

WHAT IS THIS?



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• 3 red coins
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The final boss likes blue coins.

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong place off your list.

BOSS DOES NOT LIKE THE WATER



solve the mystery

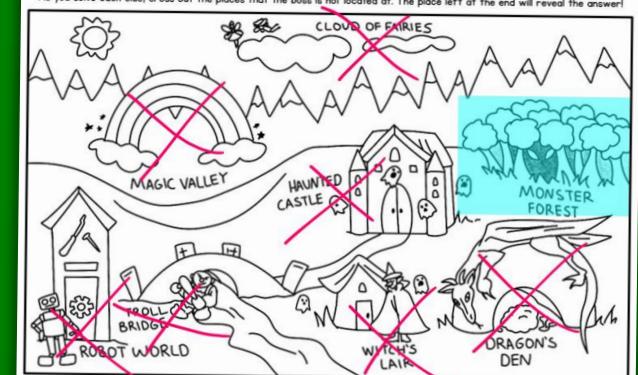


THE LIFETIME LEARNER

The Case of the Video Game Boss

The Video Game World

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CLOUD OF FAIRIES
MAGIC VALLEY
HAUNTED CASTLE
MONSTER FOREST
ROLL BRIDGE
ROBOT WORLD
WIZARD'S LAIR
DRAGON'S DEN

Name: THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the video game boss is hiding!



HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

The final boss of the video game is on the run! He doesn't want you to find him because he knows you will defeat him in the last level. Help track down where he is hiding by solving the clues.

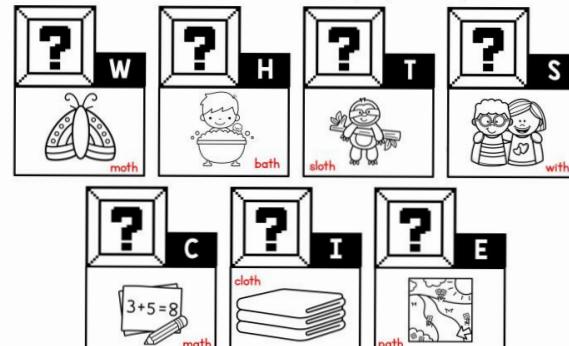
1. Take a video game map and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the final boss is.
3. Cross out wrong places each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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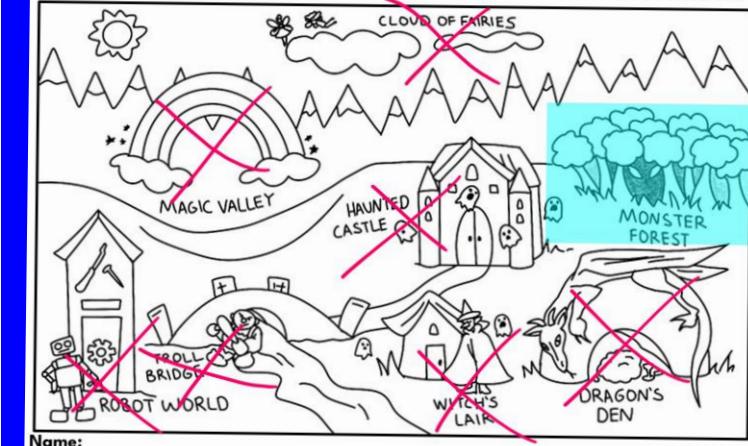
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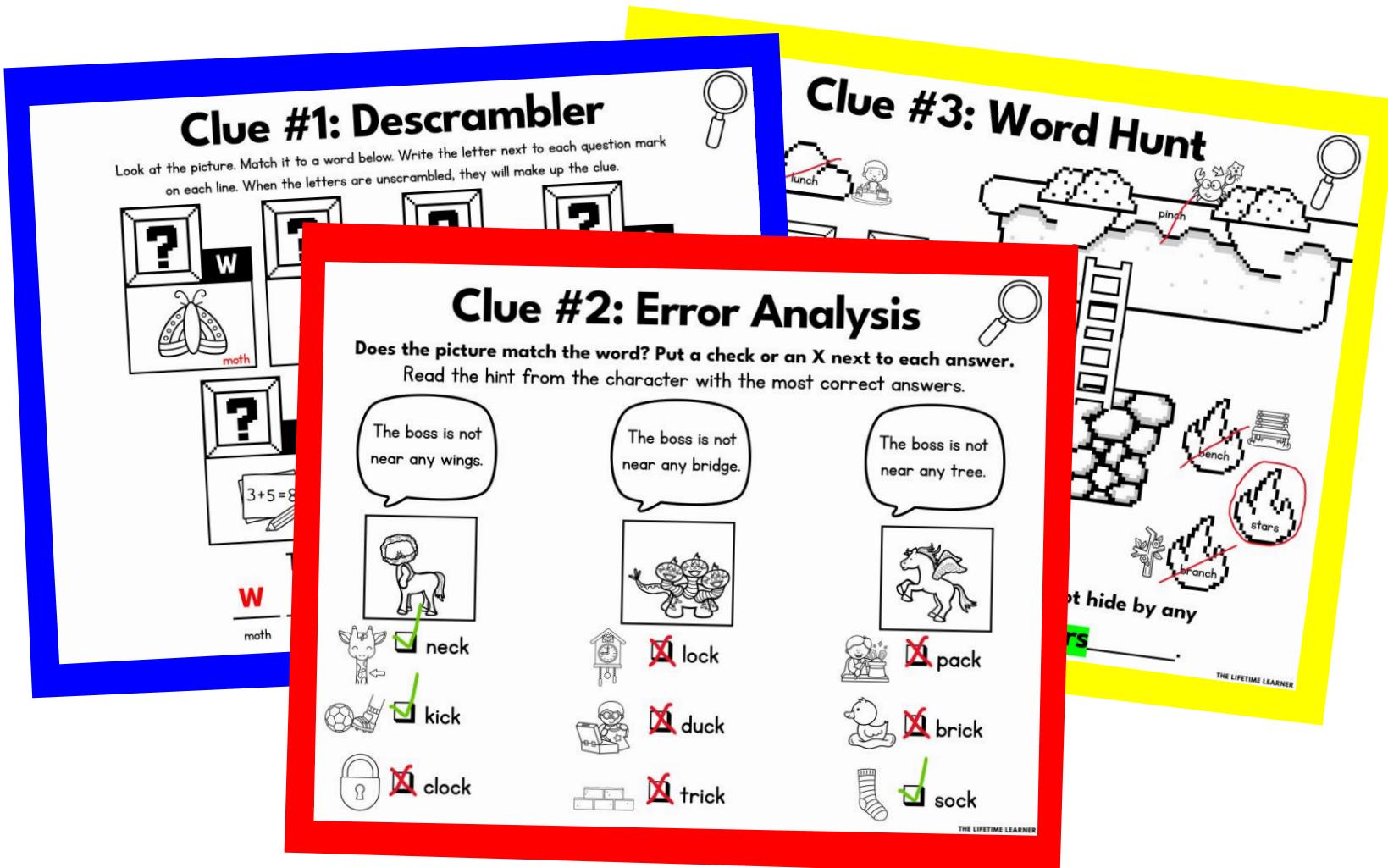
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the video game boss will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE



