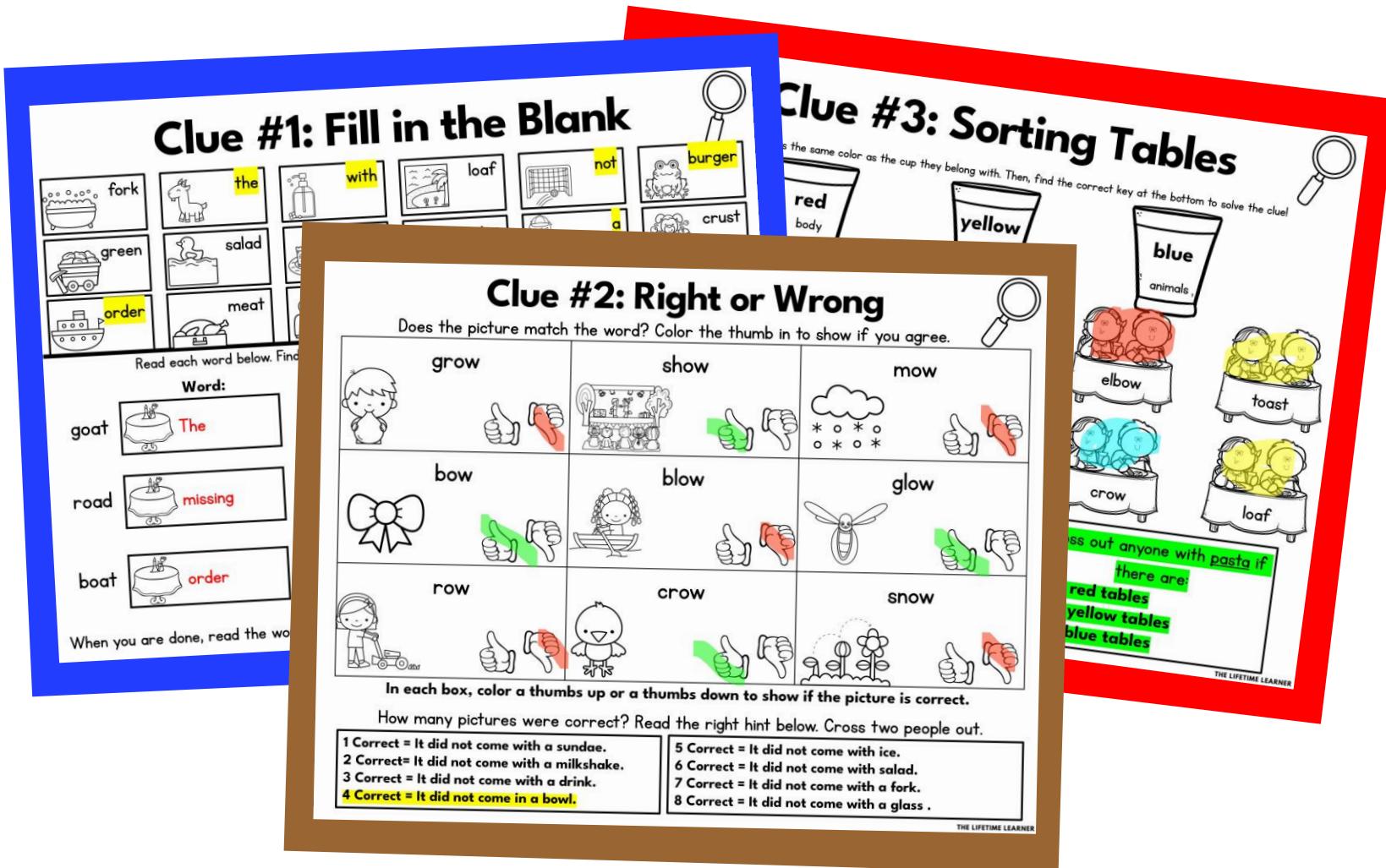
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what foods to cross out.

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

SKILL PRACTICE



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

All clues focus on reviewing Long O Words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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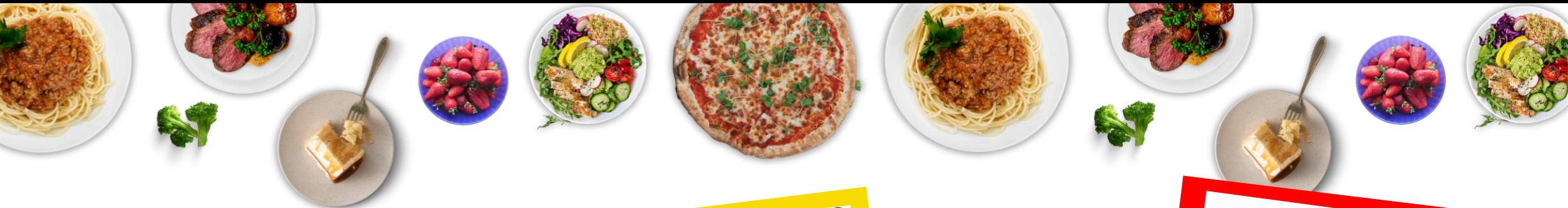
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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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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: _____

