

WHAT IS THIS?



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The trophy is **N E A R A H O O P**



solve the mystery



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

The Case of the Missing Trophy

Where is the Trophy?

Solve the clues to figure out where the missing trophy is located.

Baseball Field	Football Field	Tennis Court	Swimming Pool
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Name: _____

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the missing trophy is!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

The 1st place trophy has been stolen! Rumor has it that it's somewhere on the school's campus. Help figure out where the trophy is. Solve the clues to figure out where the trophy is and solve the mystery!

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



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look	trophy	not	water
		at	
			race

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong place off your list.
TROPHY NOT AT A RACE

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

SKILL PRACTICE



- Long I Review
- Y as I Words
- IGH Words
- IE Words
- Rhyming Words

All clues focus on reviewing Long I!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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3 Clue Version

There is one ball in this sport if there are:
• 2 yellow shirts
• 3 red shirts
• 3 green shirts
• 2 blue shirts

The trophy is not in water if there are:
• 2 yellow shirts
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The trophy is not on a court if there are:
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5 Clue Version

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N E A R A H O O P
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Short & Long Options



Print & Digital Forms

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night sigh light bright sight

A N P
fly light thigh sight night high sight

NEAR A HOO
fly light thigh sight night high bright fight

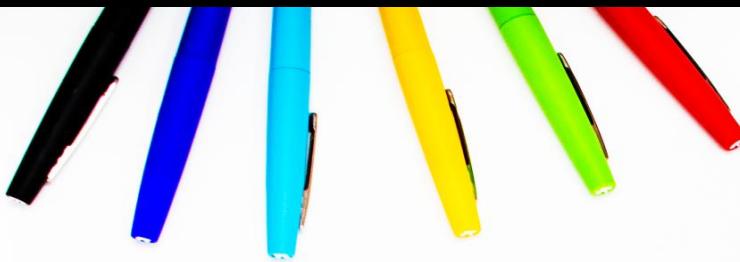
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CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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You use your hands to play this sport.

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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



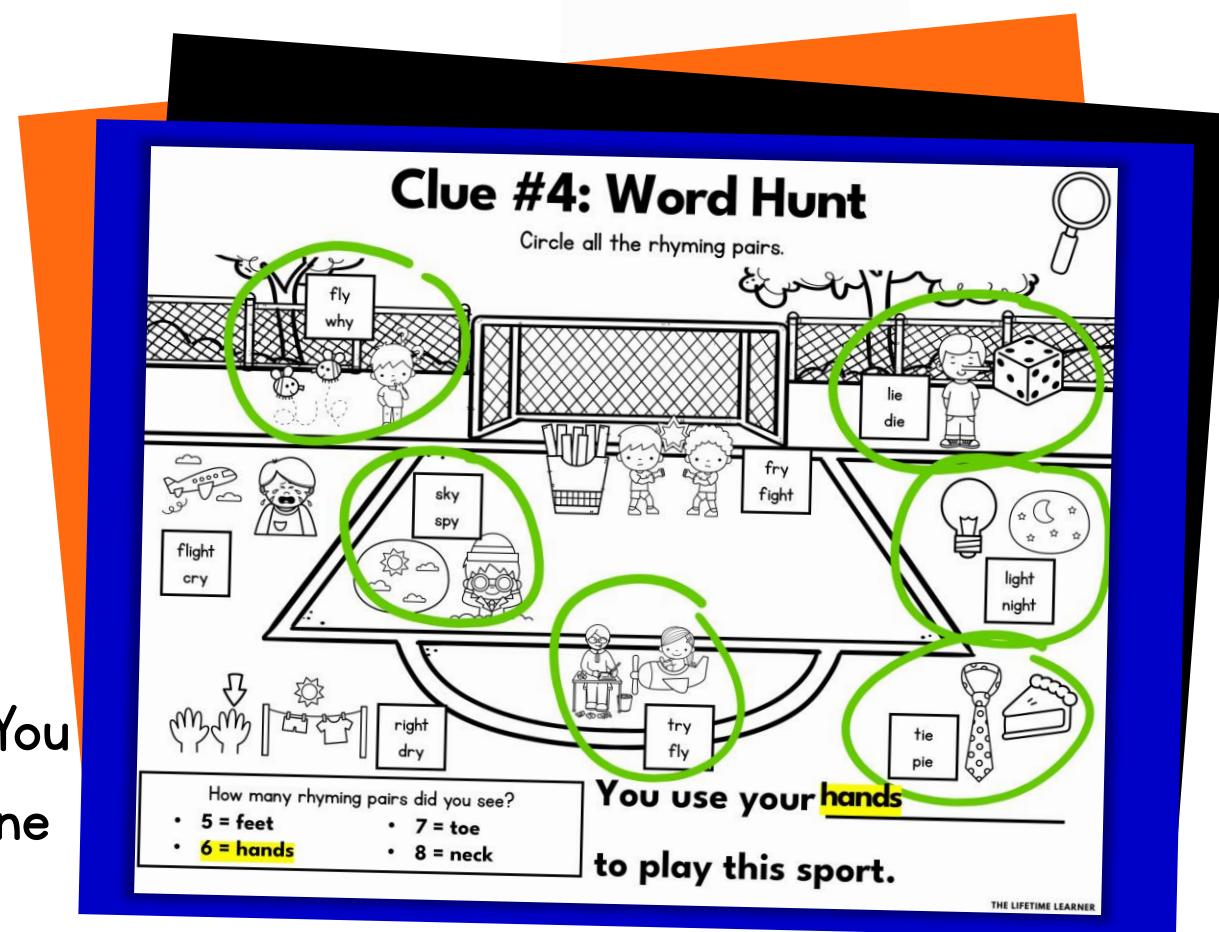
If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.



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 I 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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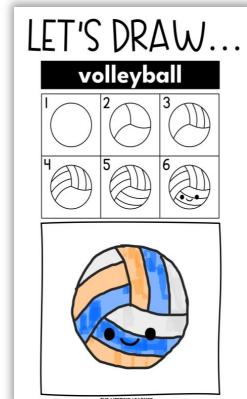
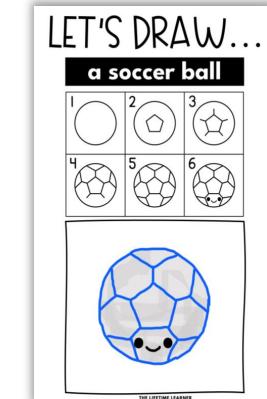
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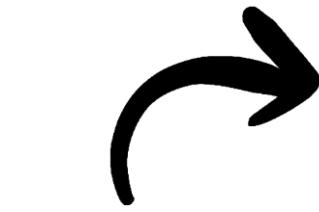
WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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: Fill in the Blank
Find ten more or ten less.

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KEEP THE FUN GOING!

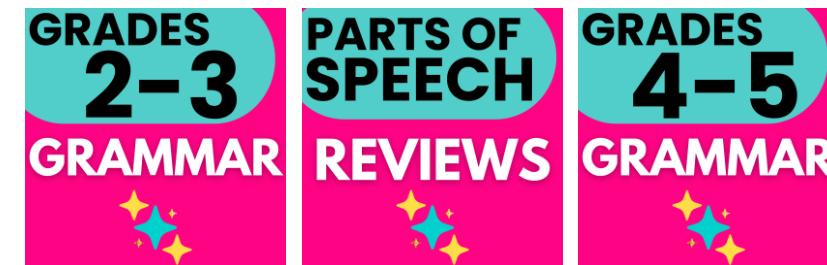
GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

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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