

WHAT IS THIS?



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The Case of the Missing Sunglasses

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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 Diego	 Sahil	 Ainsley	 Harper

Name: _____

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out who took the sunglasses!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Uh oh! On your vacation to the beach, your new sunglasses went missing. Now, it is up to you to complete a set of clues to figure out which kid on the beach accidentally took them. Good luck!



1. Take a list of kids on the beach and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering who took the sunglasses.
3. Cross out wrong kids each time you find out new information.

Good luck!

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B E A C H C H A I R

wave dune bike lake race dive tube hose kite June

The thief is not on a **C H A I R**

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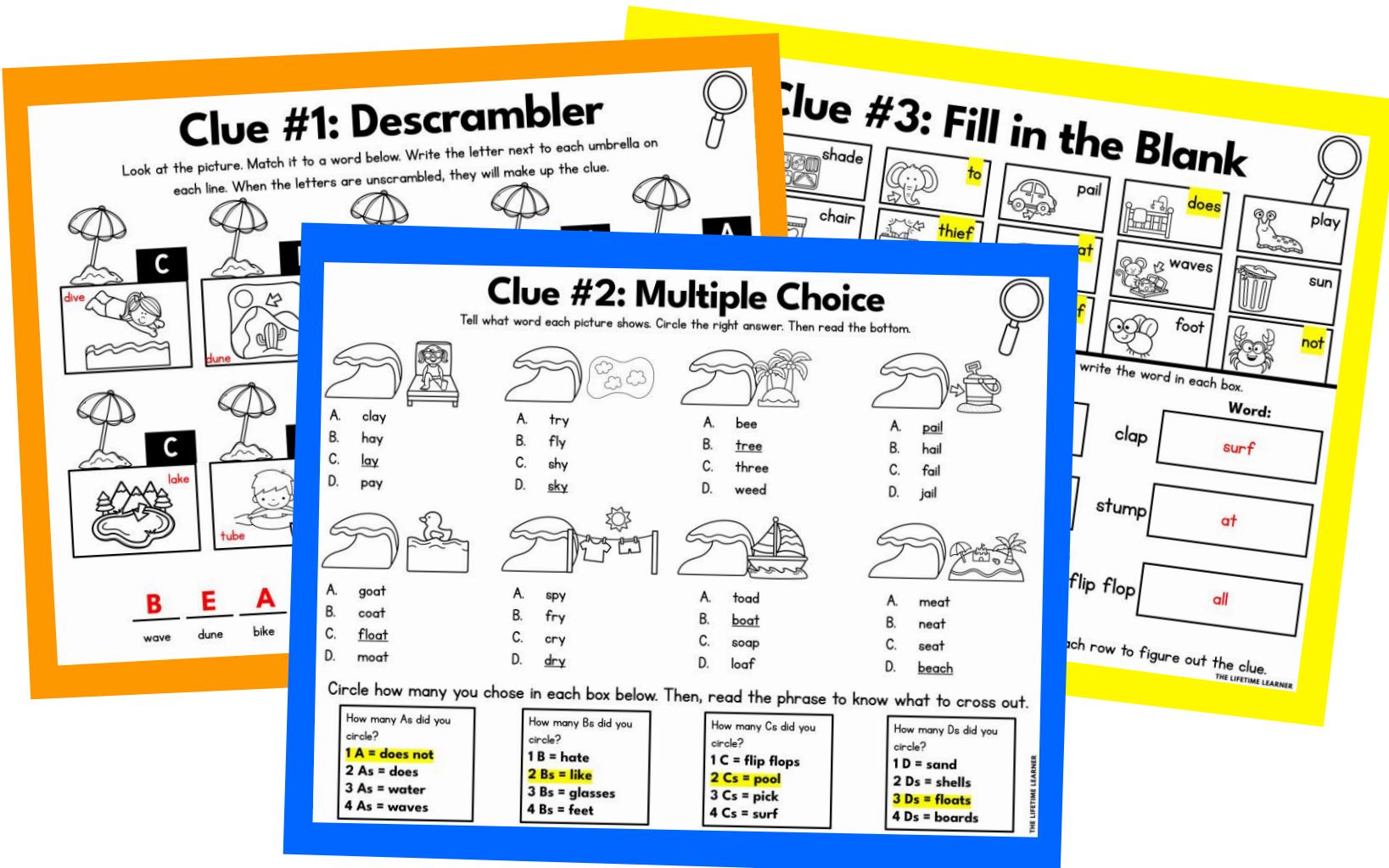
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what suspect(s) to cross out.

