

WHAT IS THIS?



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Clue #5: Find It!
Circle the boxes that end with **sh**.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

no	boss	runs	does
teach	splash	ostrich	flash
not	hate	like	tree
rush	sandwich	wash	beach
the	troll	water	green
crash	pouch	rash	peach

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

BOSS DOES NOT LIKE THE WATER

solve the mystery

The Case of the Video Game Boss

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

The Video Game World

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Name: _____

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

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

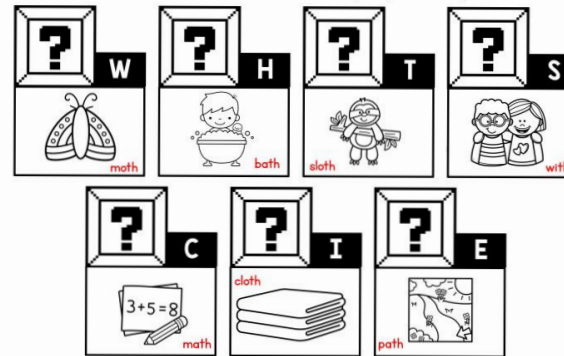
The final boss of the video game is on the run! He doesn't want you to find him because he knows you will defeat him in the last level. Help track down where he is hiding by solving the clues.

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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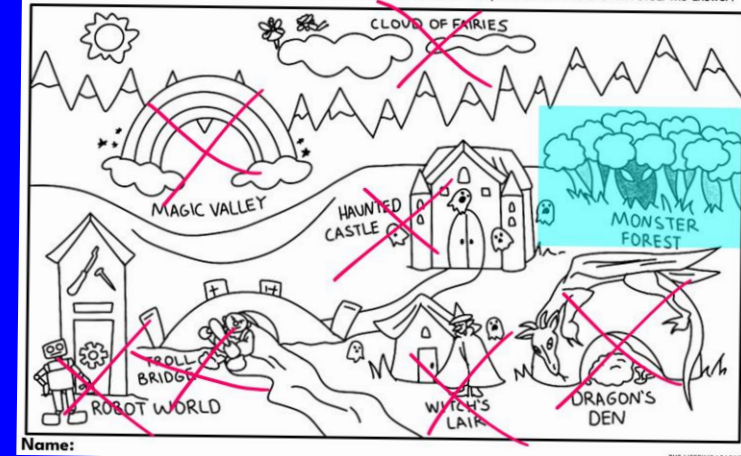


The final boss is scared of

W I T C H E S
moth cloth sloth math bath path with

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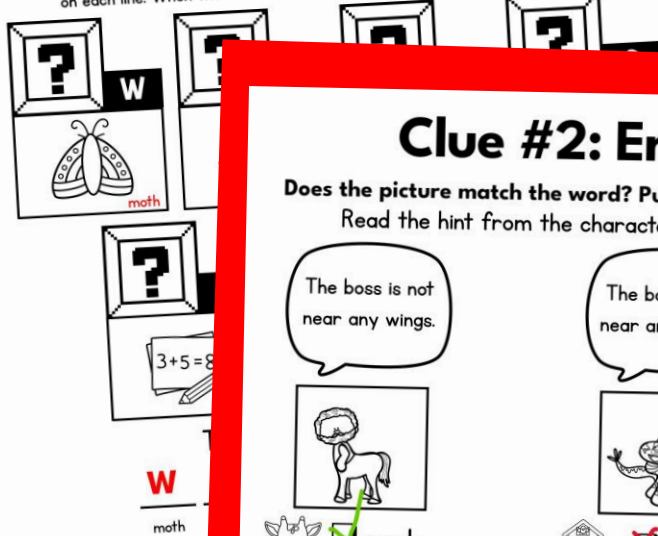
When all clues are completed, the mystery of the video game boss will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

