

# WHAT IS THIS?

**solve the mystery**

**The Case of the Thanksgiving Feast**

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

**Clue #2: Fork or Knife?**

**Clue #3: Color the Turkeys**

**Clue #4: Word Hunt**

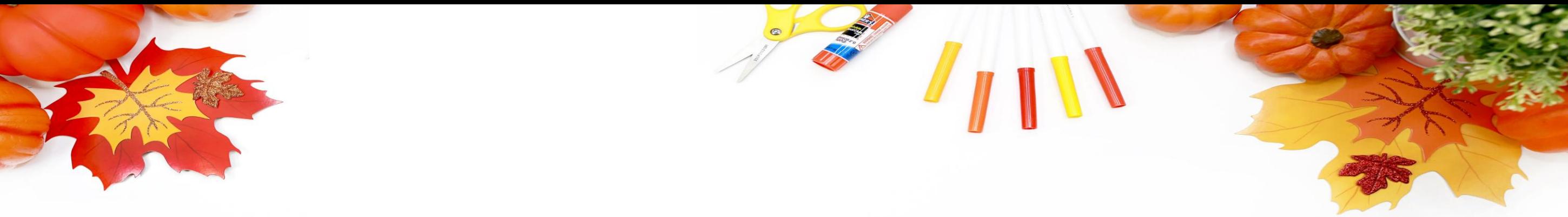
**Clue #5: Find It!**

**What Do I Bring?**

<del>Pie</del>	<del>Ham</del>	<del>Bread</del>	<del>Gravy</del>
<del>Corn</del>	<del>Turkey</del>	<del>Mashed Potatoes</del>	<b>Peas</b>

Students complete a series of clues to figure out what food to bring to Thanksgiving dinner!

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

Oh no! You forgot what you are supposed to bring to Thanksgiving dinner! You don't want to let anyone down. Solve the clues to figure out the mystery so you can still show up with your dish!

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



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### Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

something	ham	leg	crust	need	you
pie	poured	to	corn	bring	red
don't	plate	ham	that	blue	is

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

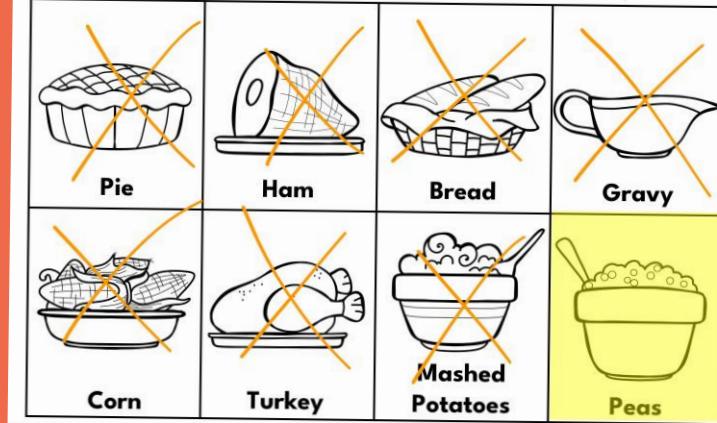
Word: crab	Word: trap	Word: press
You	to	that
dress	grab	grin
don't	bring	is
brush	frog	truck
need	something	poured

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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## What Do I Bring?

As you solve each clue, cross out the items that do not belong. The food left at the end is what you need to bring!



