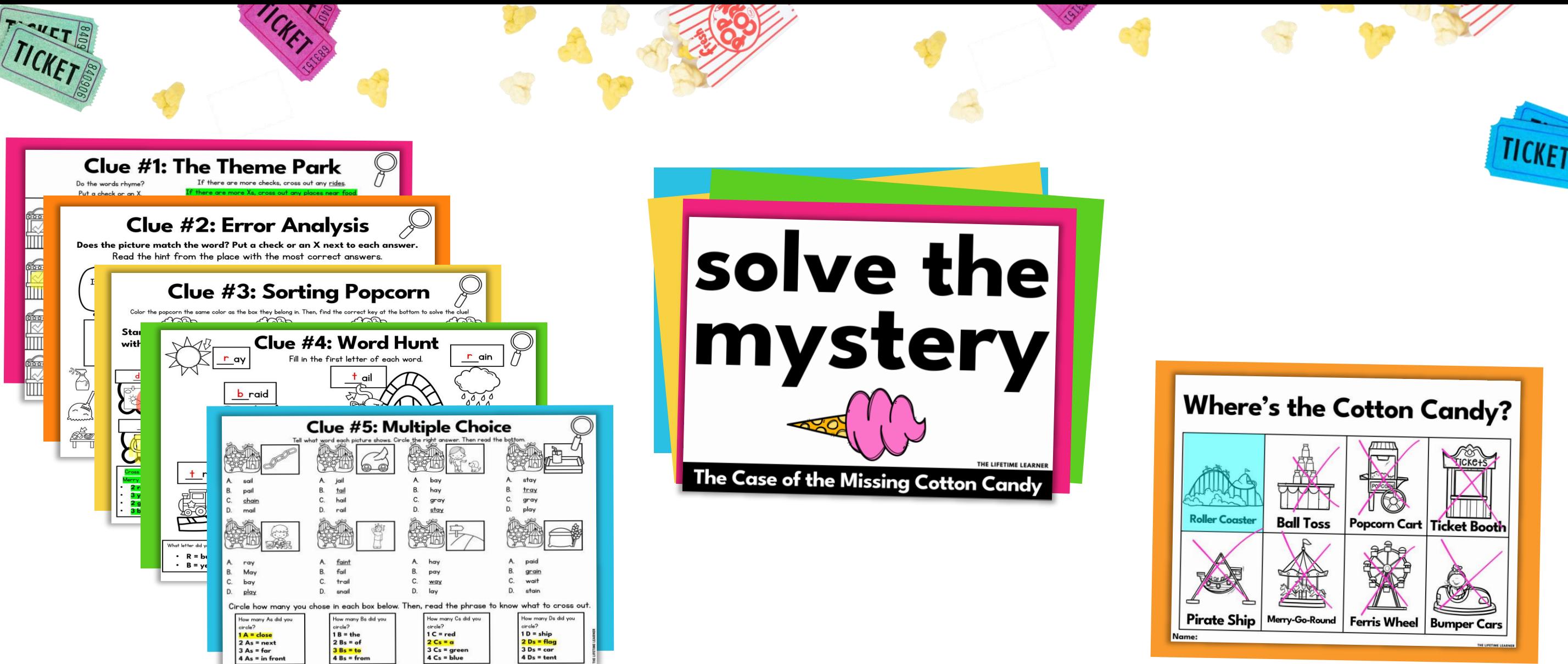


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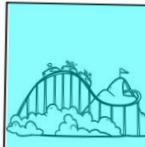
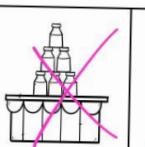
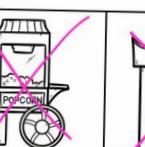
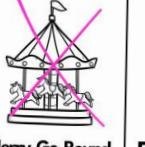
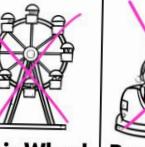
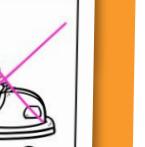
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**The Case of the Missing Cotton Candy**

**Where's the Cotton Candy?**

 Roller Coaster	 Ball Toss	 Popcorn Cart	 Ticket Booth
 Pirate Ship	 Merry-Go-Round	 Ferris Wheel	 Bumper Cars

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the cotton candy is!

