

WHAT IS THIS?



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Clue #5: Fill in the Blank

there	they're	whose	its	were	then
your	one	two	than	it's	to
you're	too	we're	who's	won	their

Read each sentence below. Choose the right word. Find the matching word above. Then write the *italics* word in each box.

Name: <i>Thay</i> I'm studying dinosaurs.	Word: <i>the</i>	The dino lost its egg.	Word: <i>saw</i>	My dino looks so happy.	Word: <i>have</i>
Name: <i>Thay</i> Dinos love sunshine.	Word: <i>dino</i>	My dino is chasing tiny dinosaurs.	Word: <i>does</i>	Which dino ate my lunch?	Word: <i>sharp</i>
Name: <i>Thay</i> A dino is behind you.	Word: <i>we</i>	My dino is feeding a hungry dino.	Word: <i>not</i>	Which dino is riding that big dinosaur?	Word: <i>claws</i>

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

solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Dino Egg

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Who Does the Egg Belong to?

Solve the clues to figure out which dinosaur the egg belongs to.

I'm a herbivore. Parasaurolophus	I'm a carnivore. Pterodactyl	I'm a herbivore. Pachycephalosaurus	I'm an omnivore. Oviraptor
I'm a carnivore. T-Rex	I'm a carnivore. Spinosaurus	I'm a herbivore. Brontosaurus	I'm a herbivore. Triceratops

Name: _____

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out who the egg belongs to!


HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

An egg fell out of its nest. Your mission is to figure out which dinosaur the egg belongs to so you can put the egg back in the correct nest. Solve the clues to figure out what dinosaur the egg belongs to and solve the mystery!

1. Take a dinosaur list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which dinosaur the egg belongs to.
3. Cross out wrong dinosaurs each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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<p>the</p> <p>The dino ate his lunch, and <u>then</u> he took a nap.</p>	<p>cute</p> <p>This dino is bigger than that one.</p>	<p>dino</p> <p>He sniffed the air and <u>then</u> growled at the noise.</p>	<p>egg</p> <p>This cave is darker than the last one.</p>
<p>does</p> <p>If it rains, <u>then</u> the dino will find shelter.</p>	<p>wings</p> <p>She runs faster than her brother.</p>	<p>not</p> <p>They ate leaves, and <u>then</u> they played.</p>	<p>have</p> <p>Back <u>then</u> dino roamed everywhere.</p>
<p>a</p> <p>The egg cracked open, and <u>then</u> a tiny dino peeked out.</p>	<p>short</p> <p>His tail is longer than hers.</p>	<p>long</p> <p>The dinosaurs ate by the river, and <u>then</u> they lay in the sun.</p>	<p>neck</p> <p><u>Then</u> they heard a T-Rex stomp by.</p>









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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what dinosaur to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the dinosaur egg will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

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This dino is th cute.

If it rains, then the dino will find shelter.

She runs fther than her brother.

The egg cracked open, and then a tiny dino peeked out.

His tail is ther than his leg.

Write the phrase from the clue in the box.
the dino does

Clue #3: Word Hunt

Clue #2: Right or Wrong

Each sentence uses **we're** or **were**. Was the correct spelling used?

<p><u>We're</u> looking for a new place to build our nest.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thumbs up <input type="checkbox"/> thumbs down</p>	<p>The eggs <u>were</u> hidden under dry leaves.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> thumbs up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thumbs down</p>	<p>His teeth <u>were</u> sharper than the others.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thumbs up <input type="checkbox"/> thumbs down</p>
<p>Footprints <u>were</u> everywhere in the sand.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thumbs up <input type="checkbox"/> thumbs down</p>	<p>After we eat, <u>were</u> going to find water.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> thumbs up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thumbs down</p>	<p>The bushes <u>were</u> shaking when we passed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> thumbs up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thumbs down</p>
<p>While it's hot, <u>were</u> resting in the shade.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> thumbs up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thumbs down</p>	<p>The nests <u>were</u> safe high up in the trees.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thumbs up <input type="checkbox"/> thumbs down</p>	<p><u>We're</u> watching the eggs very carefully.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> thumbs up <input type="checkbox"/> thumbs down</p>

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

How many boxes were correct?

- 1 Correct = Cross out the meat eaters.
- 2 Correct = Cross out the veggie eaters.
- 3 Correct = Cross out the swimming dinosaurs.
- 4 Correct = Cross out the land dinosaurs.

