

WHAT IS THIS?



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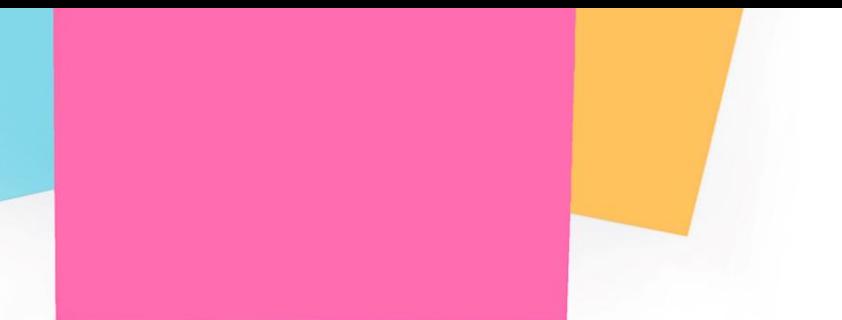
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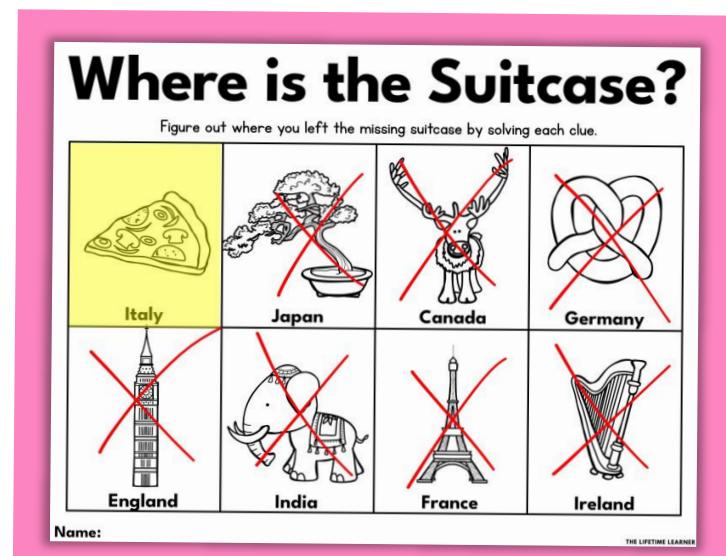


solve the mystery



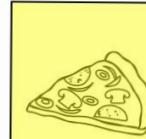
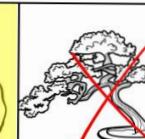
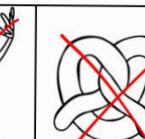
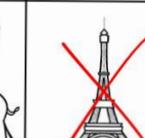
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The Case of the Missing Luggage



Where is the Suitcase?

Figure out where you left the missing suitcase by solving each clue.

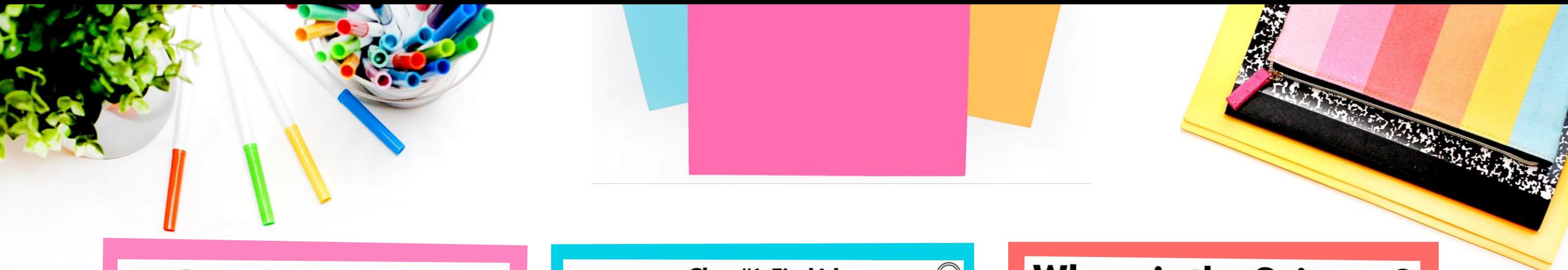
			
Italy	Japan	Canada	Germany
			
England	India	France	Ireland

Name: _____

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

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

You were so excited to be on vacation that you accidentally left your suitcase somewhere! Now, you have no idea where it is. Solve the clues to figure out which country your suitcase is in.