# HOW TO PLAY



**What Happened?**

Oh no! You accidentally left your cotton candy somewhere in the theme park and can't find it. Now, it's your job to search the park and find out where it is. Solve each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the cotton candy is! Good luck!

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



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place(s) to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the cotton candy will be solved!

# SKILL PRACTICE

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**Clue #3: Sorting Popcorn**  
Sort the popcorn into boxes. Use the same color as the box they belong in. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

**Clue #2: Error Analysis** (highlighted with an orange box)

**Clue #1: The Theme Park** (pink border)

**Clue #3: Sorting Popcorn** (yellow border)

- Long A Review
- Rhyming Words
- Onset and Rime
- AI Words
- AY Words

All clues focus on reviewing Long A!

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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**3 Clue Version**

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## Print & Digital Forms

**Clue #3: Sorting Popcorn**  
Color the popcorn the same color as the box they belong in. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue.

**Starts with d** **Starts with p** **Starts with s** **Starts with t**

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## Short & Long Options

# CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

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Do the words rhyme? Put a check or an X. If there are more Xs, cross out any places near food.

bag and pan	box and fox
fun and sun	jug and rug
box and box	box and box
pen and pen	pen and pen

**Clue #2: Error Analysis**

Does the picture match the word? Put a check or an X next to each answer. Read the hint from the place with the most correct answers.

It is not by a game. Ball Toss	It is close to a ride. Roller Coaster	It is not up high in the sky. Pirate Ship
Ball Toss	Roller Coaster	Pirate Ship

**Clue #3: Sorting Popcorn**

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Starts with j	Starts with f	Starts with s	Starts with b
red	yellow	green	blue

**Clue #4: Word Hunt**

Fill in the first letter of each word.

s un	p op
h at	d en
d ip	k it
l ift	f an

It is on a ride you go on with pals.

