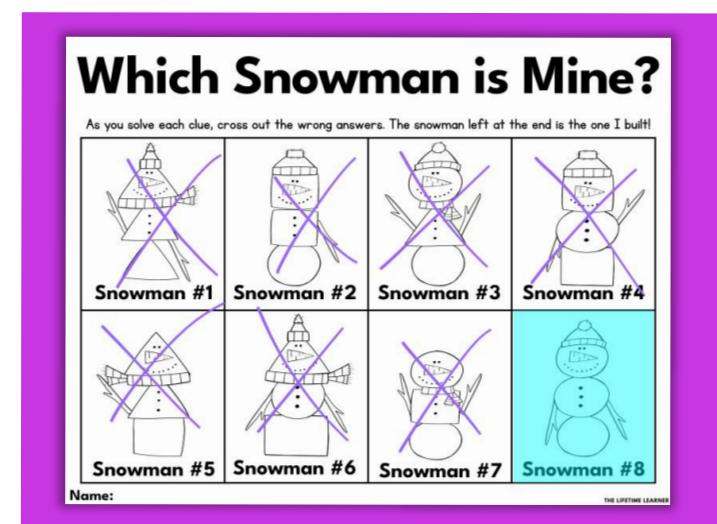
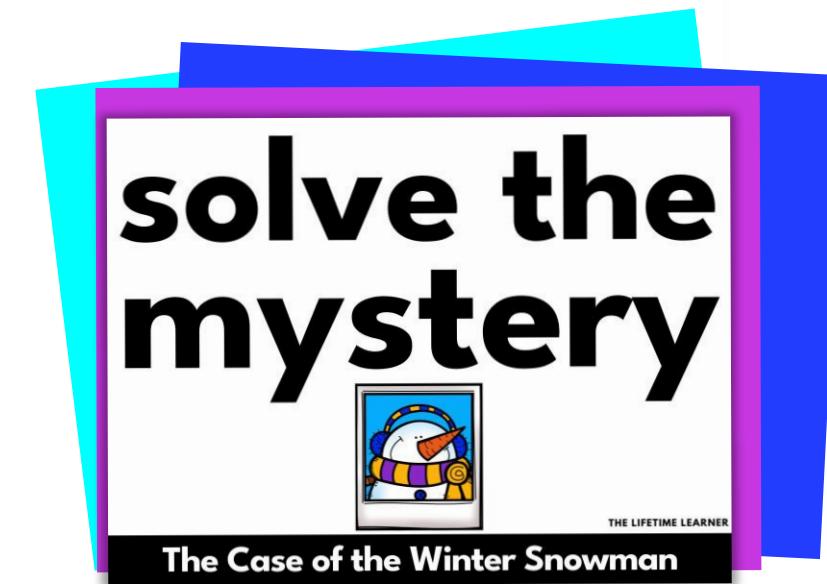
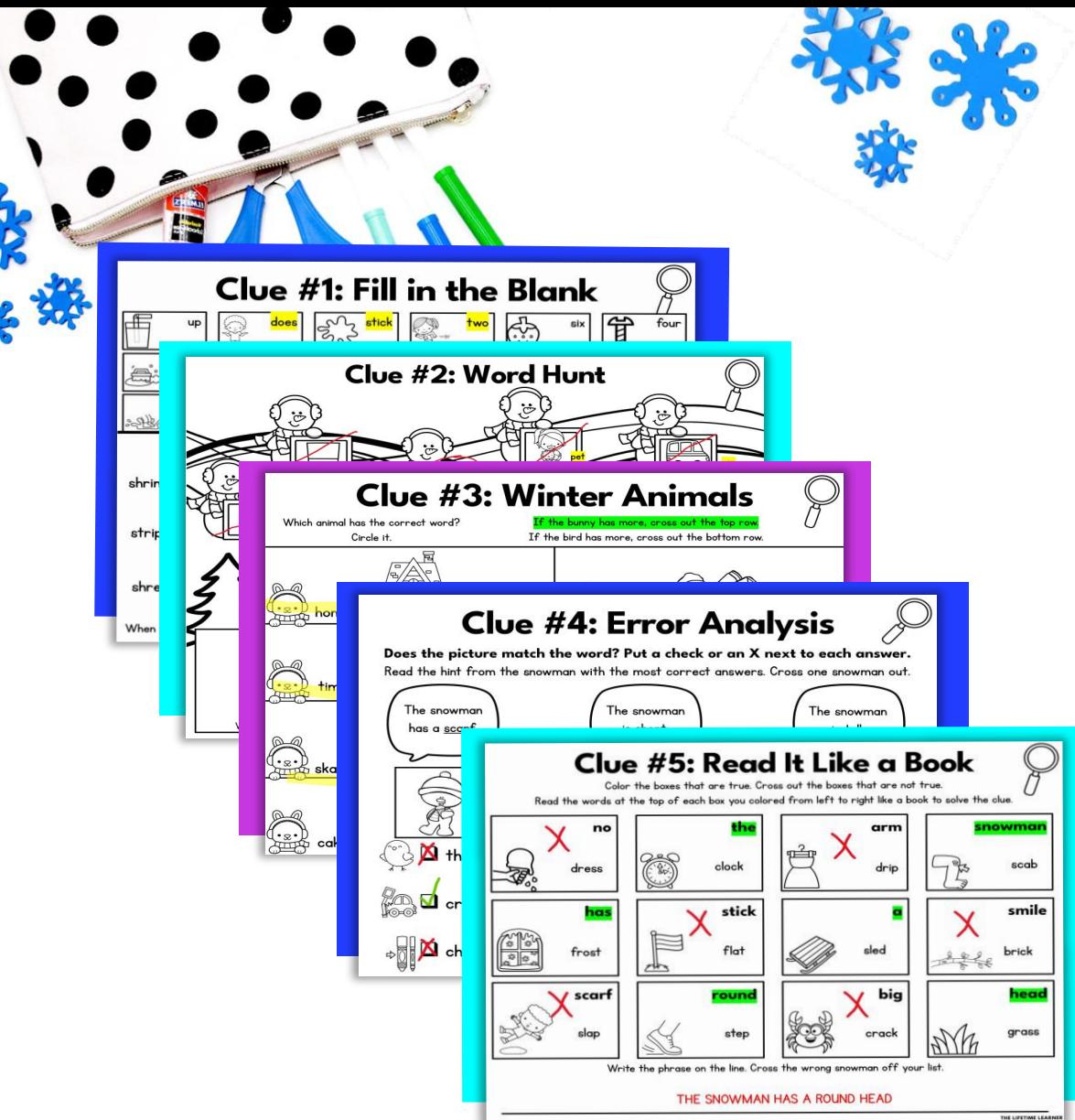