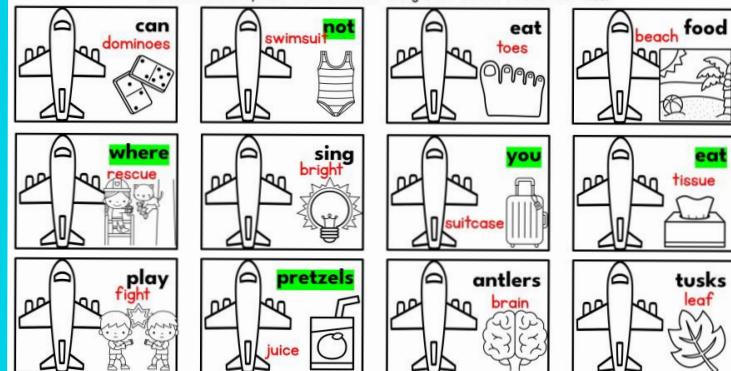
1. Take a list of countries and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where your suitcase is.
3. Cross out wrong countries each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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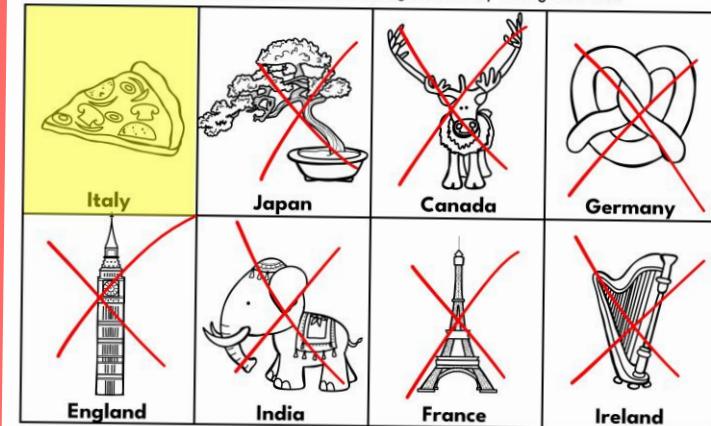
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NOT WHERE YOU EAT PRETZELS

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Name:

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

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

SKILL PRACTICE

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can dominoes
not eat beach food
swim toes
yumes
play fight
where rescue
juice box
suitcase
bruise
swimsuit
suit
ruin
fruit
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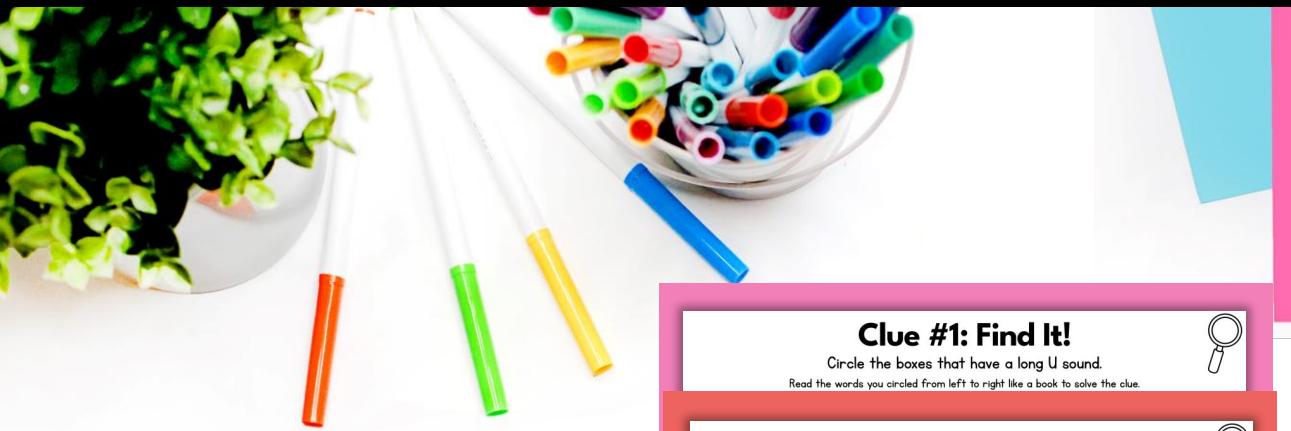
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T H A T G R O W S

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blue
red
does not rhyme
glue and goal
dew and few
ew and flew
flew and fight
near a
The suitcase is not near something
• 7 blue
• 3 red

