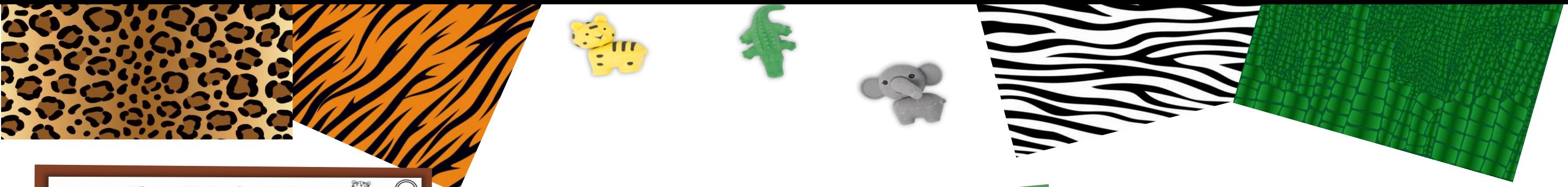


# WHAT IS THIS?



**Clue #1 Safari Photos**  

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

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**Clue #4: Word Hunt**  
Fill in the first letter of each word.

**Clue #5: Multiple Choice**  
Tell what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

What blend did you find?  
• fr = skin  
• fl = spot

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? 1 A = animal 2 As = has 3 As = swim 4 As = water	How many Bs did you circle? 1 B = is 2 Bs = bit 3 Bs = not 4 Bs = likes	How many Cs did you circle? 1 C = four 2 Cs = a 3 Cs = the 4 Cs = is	How many Ds did you circle? 1 D = skin 2 Ds = a 3 Ds = black 4 Ds = green
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# solve the mystery

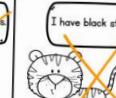


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## The Case of the Safari Adventure

### Where is the Safari Group?

Solve the clues to figure out where the safari group is currently located.

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

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the safari group is!

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

On the day of your safari, you woke up to find your safari group missing! You need to figure out which animal they are with. Help figure out where your safari group is by solving clues and finding the right animal.

1. Take a list of safari animals and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which animal your safari group is with.
3. Cross out wrong animals each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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red	green	yellow	blue
bl- blueberries	cl- flamingo	fl- plane	pl- claw
flower	clothes	flat	blanket
They are not by an animal with a long neck if: • 2 red • 3 green • 3 yellow • 2 blue	They are not by an animal with a green tail if: • 2 red • 3 green • 2 yellow • 3 blue	They are not by an animal with a big trunk if: • 3 red • 2 green • 2 yellow • 2 blue	They are not by an animal with a banana if: • 2 red • 2 green • 3 yellow • 3 blue