# WHAT IS THIS?



Students complete a series of clues to figure out which is the mystery snowman!

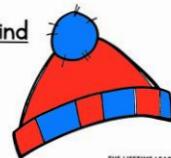
# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

Lots of kids who live in the neighborhood built a snowman for everyone to see. Can you figure out which one I built? Solve the clues to figure out the mystery and reveal which snowman belongs to me!

1. Take a snowman list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which snowman is mine.
3. Cross out wrong snowmen each time you find out new information. Good luck!



### Clue #1: Fill in the Blank



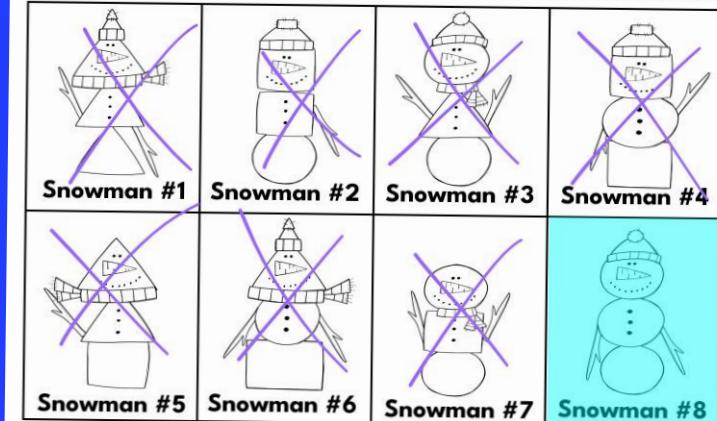
Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