- Long U Review
- UE Words
- UI Words
- EW Words
- Onset and Rime
- Rhyming Words

All clues focus on reviewing Long U!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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5 Clue Version

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Print & Digital Forms

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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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England	India	France	Ireland

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Circle the boxes that have a short I sound.
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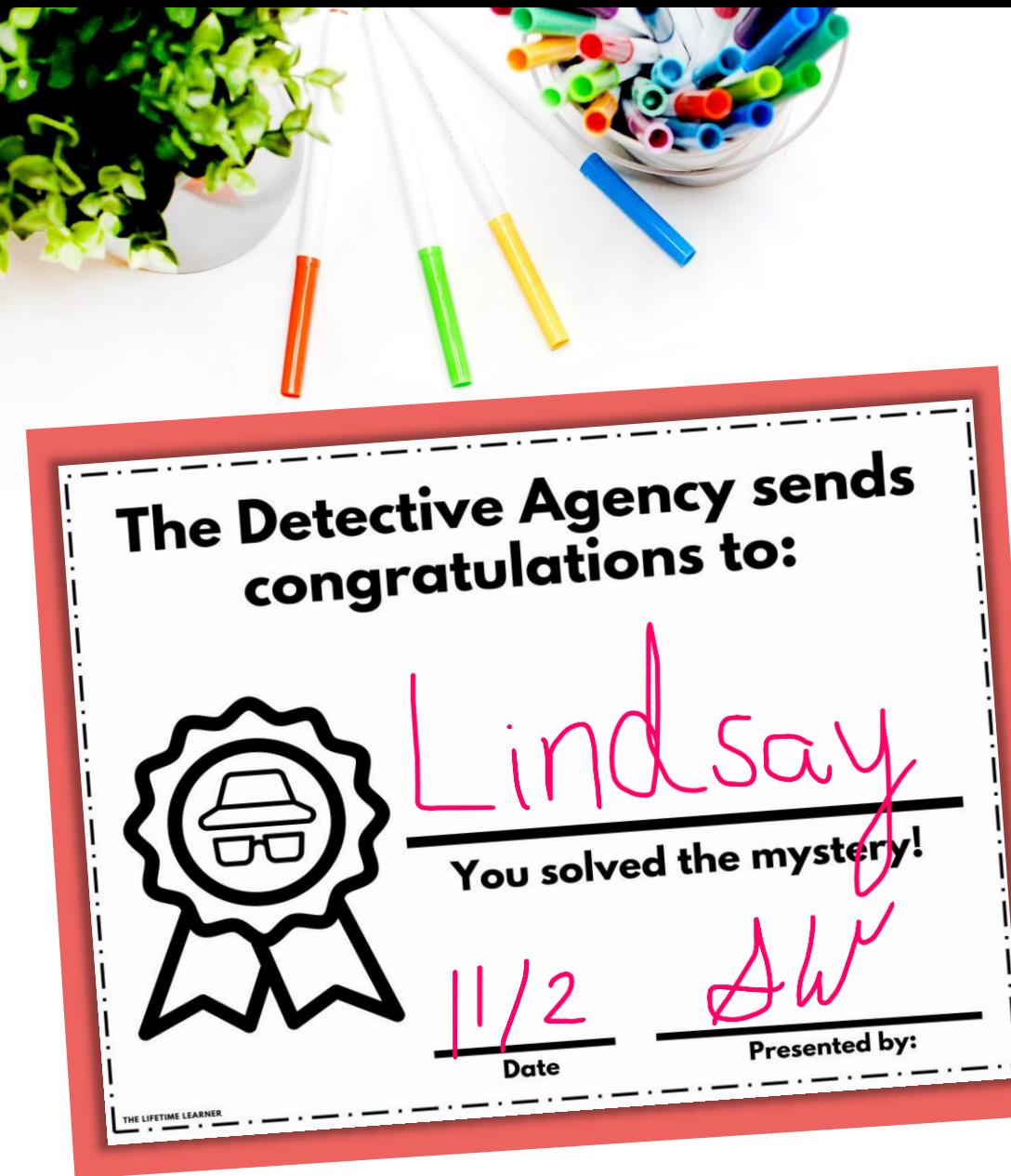
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Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

