

WHAT IS THIS?

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un + + ly	dis + + ed	mis + + ed	re + + ing	im + + ly	
?	?	?	?	?	
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The Case of the Mysterious Package

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Fried Chicken	Flowers	Basketball	Video Game
Dog	Books	Robot Game	Taco

Name: _____

Students complete a series of clues to figure out what's in the mystery box!

HOW TO PLAY

What Happened?

This morning, a mysterious box arrived on your doorstep. You don't know what's inside, but it's up to you to figure it out by completing a set of clues.

1. Take a list of mystery items and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering what is inside the mystery box.
3. Cross out wrong boxes each time you find out new information. Good luck!

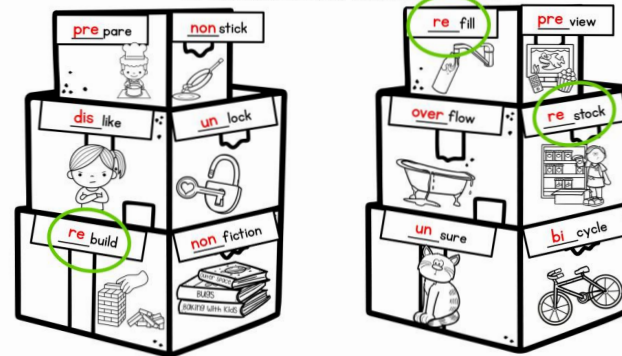


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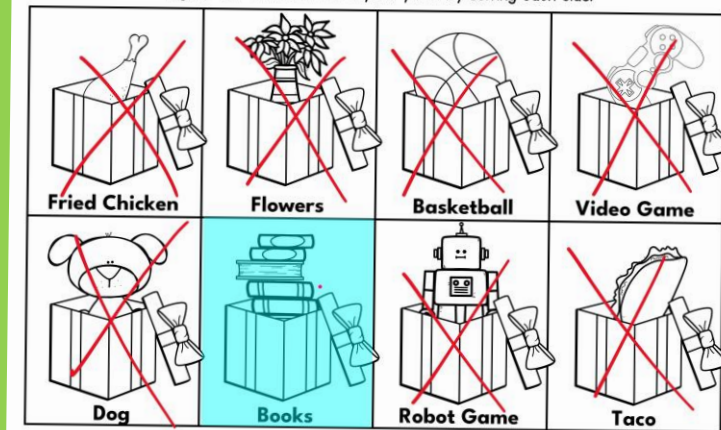
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When all clues are completed, the mystery will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

- Add Prefix/Suffix To Base Word
- What Is The Missing Suffix?
- Fill In Missing Prefix
- Error Analysis
- Pictures Comparing Prefixes & Suffixes

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d not worry.

She made the rabbit disappear.

Uncover the dish and show us what you made.

We prevent the spread of germs by washing our hands.

He was disrespectful to the teacher.

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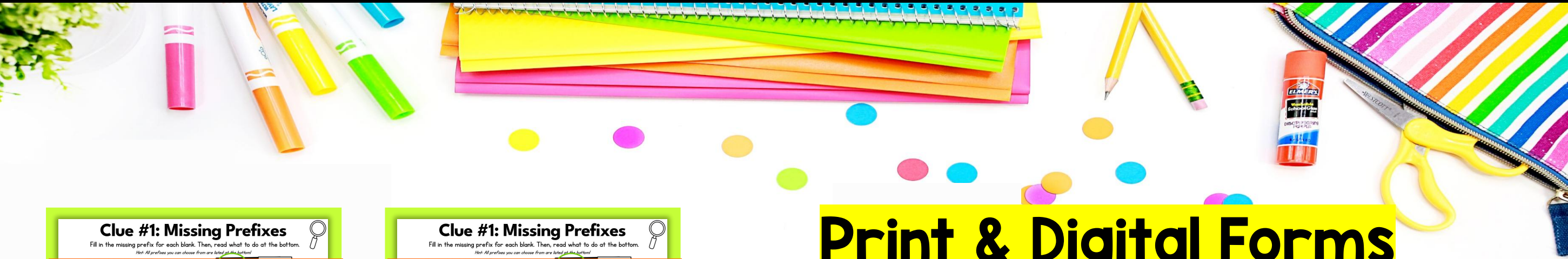
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All clues focus on reviewing prefixes & suffixes!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

How many boxes were correct?

1 Correct = A meat is not in the box.
2 Correct = A sport is not in the box.
3 Correct = A food is not in the box.
4 Correct = A pet that barks is not in the box.

5 Correct = An animal is not in the box.
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8 Correct = A book is not in the box.

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Short & Long Options

PARTS OF SPEECH OPTION AVAILABLE

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Clue #1: Missing Letters
Decide if each box has a **person, place, thing, or idea** as a noun. Then, read what to do at the bottom.

kindness	dog
idea	thing
school	child
place	person
garment	curiosity
person	

Which type of noun did you use? Use that answer to cross out the box.