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

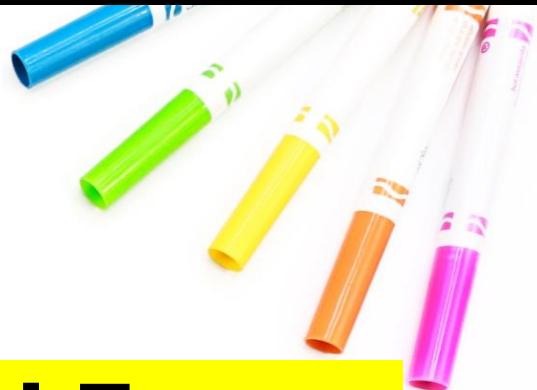
SKILL PRACTICE



- 1st Grade Phonics Review
- CVCe Words
- Long Vowels Review
- Beginning Blends (L, R, S Blends)
- R Controlled Vowels
- Diphthongs (OI, OY, OU, OW)

All clues focus on reviewing 1st grade phonic skills!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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like	shade	to	pail	does	play
truck	chair	thief	at	waves	sun
all	all	at	waves	sun	not
crust	crust	thief	truck	like	surf
flash	thief	truck	like	stump	at
crib	does	truck	to	flip flop	all

3 Clue Version

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Clue #5: Color the Beach

Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

how - red ball	ball - red hot	frown - red chair	Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.
coin - red water	join - yellow water	point - green water	shov - blue kite
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The thief is not a boy if:
• blue ball
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• red ball
• red water
• blue bird
• green kite

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• blue ball
• yellow ball
• yellow chair
• red water
• blue bird
• blue kite

The thief has no pail if:
• blue ball
• yellow ball
• red chair
• red water
• green bird
• green kite

Short & Long Options

Clue #3: Fill in the Blank

like	shade	to	pail	does	play
truck	chair	thief	at	waves	sun
all	all	at	waves	sun	not
crust	crust	thief	truck	like	surf
flash	thief	truck	like	stump	at
crib	does	truck	to	flip flop	all

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

Word:	crust	Word:	crab	Word:	clap
flash	thief	truck	like	stump	at
crib	does	trunk	to	flip flop	all

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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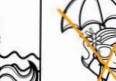
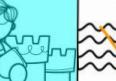
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CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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10	C	E	I	H
ten	gem	yes	pet	pet
B	H	A	B	
leg	jet	jet	jet	

Clue #2: Multiple Choice
Tell what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

A. bag	A. sit	A. hop	A. lip
B. bob	B. eat	B. hip	B. lap
C. bib	C. sub	C. hit	C. mat
D. big	D. six	D. hat	D. men
A. zit	A. fix	A. rap	A. map
B. zap	B. fit	B. dip	B. mat
C. zip	C. fin	C. ref	C. men
D. zen	D. fit	D. rot	D. rap

Clue #3: Fill in the Blank
Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

Word: The	Word: not	Word: fox
Word: thief	Word: like	Word: surf
Word: pop	Word: cop	Word: at
Word: rot	Word: all	

Clue #4: Rhyming Pairs
Circle each set of words that rhyme.

Hug and jug	Run and bun	Cup and pup	Cab and hub
Bug and run	Bus and dig	Tug and rug	Mud and out
Hum and gum			Hut and sun

The thief likes to play in the sand.

How many rhyming matches did you circle? Write the word on the line.

- 6 = sand
- 7 = water
- 8 = surf
- 9 = floats

Clue #5: Color the Beach
Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

pot - red ball	cup - red hot	did - red chair	pin - red bird
pit - yellow ball	cap - yellow hot	dot - yellow chair	peg - yellow bird
pot - green ball	cap - green hot	dip - green chair	pin - green bird
pot - blue ball	cup - blue hot	dig - blue chair	peg - blue bird
rip - red water	hot - red kite	hat - yellow kite	ham - green kite
rip - yellow water	hot - yellow kite	hot - yellow kite	ham - blue kite
rip - green water	hot - blue water	hot - blue kite	ham - green kite
rip - blue water	hot - blue water	hot - blue kite	ham - blue kite

Choose the key below that matches how you colored the picture of the beach.

Who is the thief?