**Clue #5: Multiple Choice**

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

A. hp	A. get	A. jam	A. lip
B. zap	B. gas	B. job	B. let
C. den	C. gem	C. jet	C. leg
D. tip	D. gum	D. jug	D. ham

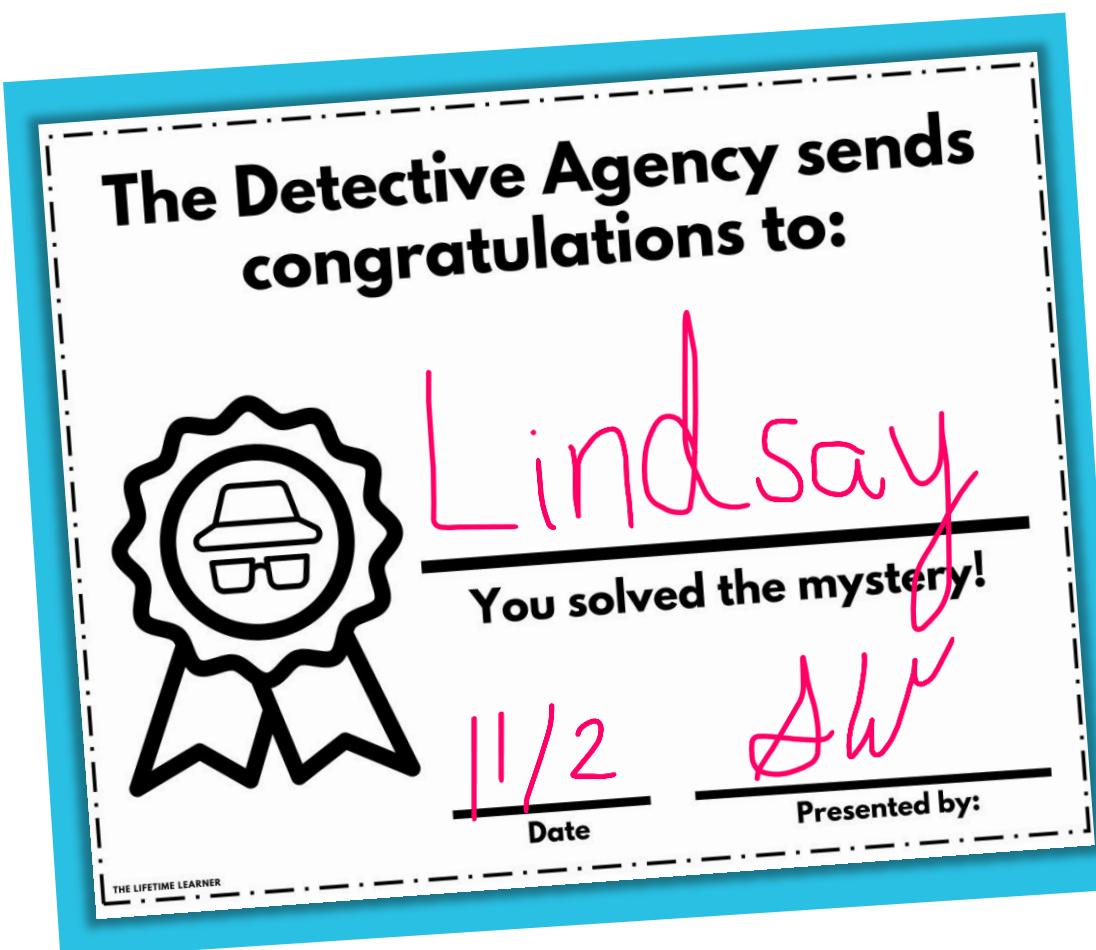
Circle how many you chose in each box below. Then, read the phrase to know what to cross out.

How many As did you circle? 1 A = close 2 As = next 3 As = far 4 As = in front	How many Cs did you circle? 1 C = red 2 Cs = of 3 Cs = a 4 Cs = blue	How many Ds did you circle? 1 D = ship 2 Ds = flag 3 Ds = car 4 Ds = tent
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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