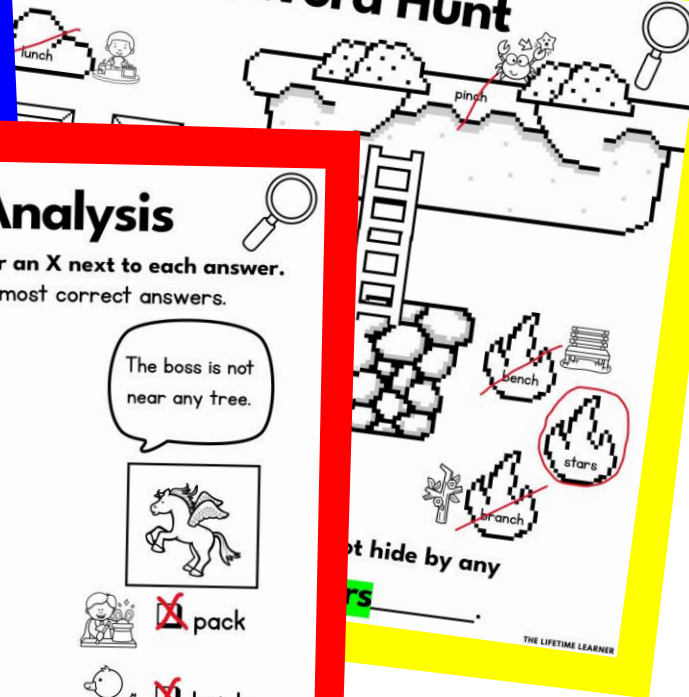
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- TH Words
- CK Words
- CH Words
- SH Words

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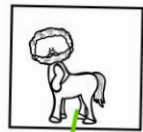
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The boss is not near any wings.



☒ neck

☒ kick

☒ clock

The boss is not near any bridge.



☒ lock

☒ duck

☒ trick

The boss is not near any tree.



☒ pack

☒ brick

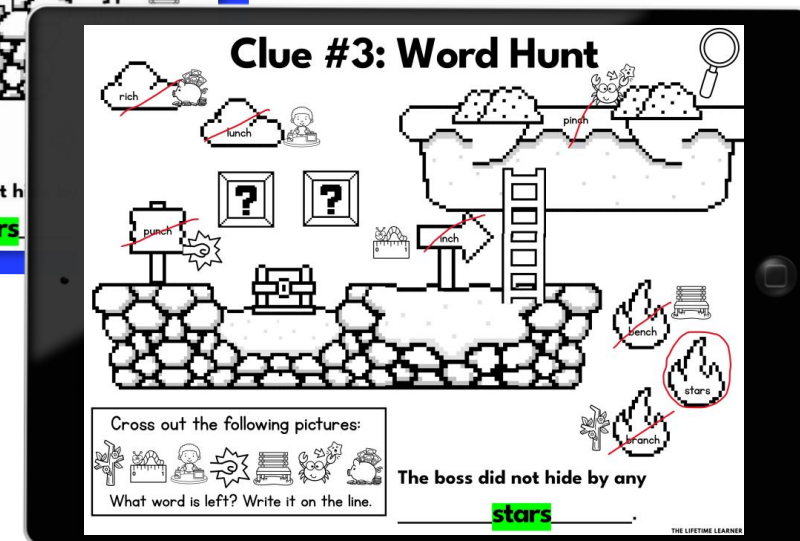
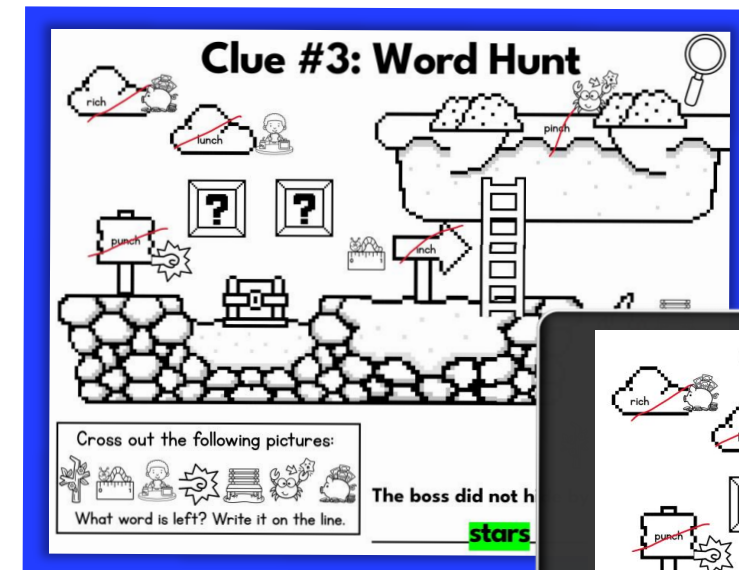
☒ sock