- Ending Digraphs Review
- TH Words
- CK Words
- CH Words
- SH Words

All clues focus on reviewing ending digraphs!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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punch
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3 Clue Version

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The boss did not hide by any stars.

What word is left? Write it on the line.

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no teach
boss splash
runs ostrich
does flash
tree beach
green peach

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BOSS DOES NOT LIKE THE WATER



Print & Digital Forms

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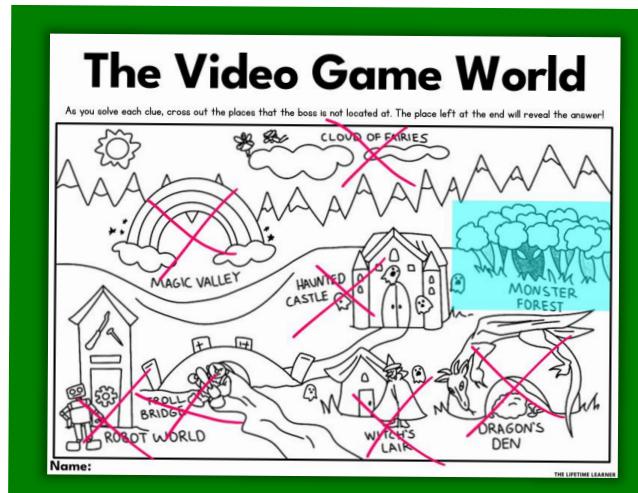
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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