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Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

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

pop	the
hit	not
tag	order

Word: _____

Word: _____

When you are done, read _____

Clue #2: Right or Wrong

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

cat	dog	dot
ten	fan	men
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
pig	mad	ham
sob	gum	bug
rat	cat	sad

Color out anyone with ice if there are. Cross out anyone with pasta if there are. Circle out anyone with _____.

Clue #4: Rhyming Restaurant

Circle all the pairs that rhyme.

pen hen hot dot fog nod

map gap beg leg fib bun

cat cab lip hip fun

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 **sweet treat**.

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Clue #5: Multiple Choice

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

A. rip	A. ran	A. jam	A. pal
B. rap	B. rub	B. jet	B. pan
C. rap	C. ran	C. jog	C. pod
D. dad	D. pit	D. red	D. pat

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

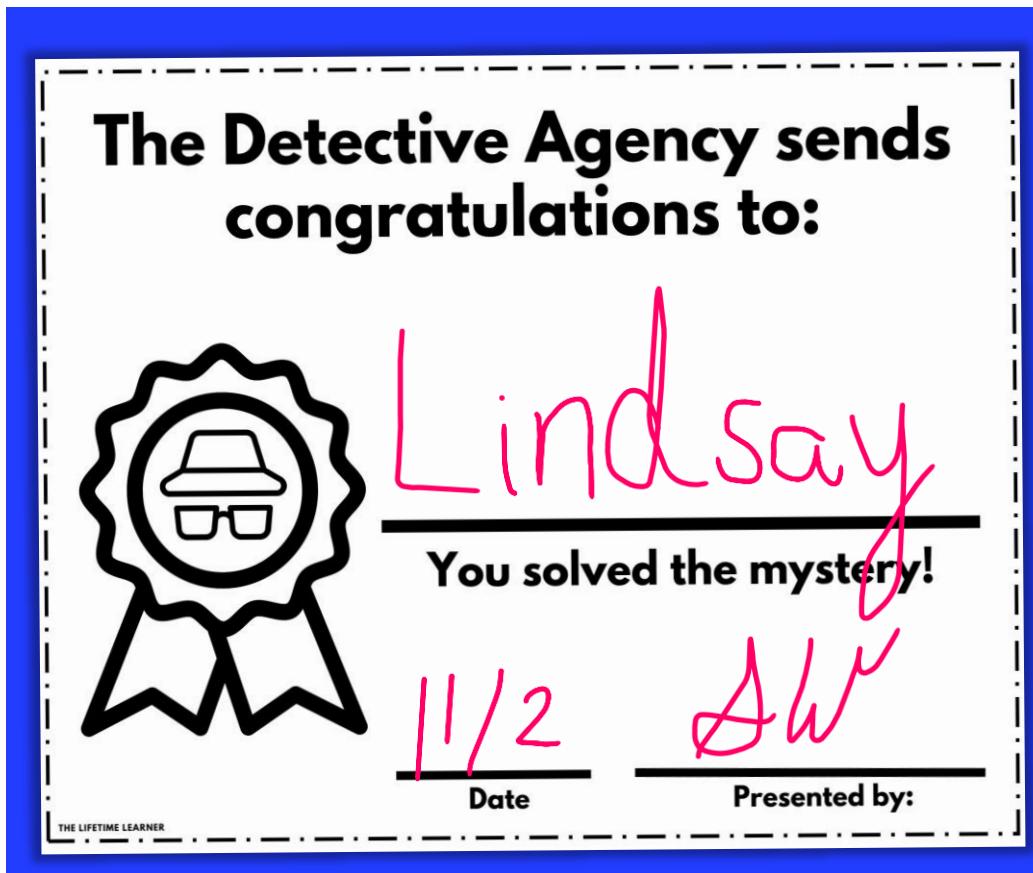
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Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