Word:	Word:	Word:			
shrimp	The	scrub	made	sprint	two
strips	snowman	shrug	does	splat	stick
shred	I	splash	have	spring	arms

When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom ↓ in each row to figure out the clue.

### Which Snowman is Mine?

As you solve each clue, cross out the wrong answers. The snowman left at the end is the one I built!

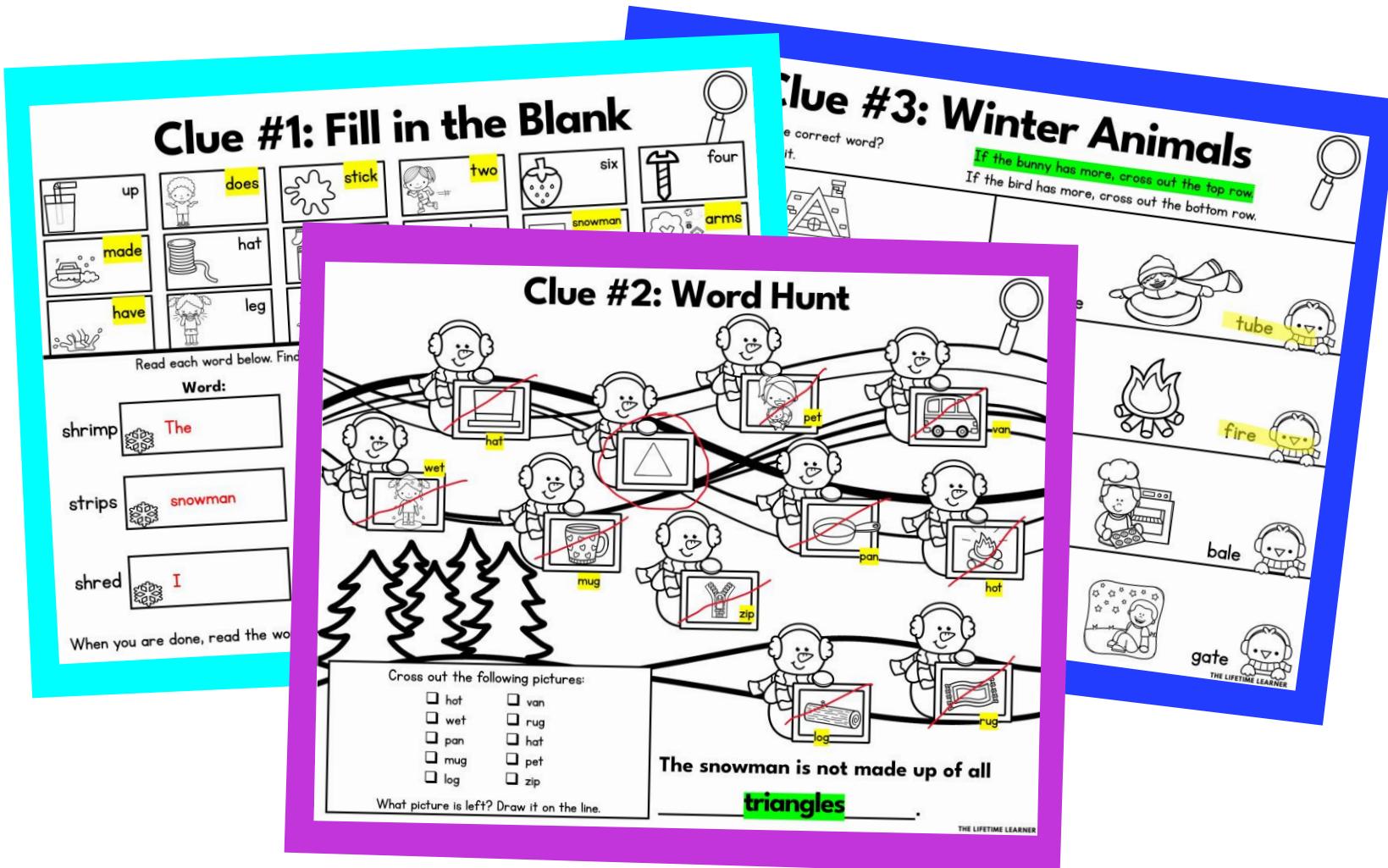