All clues focus on reviewing ending digraphs!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms



Short & Long Options

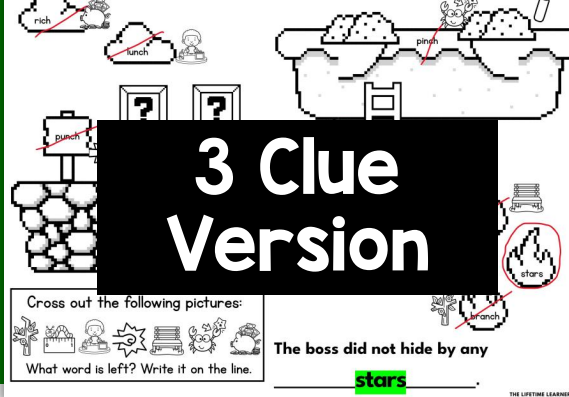
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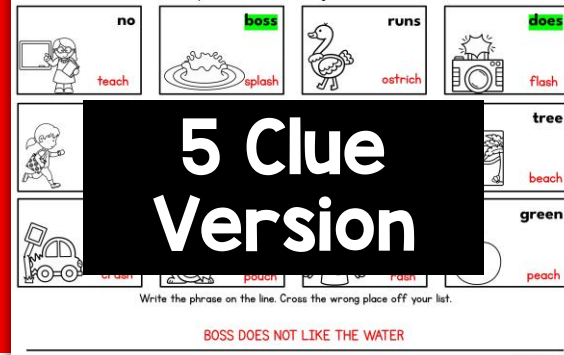