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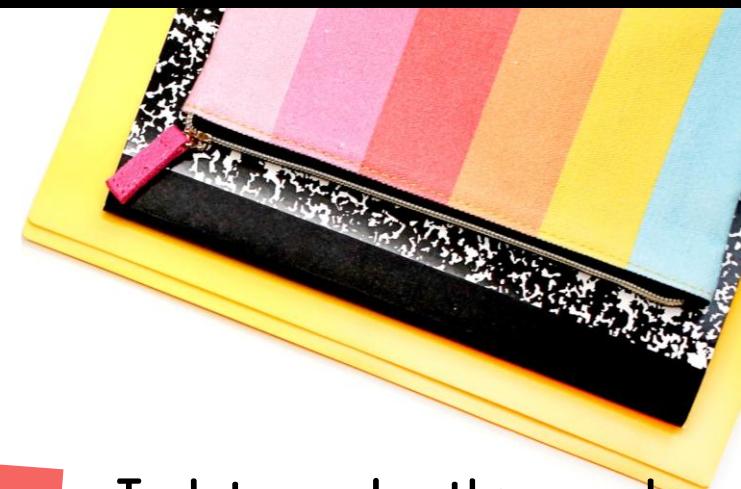
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flew	dew	drew
stew	blew	crew

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

How many pictures were correct? The answer will help you know what to keep.

1 Correct = The country starts with letter E.
2 Correct = The country starts with letter M.
3 Correct = The country starts with letter P.
4 Correct = The country starts with letter J.
5 Correct = The country starts with letter I.
6 Correct = The country starts with letter F.
7 Correct = The country starts with letter C.
8 Correct = The country starts with letter G.

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In 1st grade, this works well as a whole group lesson or in small groups at the teacher table.

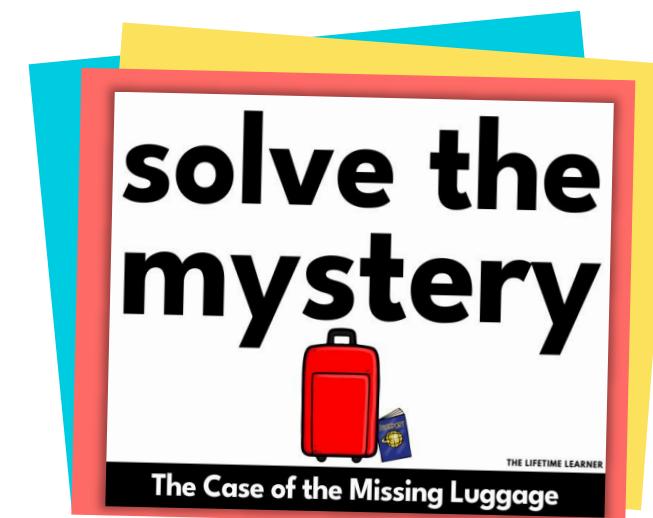
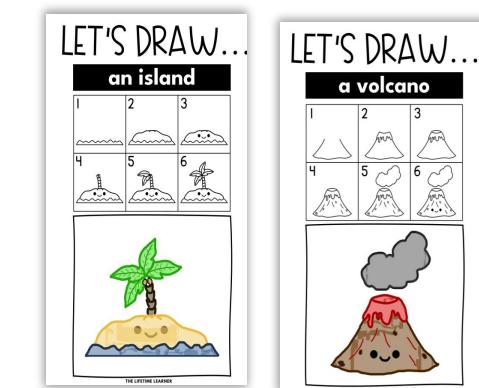
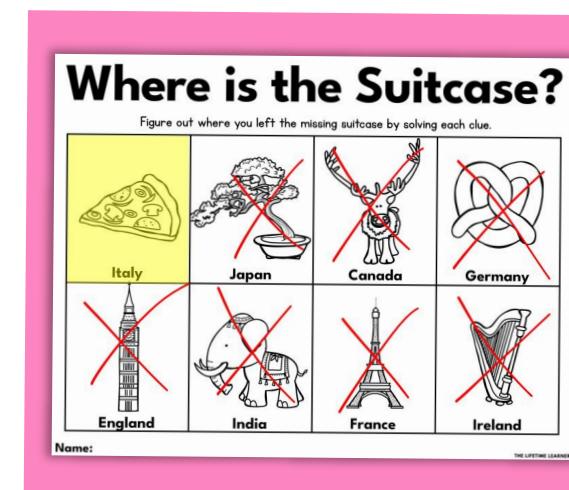
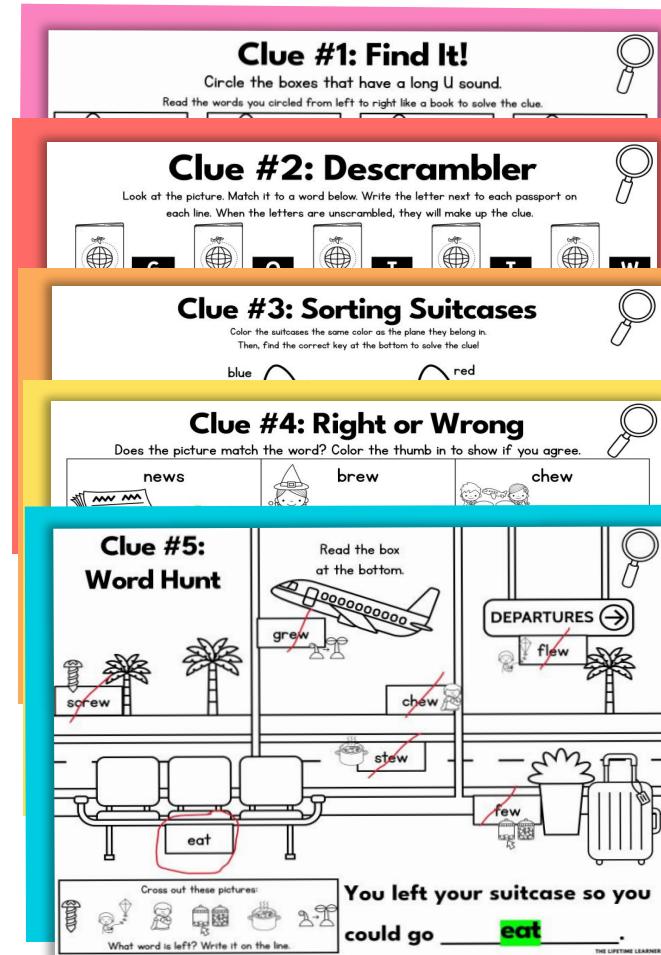
First graders will need teacher support to read & understand the clues/directions