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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what snowman to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the winter snowman will be solved!

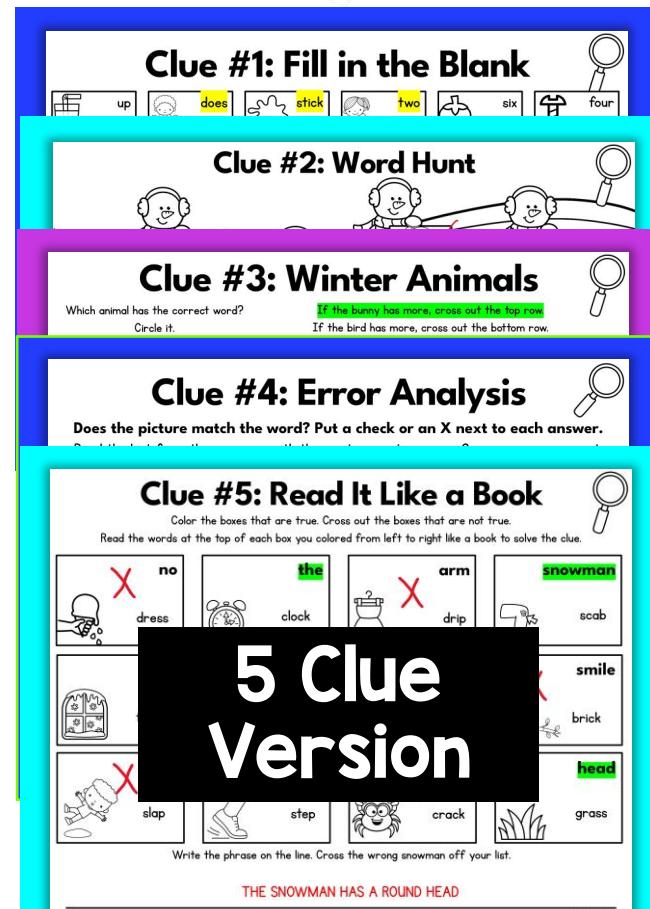
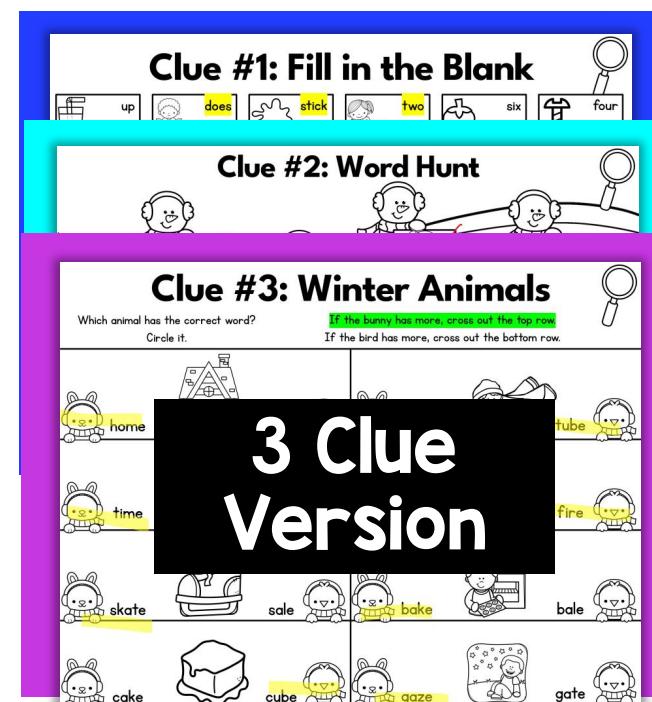
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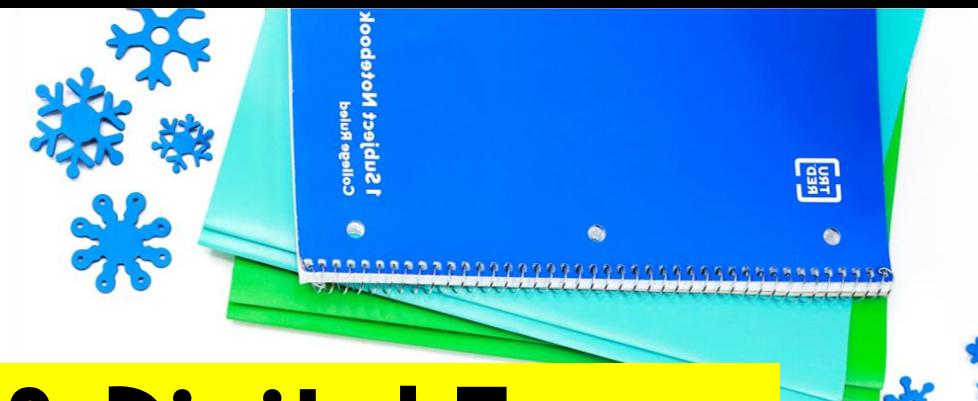
- 1st Grade Phonics Review
- 3 Letter Blends
- CVCe Words
- CVC Words (Short A Words)
- Digraphs (SH, CH, TH, CK)
- Beginning Blends (LRS)