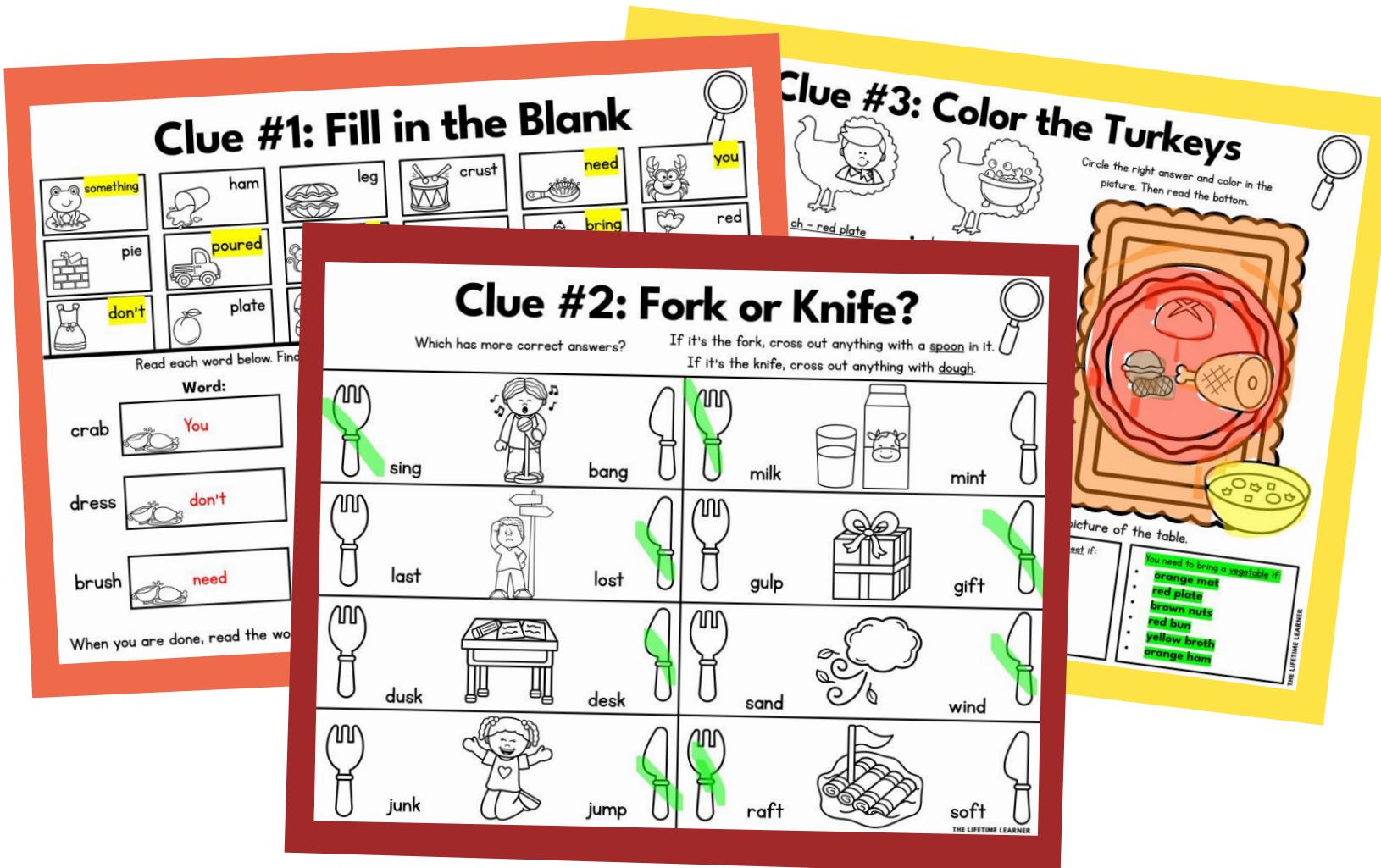
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what foods to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the Thanksgiving feast will be solved!

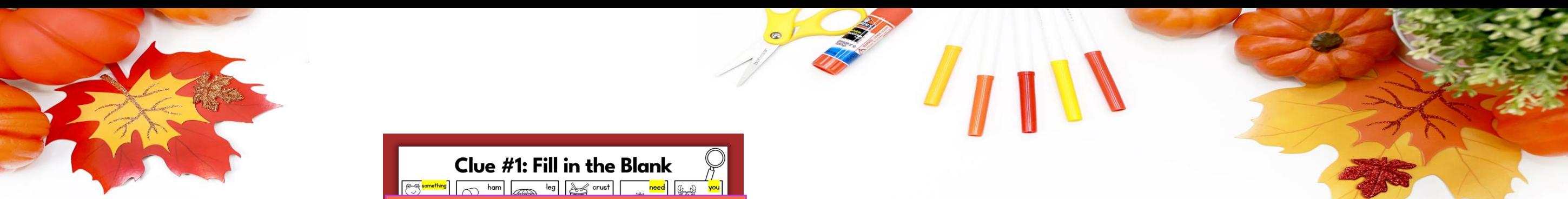
# SKILL PRACTICE



- 1st Grade Phonics Review
- Beginning L Blends
- Beginning R Blends
- Beginning S Blends
- Final Blends
- Digraphs (CH-, SH-, -CK, -TH)

All clues focus on reviewing 1st grade phonic skills!