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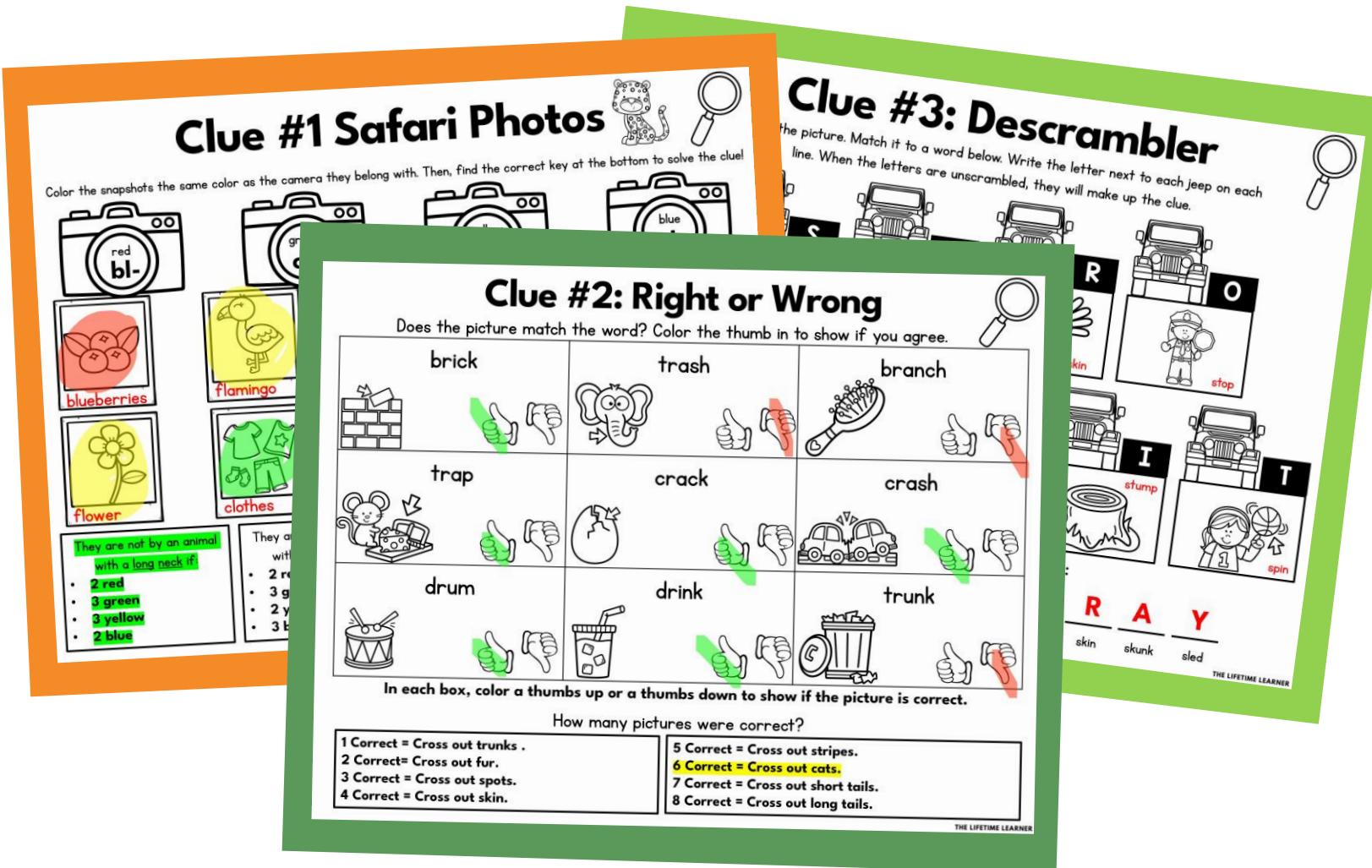
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what animals to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the safari group will be solved!

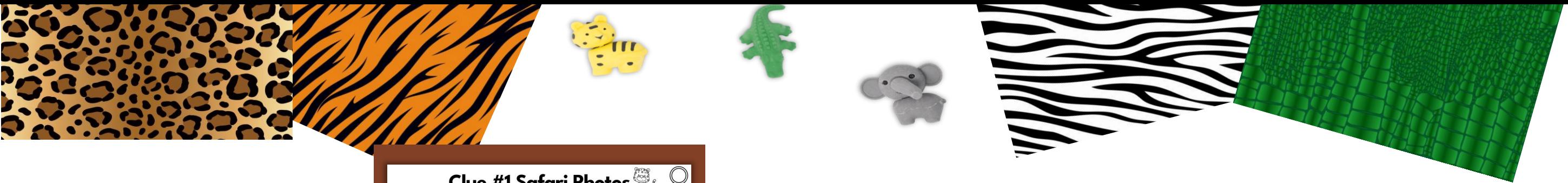
# SKILL PRACTICE



- Beginning Blends Review
- L Blends
- R Blends
- S Blends

All clues focus on reviewing LRS Blends!

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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**3 Clue Version**

The animal they are near:  
I S N O T G R A Y

stump slip swim stop spin stick skin skunk sled

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**5 Clue Version**

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2 Cs = a  
3 Cs = the  
4 Cs = is

How many Ds did you circle?  
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3 Ds = green  
4 Ds = long

## Print & Digital Forms

**Clue #2: Right or Wrong**

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

brick	trash	branch
trap	crack	crash
drum	drink	

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

How many pictures were correct?