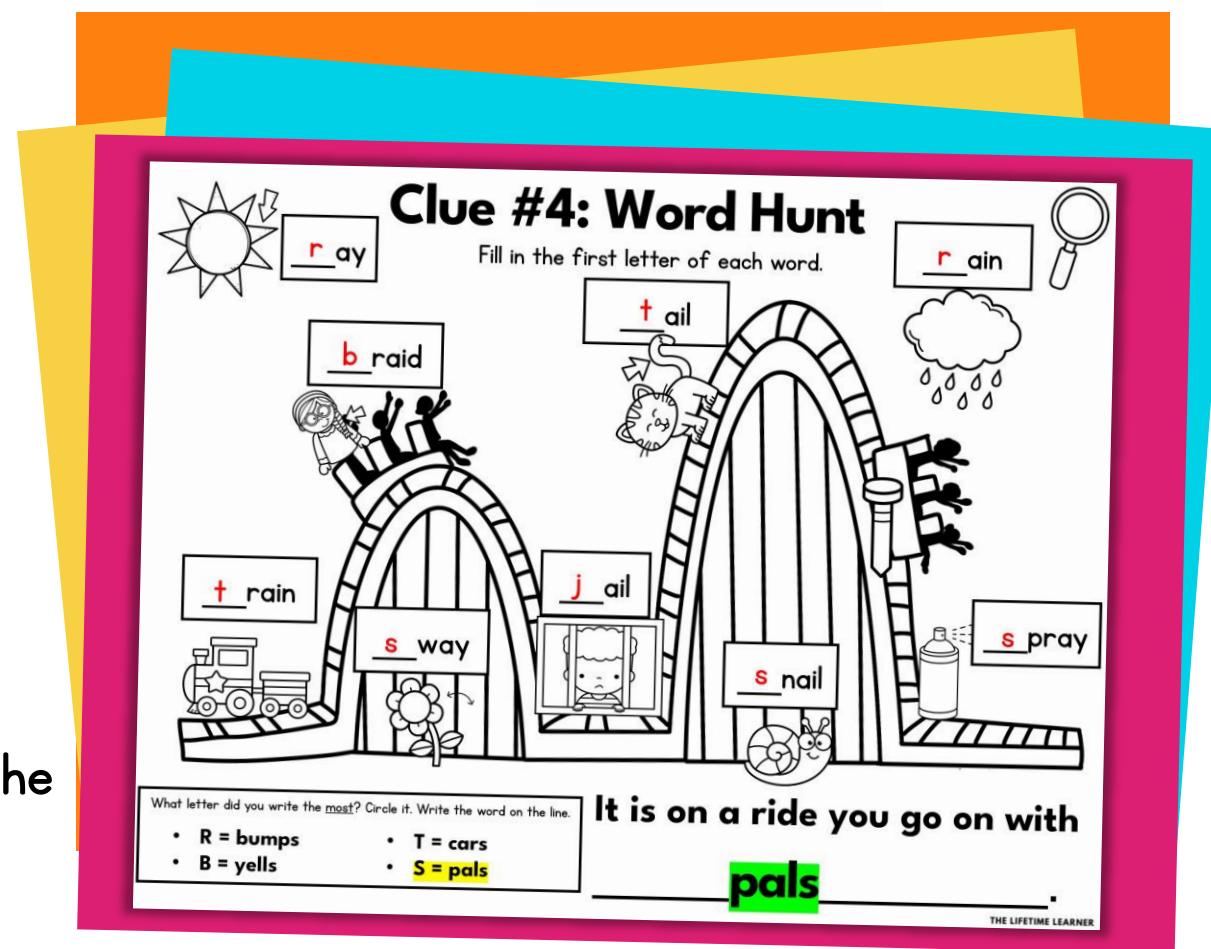


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

# 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 A 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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ray, rain, tail, air, sun, day, play, May, bay, May, play

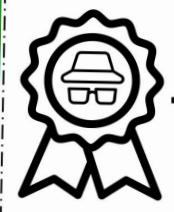
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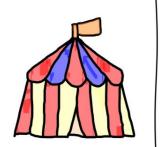
A. sail	A. jail	A. bay	A. stay
B. pail	B. tall	B. hay	B. tray
C. chain	C. hall	C. gray	C. gray
D. mail	D. rail	D. stay	D. play

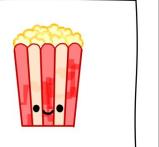
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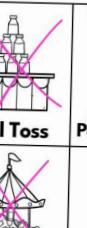
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**The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:**  
 Lindsay  
You solved the mystery!  
11/2 SW  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