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



## Print & Digital Forms

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## Short & Long Options

# CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

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<b>Pie</b>	<b>Ham</b>	<b>Bread</b>	<b>Gravy</b>
<b>Corn</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Mashed Potatoes</b>	<b>Peas</b>

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

**Clue #1: Fill in the Blank**  
Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.  
Word: **gem** Word: **run** Word: **to** Word: **dig**  
Word: **fog** Word: **pat** Word: **bring** Word: **fun**  
When you are done, read \_\_\_\_\_

**Clue #2: Fork or Knife?**  
Which has more correct answers? If it's the fork, cross out anything with a spoon in it. If it's the knife, cross out anything with dough.  
yes not log hog  
mug jug fin fan

**Clue #3: Color the Turkeys**  
Circle the right ENDING and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.  
• in - red mat  
• in - orange mat  
• in - yellow mat  
• in - brown mat  
• un - red plate  
• un - orange plate  
• un - yellow plate  
• un - brown plate  
• on - red ham  
• on - orange ham  
• on - yellow ham  
• on - brown ham  
• un - red broth  
• un - orange broth  
• un - yellow broth  
• un - brown broth  
Choose the key below that matches how you colored the picture of the table.  
You need to bring a \_\_\_\_\_.  
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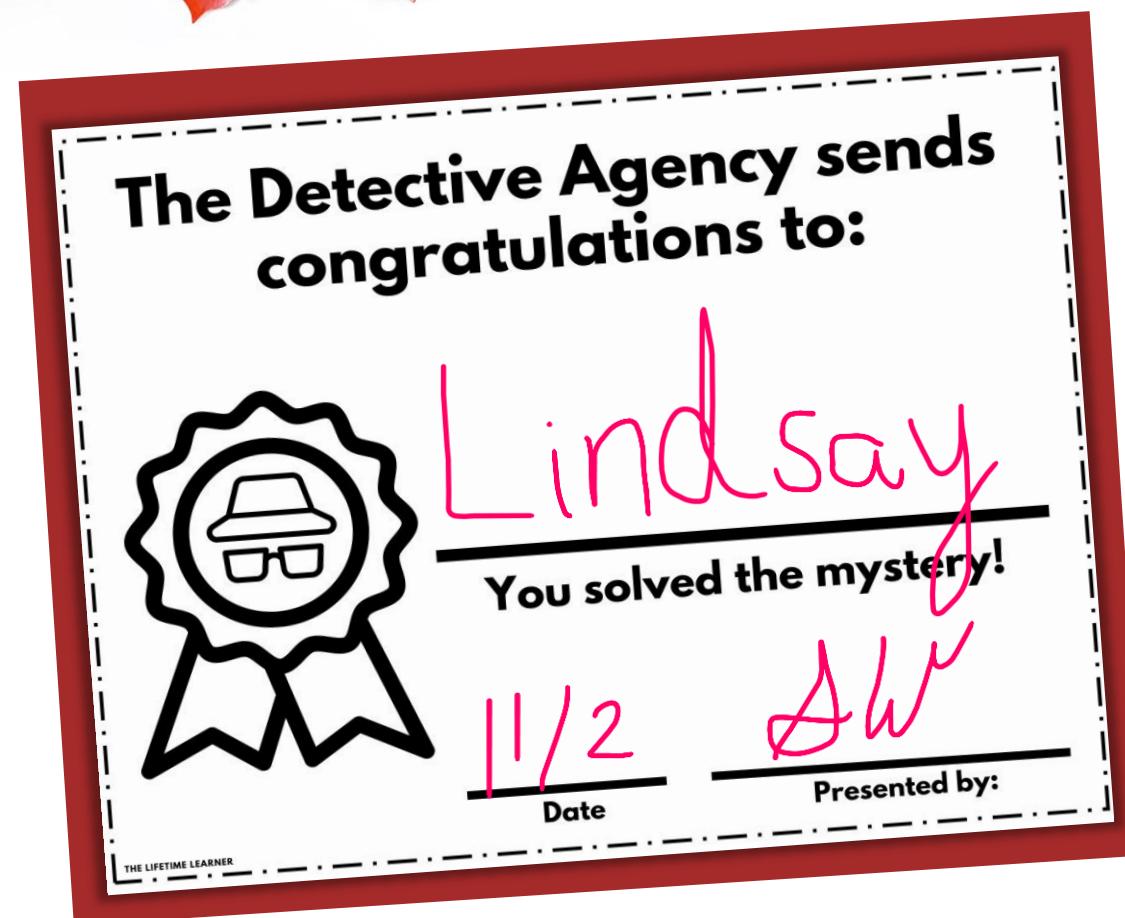
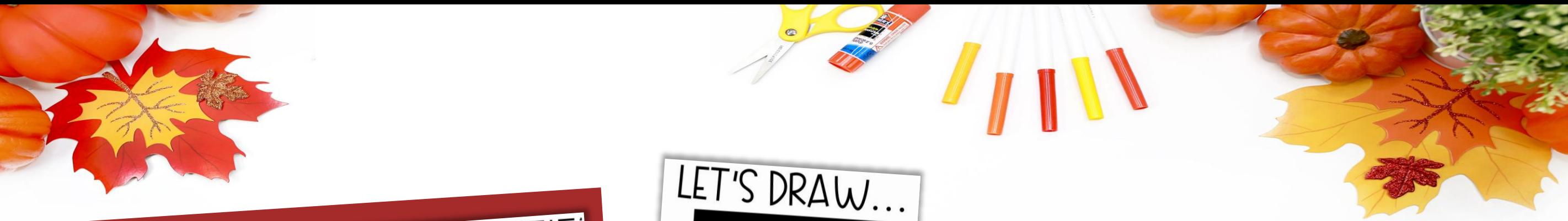
**Clue #4: Word Hunt**  
Circle the boxes that are true. Cross out the boxes that are not. Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.  
The food you need to bring has **four** letters.  
How many rhyming pairs do you see?  
Write the number on line.