1 Correct = Cross out trunks .  
2 Correct= Cross out fur.  
3 Correct = Cross out spots.  
4 Correct = Cross out skin.

5 Correct = Cross out stripes.  
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7 Correct = Cross out short tails.  
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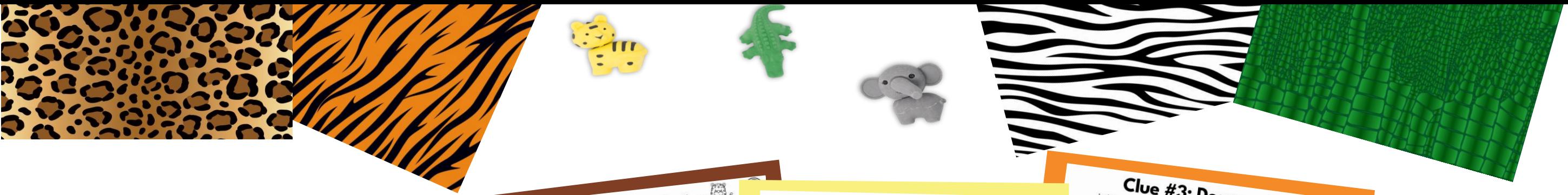
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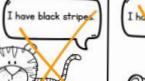
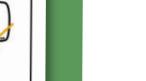
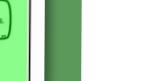
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## Short & Long Options

# CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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

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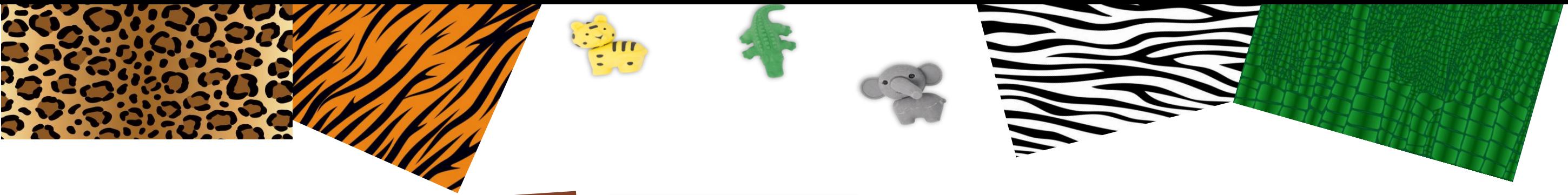
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Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

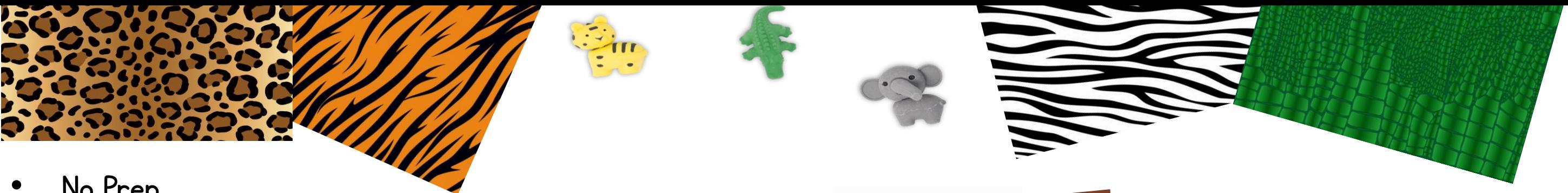
There is a version of the mystery included that reviews CVC Words (Short A, E, I, O, U).