Clue #2: Multiple Choice
Circle the adjective that describes each word and color in the matching box.

1. chicken A. scruffy - red B. wooden - yellow C. purple - blue D. sparkly - green	2. flowers A. noisy - red B. hairy - yellow C. colorful - blue D. slimy - green	3. basketball A. frozen - red B. sweet - blue C. athletic - yellow D. quiet - green	4. video game A. fluffy - red B. sleepy - yellow C. empty - blue D. exciting - green
5. dog A. square - red B. furry - yellow C. sticky - blue D. pointy - green	6. books A. educational - red B. slippery - yellow C. wet - blue D. stinky - green	7. robot A. smoky - red B. puffy - yellow C. metal - blue D. noisy - green	8. taco A. spiky - red B. dry - yellow C. plastic - blue D. messy - green

Clue #3: Right or Wrong
Was the correct prepositional phrase used? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

The bear is between the boxes.	The bear is in the box.	The bear is below the box.
The bear walks around the box.	The bear is under the box.	The bear is next to the box.
The bear is in front of the boxes.	The bear jumps above the box.	The bear is on top of the box.

How many boxes were correct?

Clue #4: Word Hunt
We/they carried the heavy box out of the secret room together.

You must make all the clues to open the box.

He put the note inside the box when his mom wasn't looking.

The thief left a message for _____ inside the box.

We/they found the hidden box buried beneath the floor.

The basketball flew through the air and swished right into the hoop.

Choose a pronoun from below and fill in each sentence.

he	you	it
me	they	we

What sentence is left? What word goes in that blank? Write that word on the line to the right.

Cross out the item that goes in a hoop.

Clue #5: Descrambler
What verb is missing from the sentence? Choose one from the bottom. Write the letters on the correct spot at the bottom. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

? A	? Y	? D	? E	? C
You can <u>read</u> a book when you want to learn.	We <u>bounce</u> the basketball at recess.	The dog will <u>bark</u> when it hears a noise.	He will <u>press</u> the robot to make it move.	I always <u>play</u> video games with my brother.
? U	? A	? N	? O	? R
They <u>eat</u> tacos on Tuesdays.	She will <u>put</u> the flowers in a vase.	Dad will <u>cook</u> the fried chicken for dinner.	The teacher will <u>stock</u> the books on the shelf.	We <u>walk</u> the dog at the park.