- The thief is not a boy if:
 - red ball
 - yellow ball
 - yellow chair
 - red water
 - blue bird
 - green kite
- The thief has now bow if:
 - blue ball
 - green hat
 - yellow chair
 - red water
 - blue bird
 - yellow kite
- The thief has no tail if:
 - red ball
 - yellow hat
 - yellow chair
 - red chair
 - red water
 - green bird
 - green kite

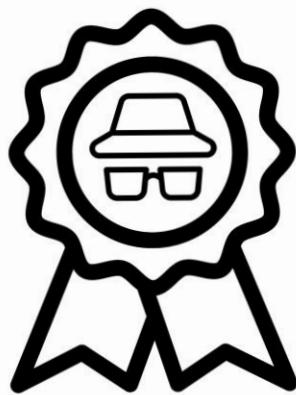
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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!

11/2

Date

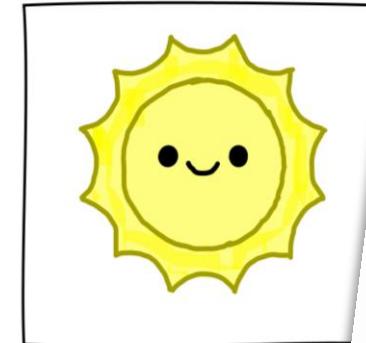
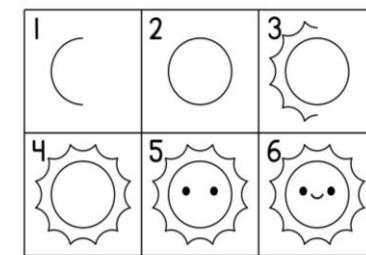
Presented by:

SW

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LET'S DRAW...

a sun



LET'S DRAW...

an ice cream



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

Clue #4: Rhyming Pairs

Circle each set of words that rhyme.

farm and arm dirt and squirt girl and gate nurse and purse

star and car bark and light cart and art dark and right

ladder and jar park and shark

How many rhyming matches did you circle? Write the word on the line.

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The thief likes to play in the **sand**

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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cow - green ball
bow - blue ball
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point - green water
oink - blue water
noise - red bird
ball - yellow bird
coin - green bird
toy - green kite
ahoy - blue kite
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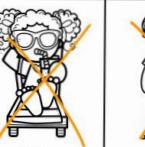
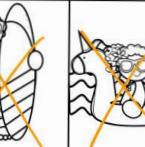
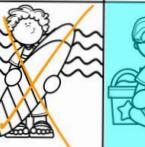
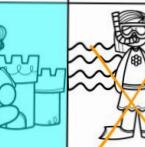
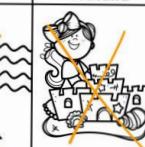
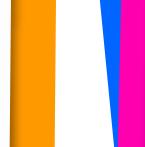
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1 2 3
4 5 6

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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

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	C		E		I		H		A
	lake		kite		race		hose		
	C		H		A		B		R

The thief is not on a

B	E	A	C	H	C	H	A	I	R
wave	dune	bike	lake	race	dive	tube	hose	kite	June

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Math

Clue #1: Picture Decoder

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

									
9	32	67	68	24	87	51	82	55	43
77+10	92-10	45+10	19-10	58+10	77-10	33+10	61-10	22+10	34-10
87	82	55	9	68	77	43	51	32	24

S A N O C A S T L E

The kid who took the sunglasses isn't near 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 = 	

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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!

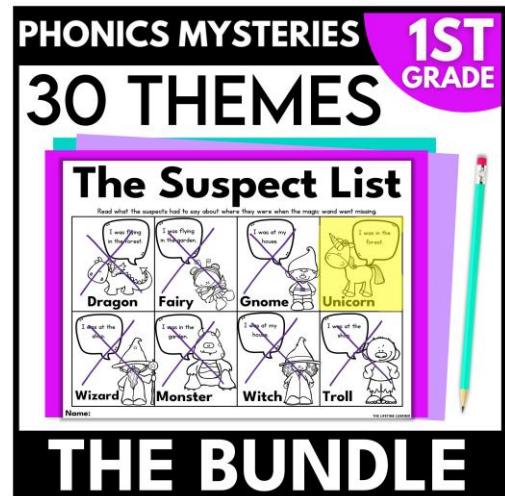


MORE READING MYSTERIES:

Explore other grade levels to differentiate and keep every student engaged.



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