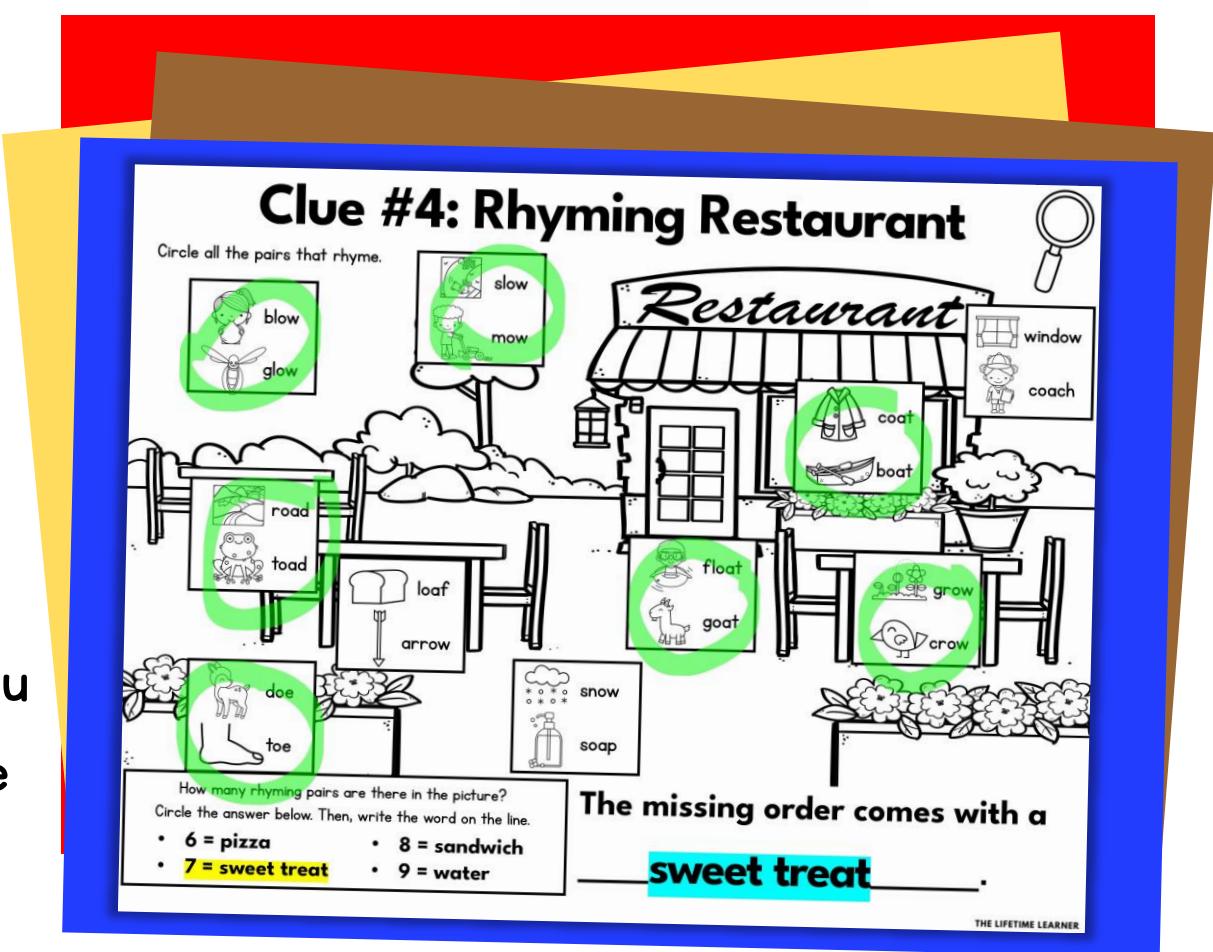


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

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)!



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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	A. Jan		A. toe		A. peas		A. tip toes
B. Dan	B. doe		C. crow		B. tomatoes		B. hoe
C. Moe	C. mow		D. mow		C. potatoes		C. mow
D. Joe					D. corn		D. low

	A. tomatoes		A. hoe		A. heroes		A. bow
B. potatoes	B. grow		C. toe		B. hoe		B. mow
C. corn	C. toe		D. show		C. bow		C. toe
D. peas					D. row		D. toad

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The Detective Agency sends
congratulations to:

Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

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Presented by: Shw

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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

Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

fork

the

with

loaf

not

burger

green

salad

plate

ice

a

crust

meat

come

missing

sweet

did

ling

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

Word:

coat

soap

Word:

with

coat

road

missing

goal

not

boat

order

toast

come

coach

a

toad

burger

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KEEP THE FUN GOING!

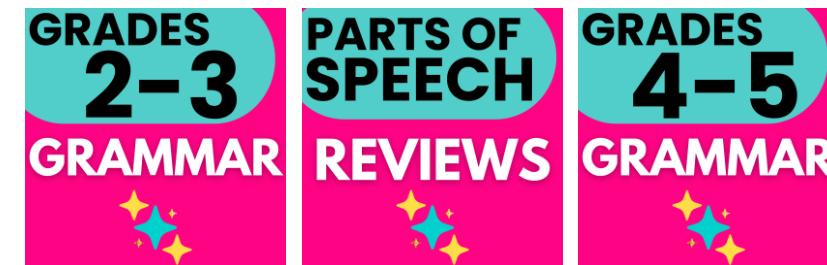
GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

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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