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!



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

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Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

8	was	2	suitcase	4	was	10	I	tall	5	my
12	wasn't	13	pizza	when	England	1	am	India	with	Italy
7	music	lost	3	food	3	deer	9	animal	Italy	building
Germany	6	Ireland	6	eating	6	Ireland	11	building	II	building

Answers: Word: How many more people voted for Ireland than England? Word: How many people like England the best? Word: How many people voted for Germany than England? Word: What country had the most votes? Word: What country had the least number of votes? Word: What country had 5 votes? Word: What country had the most votes? Word: What country had the least number of votes? Word: What country had 5 votes? Word: What country had the most votes? Word: What country had the least number of votes? Word: What country had 5 votes?

Solve each problem. Write the answer. Then, write the word that goes with it. 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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KEEP THE FUN GOING!

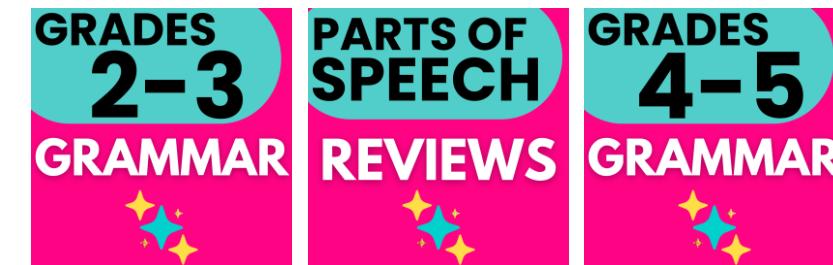
GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

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!

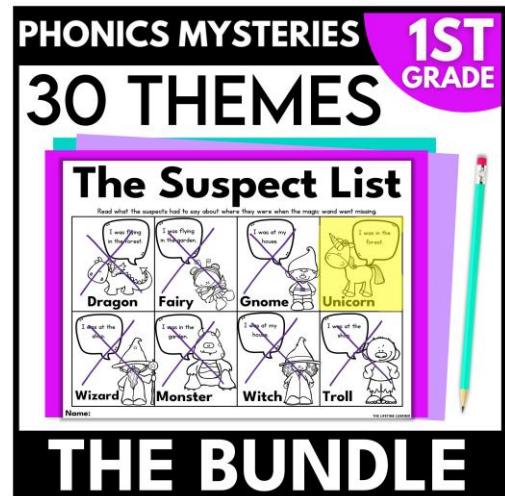


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Explore other grade levels to differentiate and keep every student engaged.



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