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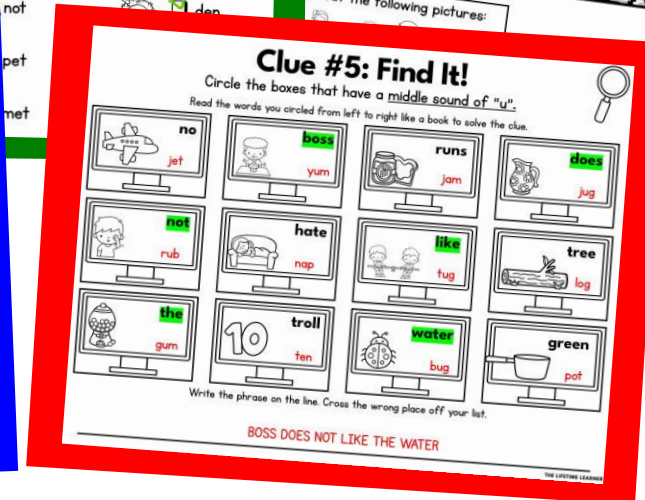
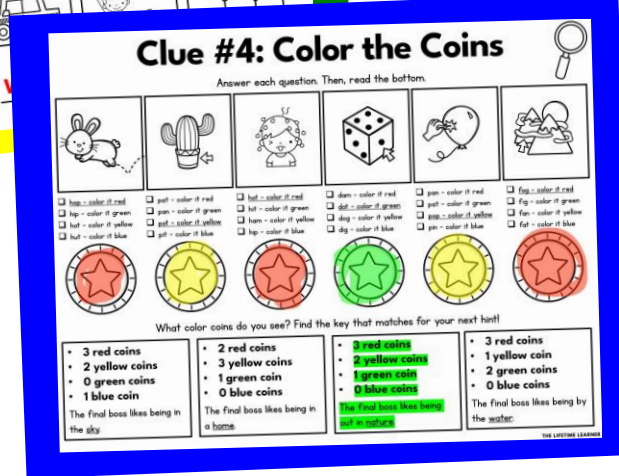
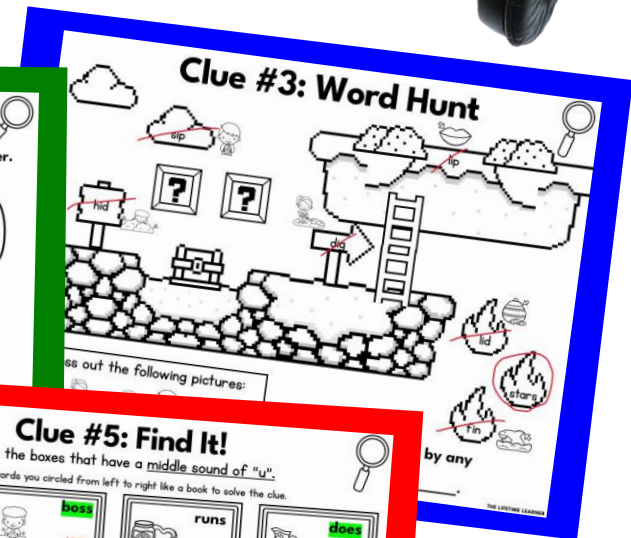
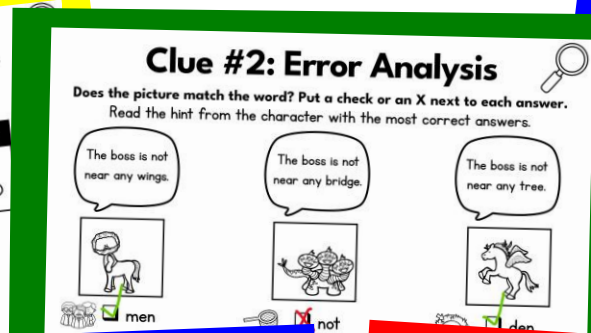
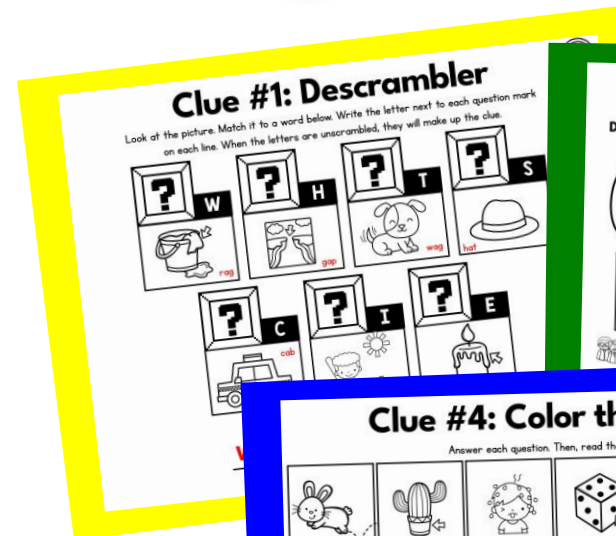
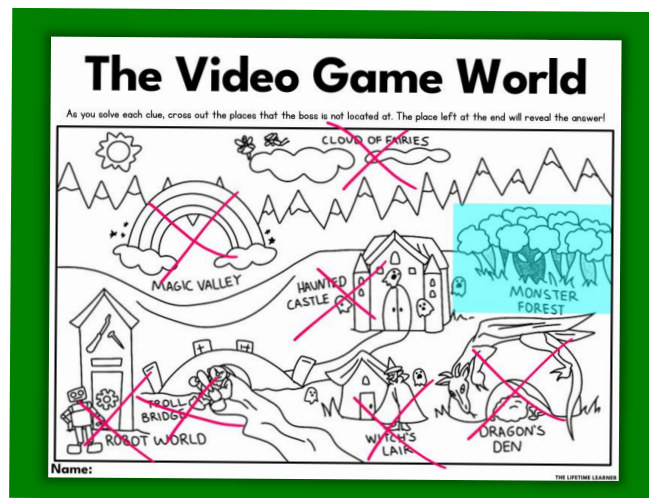
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CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