# All clues focus on reviewing 1<sup>st</sup> grade phonic skills!

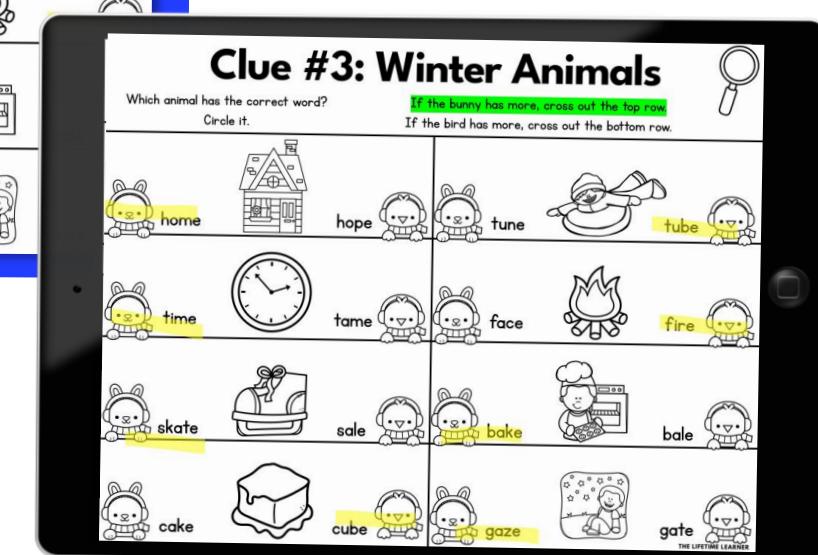
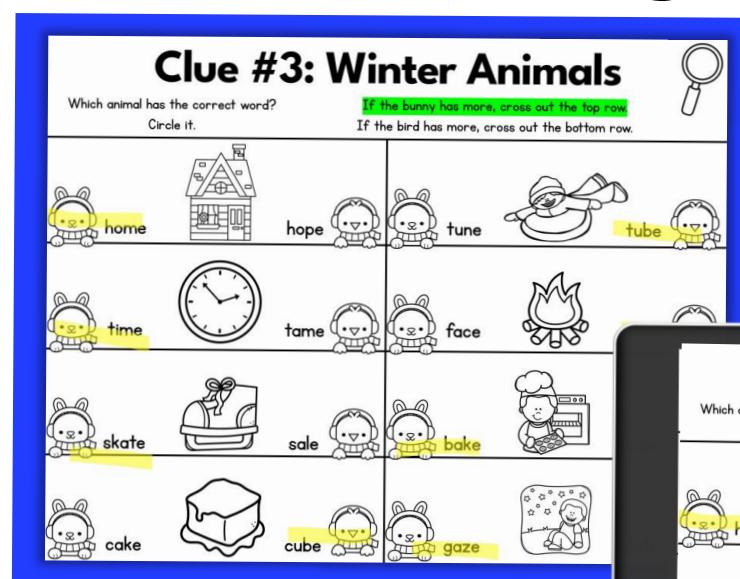
# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