**Clue #5: Find It!**  
Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong words off your list.  
The food you need to bring  
**YOU CAN EAT IT WITH A SPOON**

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

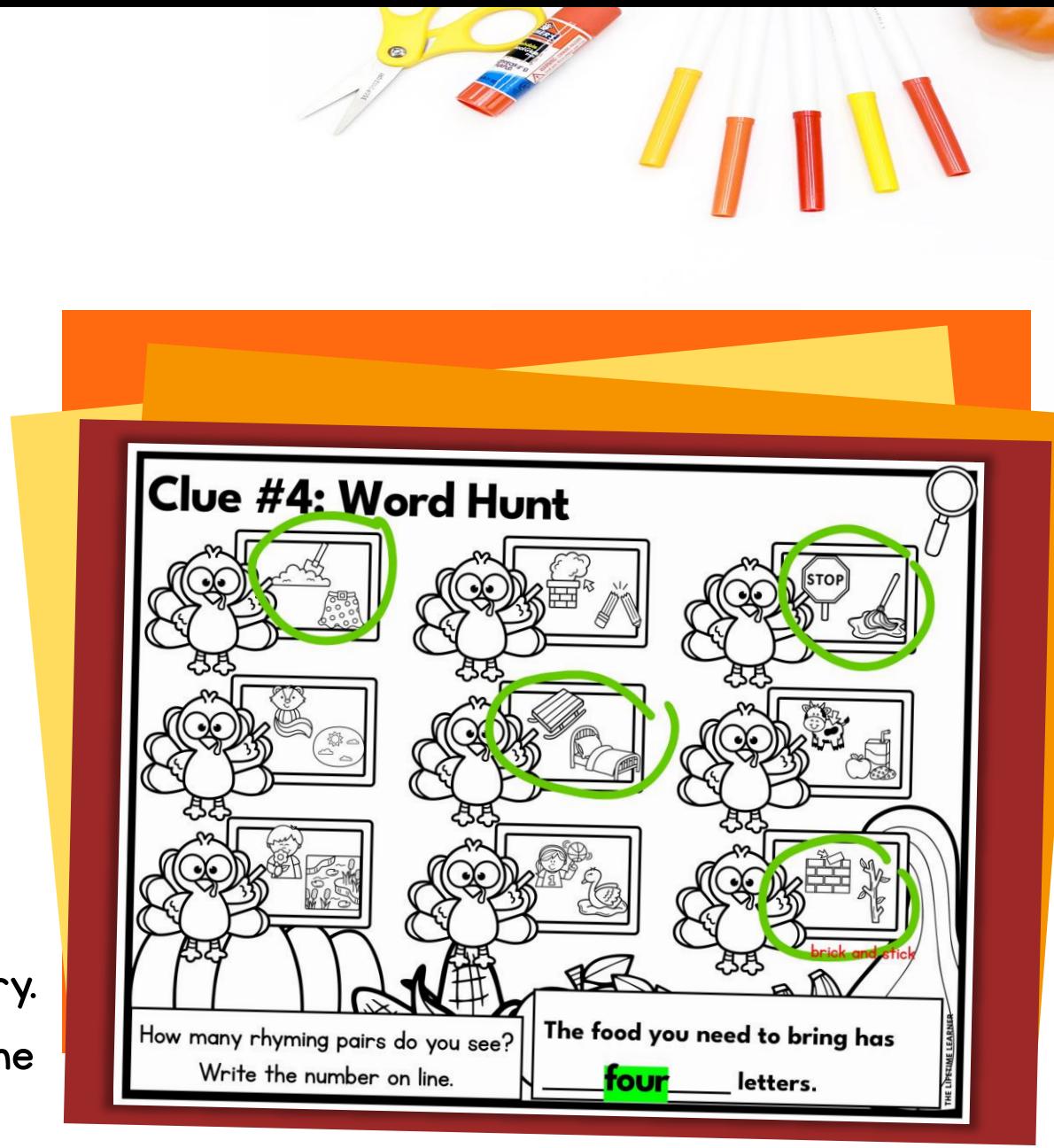


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

# 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: Phonics Review 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!

**Clue #1: Fill in the Blank**  
ham leg crust need you

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Which has more correct answers?  
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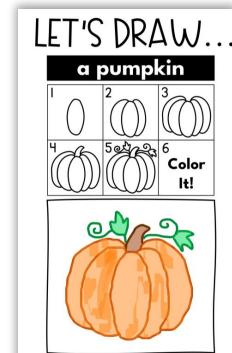
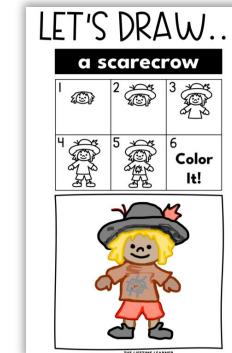
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The food you need to bring:  
**YOU CAN EAT IT WITH A SPOON**

**The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:**  
  
**Lindsay**  
You solved the mystery!  
11/2 Date **Shr** Presented by:



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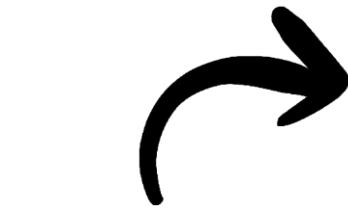
# WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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

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

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

Word: trap Word: press  
Word: dress Word: grab  
Word: brush Word: frog  
Word: truck

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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## Example of Clue 1

## Math

**Clue #1: Descrambler**

Solve each question. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

Place the correct letter on top of each matching answer.

Someone else is bringing a:

S W E E T T R E A T

7 H 11 5 20 13 10 15 19 12

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# KEEP THE FUN GOING!

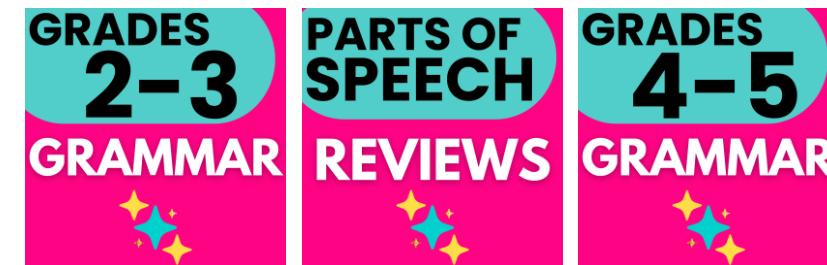
## GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

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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