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

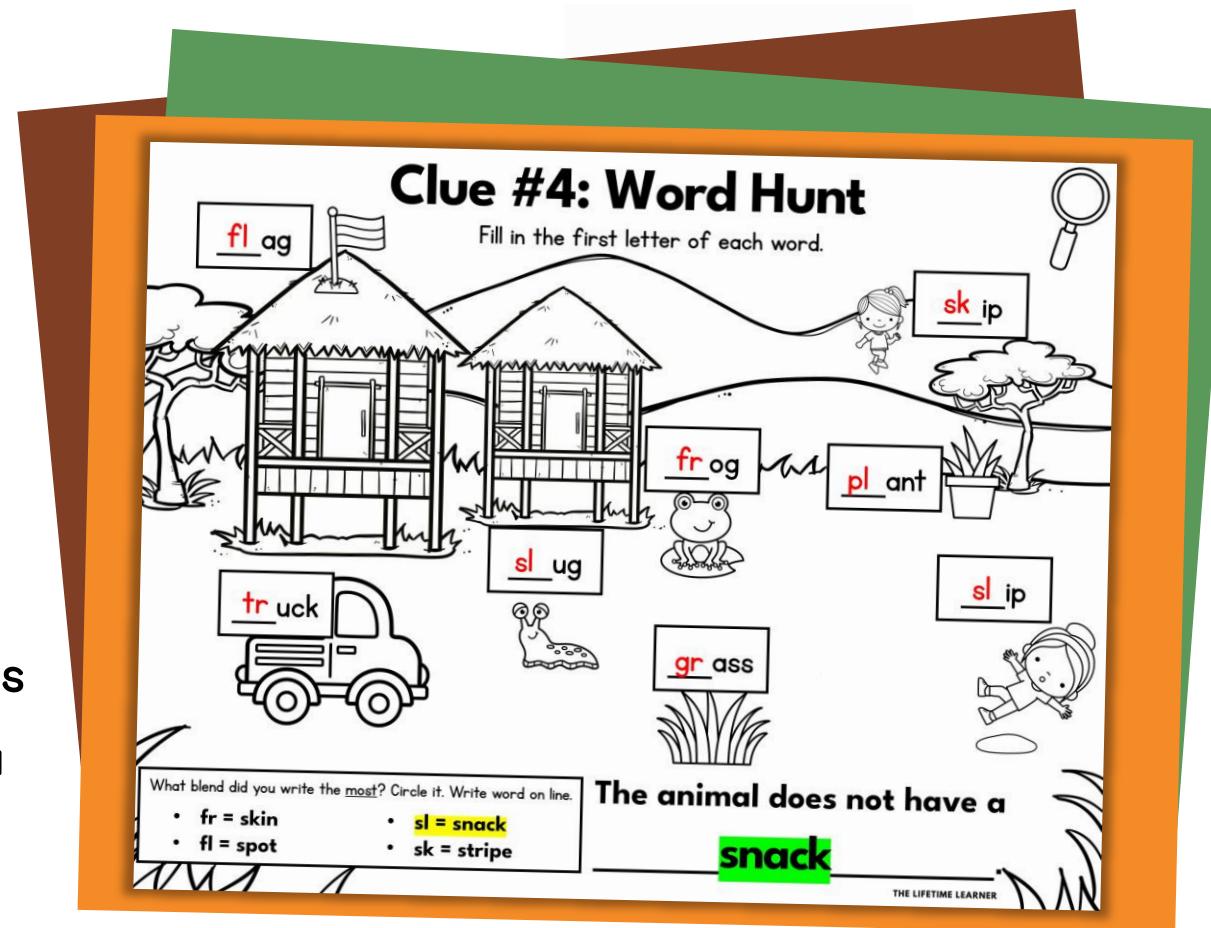


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

# 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: LRS Blends 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 Detective Agency sends congratulations to:**

**Lindsay**  
You solved the mystery!  
11/2 SW  
Date Presented by:

**LET'S DRAW...**  
**a monkey**

1	2	3
4	5	6

**monkey**

**LET'S DRAW...**  
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**zebra**

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

**solve the mystery**

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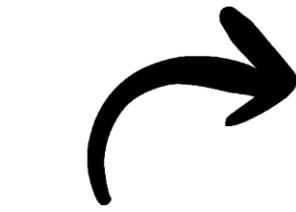
# WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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

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## Example of Clue 1

## Math

**Clue #1: Picture Decoder**

All the answers below are wrong. Find a match for each false equation to show the correct answer. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

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# KEEP THE FUN GOING!

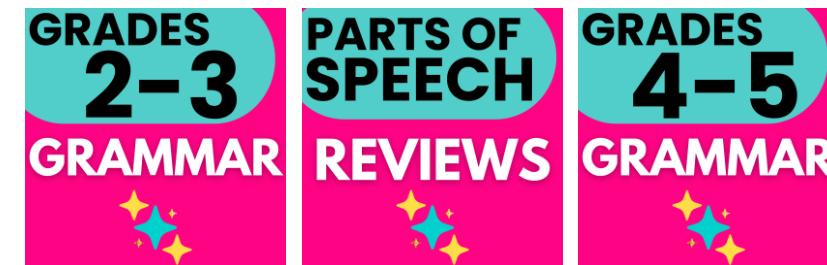
## GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

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