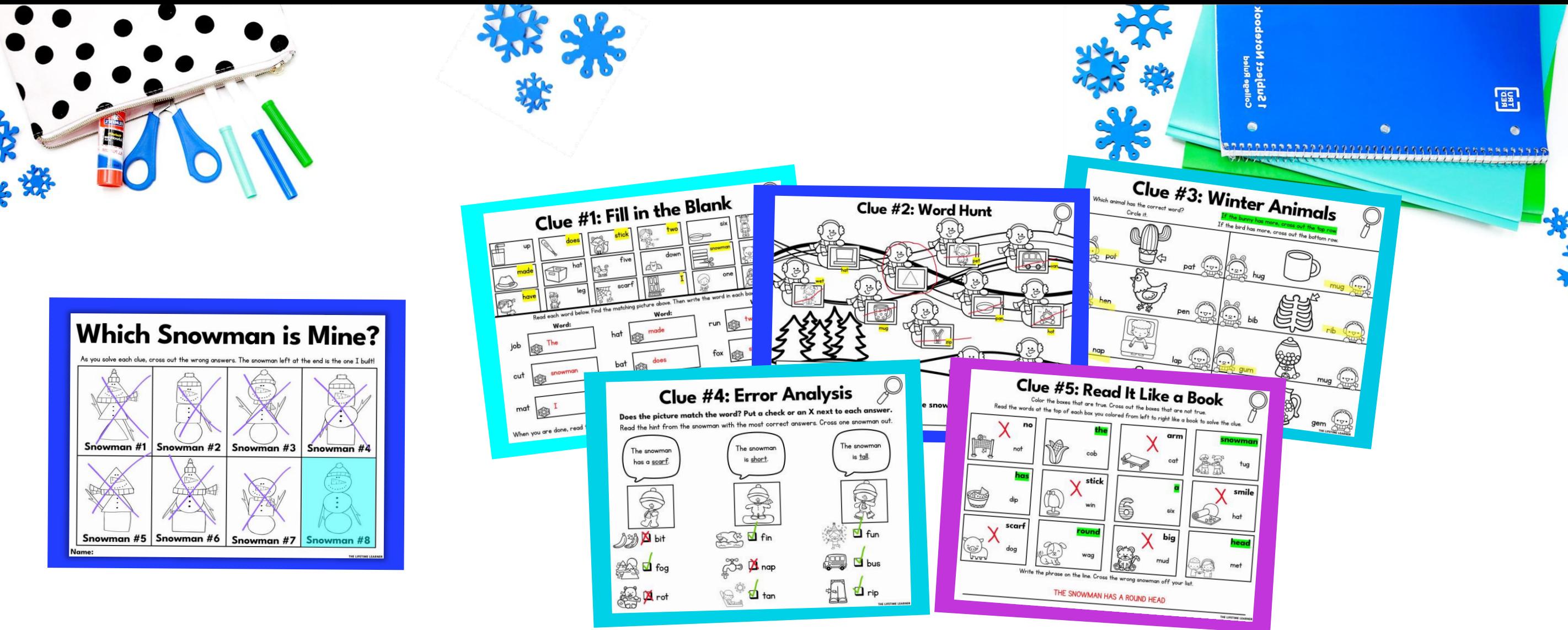
**Short & Long Options**



**Print & Digital Forms**



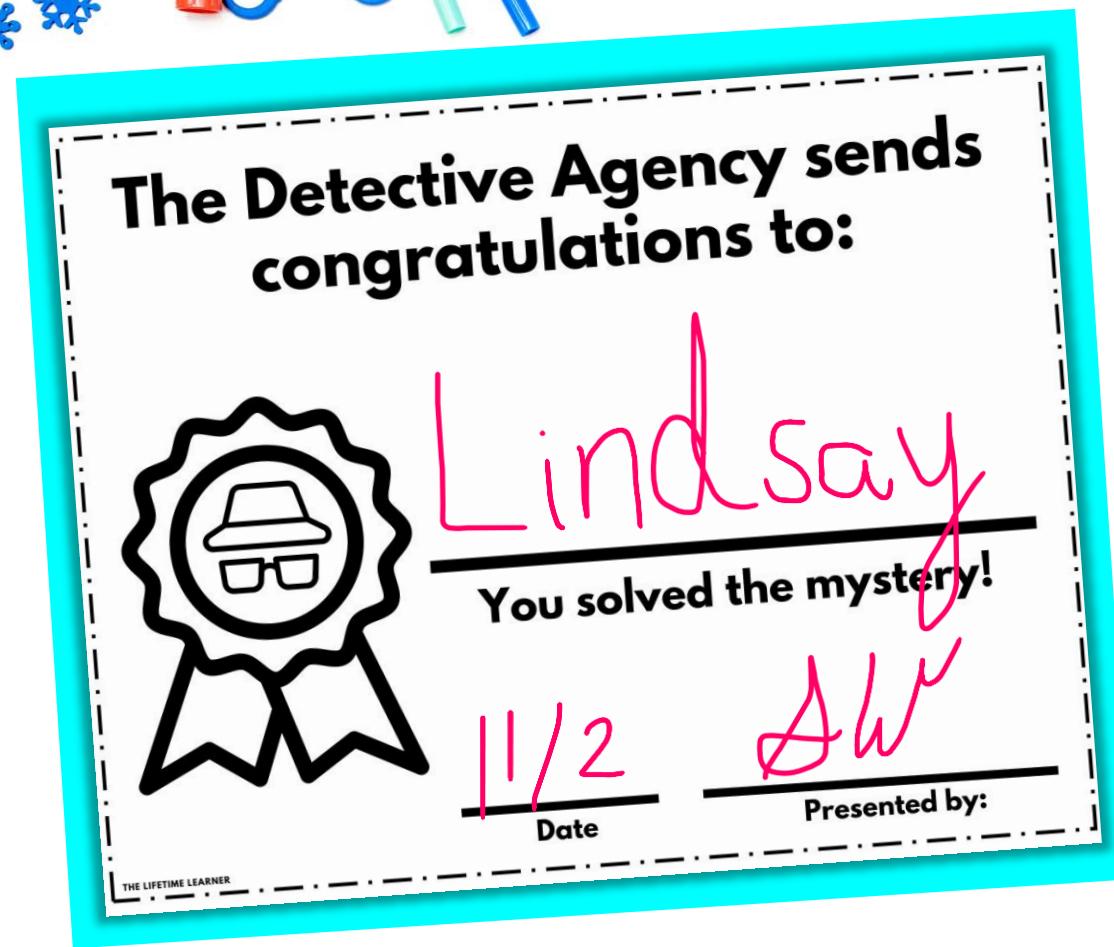
# CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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

A stack of colorful papers, with a purple one in the foreground. The purple page is titled 'Clue #4: Error Analysis' with a magnifying glass icon. It contains text: 'Does the picture match the word? Put a check or an X next to each answer. Read the hint from the snowman with the most correct answers. Cross one snowman out.' Below this are three speech bubbles with hints:

- 'The snowman has a scarf.' Below is a snowman with a scarf, with a red X next to 'thick' and a green checkmark next to 'crash'.
- 'The snowman is short.' Below is a short snowman, with a red X next to 'sock' and a green checkmark next to 'shelf'.
- 'The snowman is tall.' Below is a tall snowman, with a red X next to 'chips' and a green checkmark next to 'bath'.