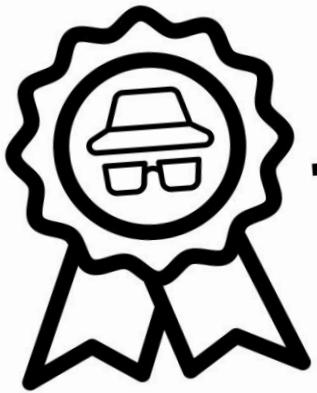
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

There is a version of the mystery included that reviews CVC Words (Short A, E, I, O, U).

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends
congratulations to:



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

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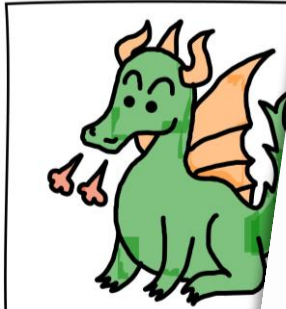
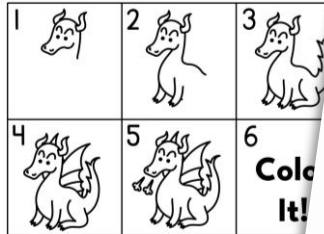
Date

AW

Presented by:

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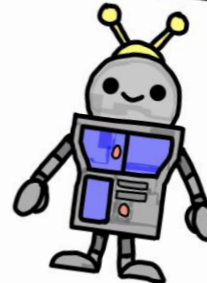
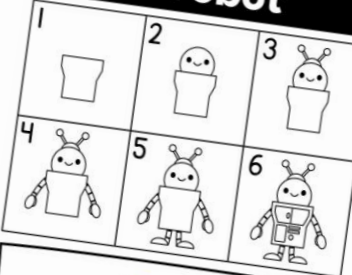
a dragon



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

LET'S DRAW...

a robot



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

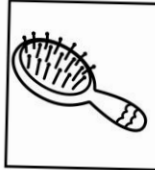
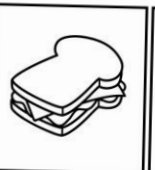
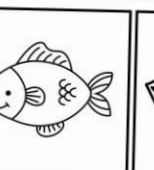
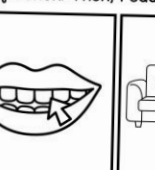
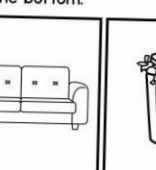







PHONICS MYSTERY BENEFITS



- 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

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

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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!












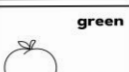
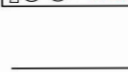
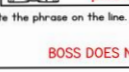
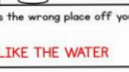





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Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong place off your list.

BOSS DOES NOT LIKE THE WATER

The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

 **Lindsay**

You solved the mystery!

11/2 Date Presented by: **SW**

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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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
?	C	?	I	?	E		

The final boss is scared of

W I T C H E S

math cloth sloth math bath path with

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
Answers: 19	13	17	16	18	20
C	L	O	U	D	S

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 =	X =	
F =	L =	R =		

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.



**BUY A BUNDLE
TO SAVE BIG!**