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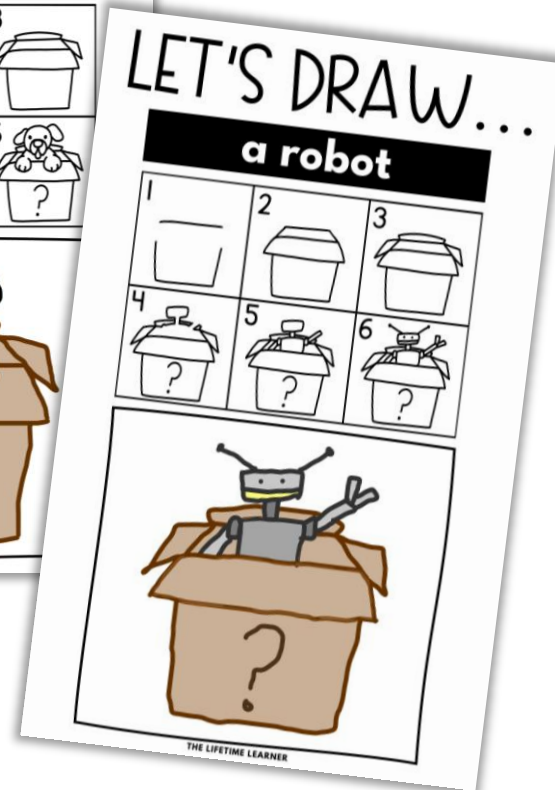
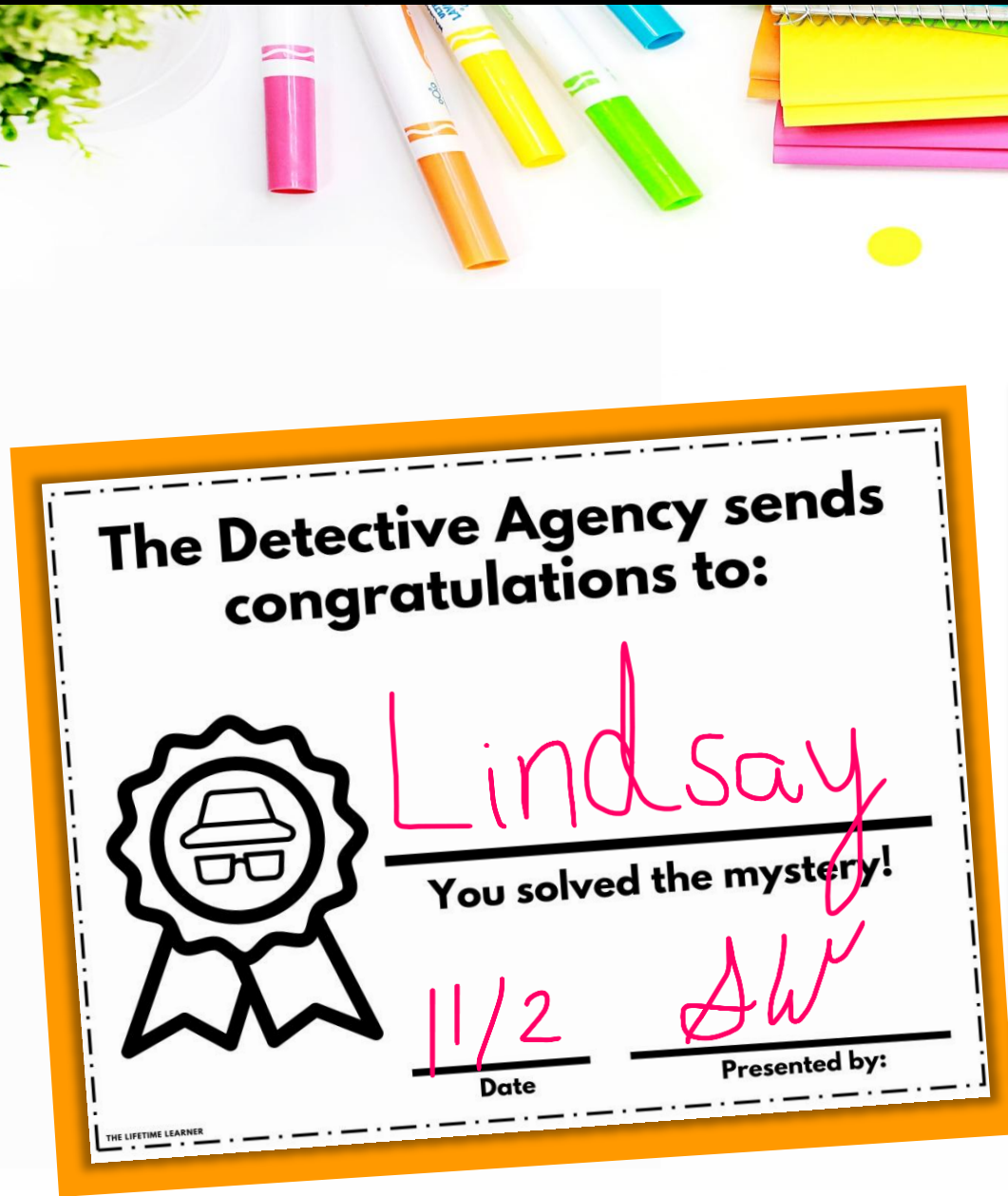
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bounce stock eat play read cook walk press put bark

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

There is a version of the mystery included that reviews ONLY Parts of Speech.

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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

GRAMMAR MYSTERY BENEFITS

- No Prep
- Print and Digital Versions
- 3 & 5 Clue Options
- Fun and Engaging
- Easy to Differentiate
- Encourages Critical Thinking
- Aligns with Grammar Standards
- Perfect for Review Days
- Choice between 2 versions: Grammar Review OR Parts of Speech. You can even mix/match clues to combine the 2 skills together (clues are interchangeable)!

Clue #4: Word Hunt

rewrap redo joyful
unwrap undo joyless
painful colorful
painless colorless unpack repack
hoop hoop

Look at the pictures. Color in the antonyms pairs that you see above:

red	orange	yellow
green	blue	purple

What pair of WORDS did you not cross out?
Write that word on the line.

Cross out the item that goes in a
hoop

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

This works well for grades 2-3 in partners, teams, or even in small groups at the teacher table!

WHY TEACHERS LOVE THESE!

Ordinary grammar 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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The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

Lindsay
You solved the mystery!

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

LET'S DRAW...
a puppy

LET'S DRAW...
a robot

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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?



Reading

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.

Example of Clue 1

Math

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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.

8 19 14 15 17 10 16 18
6+2 11+8 7+7 5+10 3+11 2+8 9+7 13+5

N O T R O U N D

The item in the box is...

A = 🍎	G = 🍌	M = 🐟	S = 🍌	Y = 🍌
B = 🍌	H = 🍌	N = 🍌	T = 🍌	Z = 🍌
C = 🍌	I = 🍌	O = 🍌	U = 🍌	
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E = 🍌	K = 🍌	Q = 🍌	W = 🍌	
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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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