At the bottom right of the page is the text '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!

**Clue #1: Fill in the Blank**  
up does stick two six four

**Clue #2: Word Hunt**  
A boy is looking for a pet. Cross out the words that don't fit.

**Clue #3: Winter Animals**  
Which animal has the correct word?  
If the bunny has more, cross out the top row.  
If the bird has more, cross out the bottom row.

**Clue #4: Error Analysis**  
Does the picture match the word? Put a check or an X next to each answer.  
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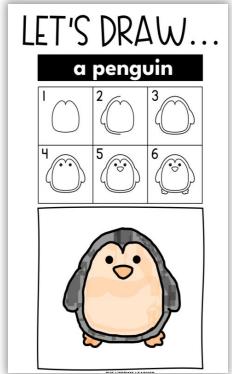
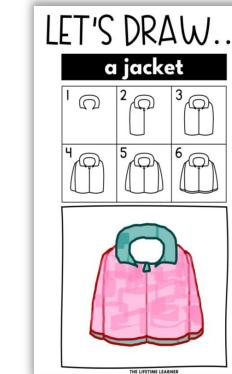
**Clue #5: Read It Like a Book**  
Color the boxes that are true. Cross out the boxes that are not true.  
Read the words at the top of each box you colored from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

X no	the	arm	snowman
has	X stick	drip	scab
frost	flat	sled	smile
X scarf	round	X big	brick
slap	step	crack	grass

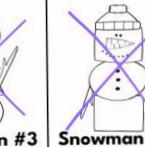
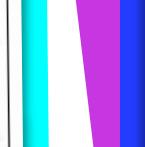
Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong snowman off your list.

THE SNOWMAN HAS A ROUND HEAD

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



**Which Snowman is Mine?**  
As you solve each clue, cross out the wrong answers. The snowman left at the end is the one I built!

 Snowman #1	 Snowman #2	 Snowman #3	 Snowman #4
 Snowman #5	 Snowman #6	 Snowman #7	 Snowman #8

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

# solve the mystery



The Case of the Winter Snowman

# 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: Word:

scrub made sprint two

strips snowman shrug does splat stick

shred I splash have spring arms

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.

$7 + \underline{\quad} = 12$		$\underline{\quad} - 5 = 2$		$\underline{\quad} + 5 = 18$	
5	L	7	R	13	E

$\underline{\quad} - 9 = 4$   $4 + \underline{\quad} = 15$   $\underline{\quad} - 2 = 6$

$\underline{\quad} + 7 = 11$   $11 - \underline{\quad} = 5$   $8 - \underline{\quad} = 3$

Place the correct letter on top of each matching answer.

My snowman's body has at least one: C I R C L E

8 11 7 2 5 13

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# KEEP THE FUN GOING!

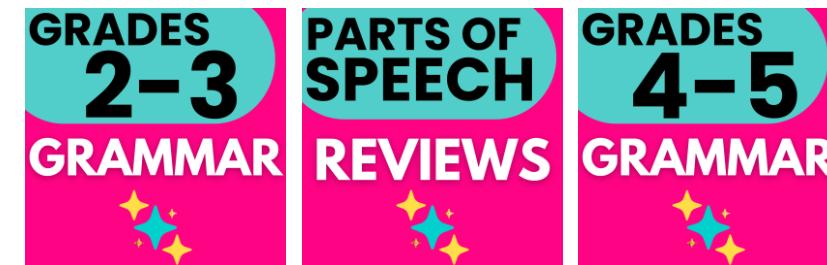
## GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

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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