**LET'S DRAW... a carnival tent**  
1 2 3  
4 5 6  


**LET'S DRAW... popcorn**  
1 2 3  
4 5 6  


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Name: _____			

**solve the mystery**  
  
**The Case of the Missing Cotton Candy**

# 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!

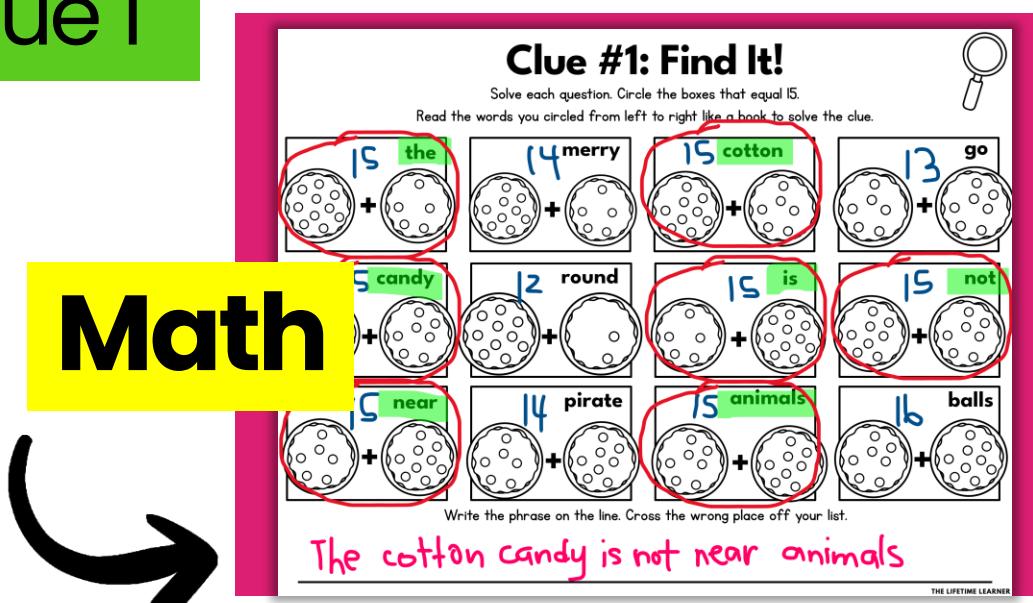
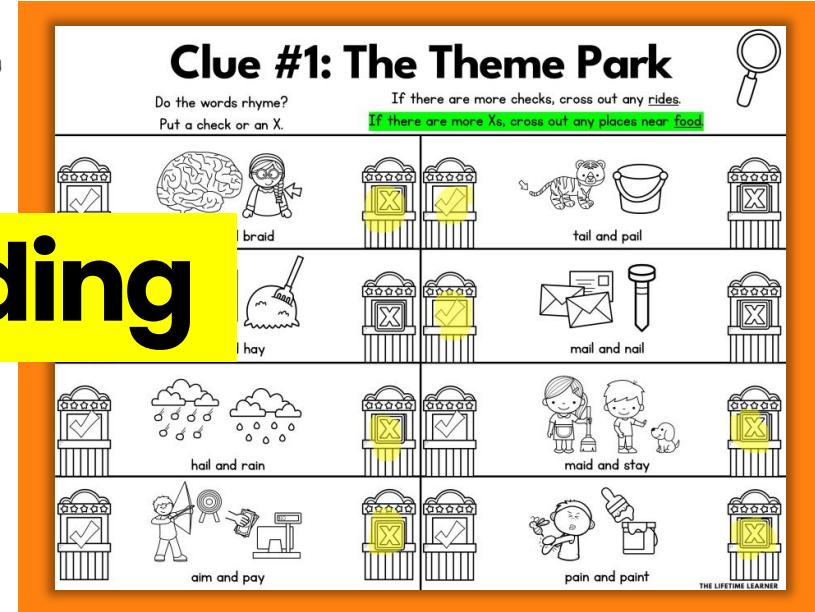
So, if you have both, students can play during math and then again during reading for double the fun.



## Reading

### Example of Clue 1

## Math



# KEEP THE FUN GOING!

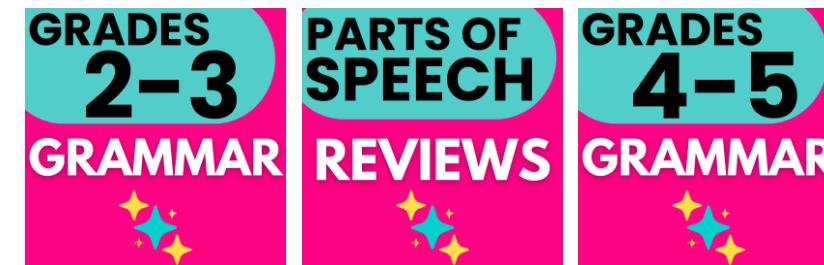
## GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

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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