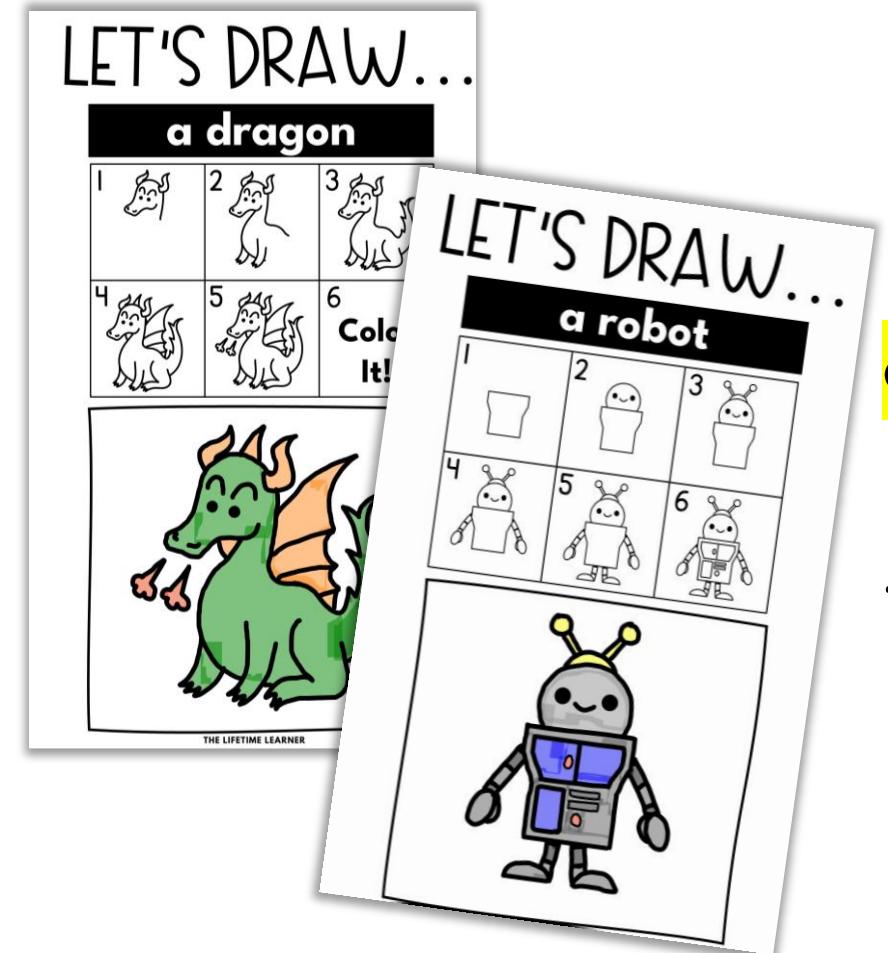
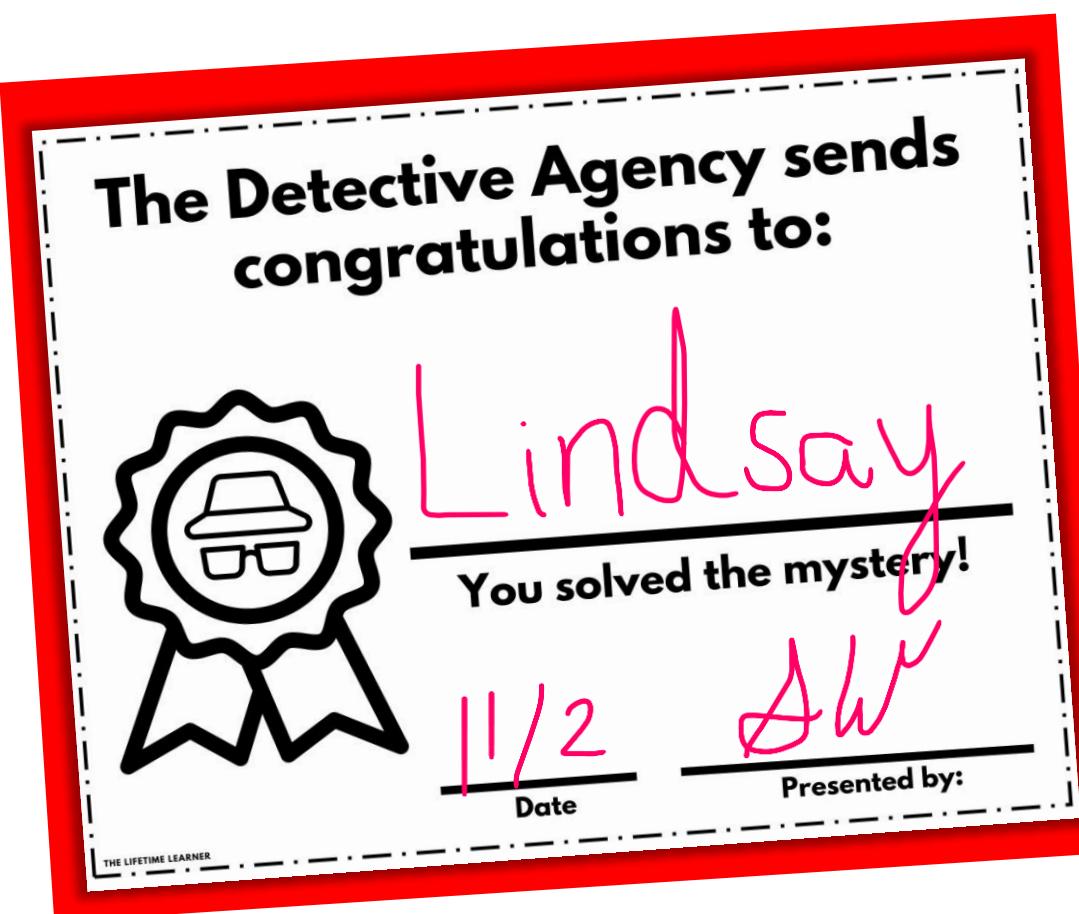


Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

Clue #4: Color the Coins

How does each word end? Answer each question. Then, read the bottom.

What color coins do you see? Find the key that matches for your next hint!

• 3 red coins • 2 yellow coins • 0 green coins • 1 blue coin The final boss likes being in the sky.	• 2 red coins • 3 yellow coins • 1 green coin • 0 blue coins The final boss likes being in a home.	• 3 red coins • 2 yellow coins • 1 green coin • 0 blue coins The final boss likes being out in nature.	• 3 red coins • 1 yellow coin • 2 green coins • 0 blue coins The final boss likes being by the water.
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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!

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no boss runs does
not hate like tree
the troll water green
rush sandwich wash beach
crash pouch rash peach
BOSS DOES NOT LIKE THE WATER

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

LET'S DRAW... a dragon
1 2 3
4 5 6 **Color It!**

LET'S DRAW... a robot
1 2 3
4 5 6

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Name: **BOSS DOES NOT LIKE THE WATER**

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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

Math

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?	W	?	H	?	T	?	S
math			bath		sloth		with
?	C	?	I	?	E	?	
3+5=8	math		cloth		path		

The final boss is scared of

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math	cloth	sloth	math	bath	path	with

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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.

19	20	16	17	13	18	20
Answers: 19	20	16	17	13	18	20
You catch 8 monsters. Then you catch 11 more. How many monsters do you catch in all?	Jerry has 5 video games. He gets 8 more. How many video games does Jerry have now?	The princess has 4 crowns. She gets 13 more. How many crowns does she have now?	You have \$7 to buy video games. You get \$9 more. How much money do you have now?	The hero stops 12 monsters. Then he stops 6 monsters. How many monsters did he stop?	The villain has 5 coins. He takes 15 more. How many coins does he have now?	

The final boss is not hiding in the...

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!

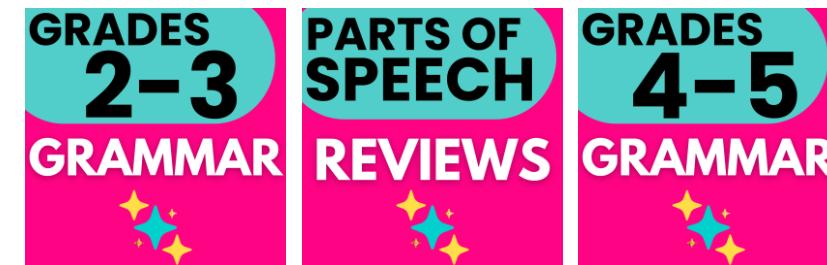
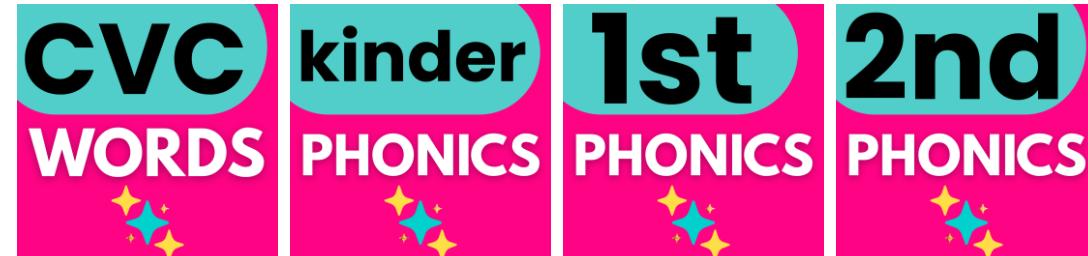
GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

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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