- 5 Correct = Cross out the longest dino name.
- 6 Correct = Cross out the shortest dino name.
- 7 Correct = Cross out dino names with a P.
- 8 Correct = Cross out dino names with a T.

- Commonly Mistaken Words
- Commonly Misspelled Pronouns
- To Too Two
- Then And Than
- We're And Were

All clues focus on reviewing commonly confused words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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Label each picture above with the correct word.
• know • new • where • witch • for
• no • knew • wear • which • four

What picture is left and doesn't have a label?
Write that word on the line.

The dinosaur does not have **fin**.

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your	egg	then	it's	to	air
you're	studying	dinosaurs	land?	claws	

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we	not	claws
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Short & Long Options

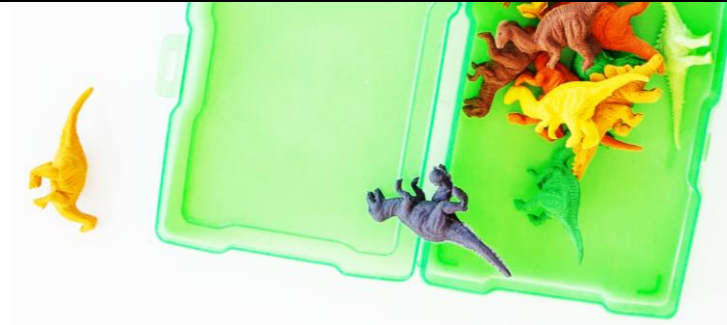
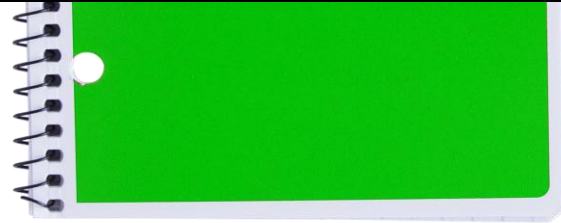
PARTS OF SPEECH OPTION AVAILABLE



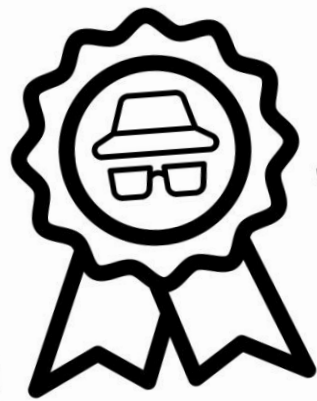
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

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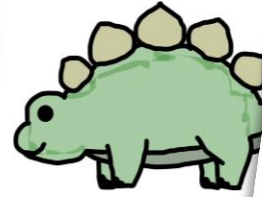
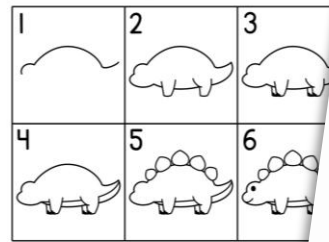
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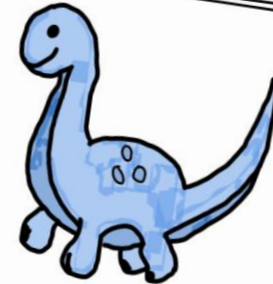
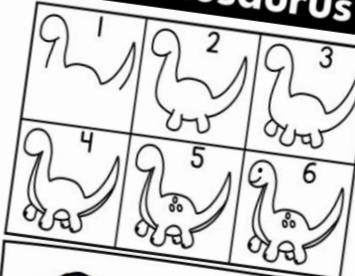
a stegosaurus



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LET'S DRAW...

brachiosaurus



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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: Commonly Confused Words OR Parts of Speech. You can even mix/match clues to combine the 2 skills together (clues are interchangeable)!

Clue #4: Dino Notes

Decide if to, two, or too goes in each blank.

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Clue 1: **blue**
too

Clue 2: **purple**
two

Clue 3: **green**
to

She wants to join the dino dig team.

We will watch two dino movies.

I want to see dinosaurs, too!

He saw two T-Rexes at the park.

We are going to the dinosaur museum.

They are twin dino so there are two of them.

Can I have two dinosaur stickers?

Let's go to the dino cave.

We found two dinosaur eggs.

I want to ride the dino ride again.

Cross out the meat-eaters if there are:

- 1 blue dino
- 5 purple dino
- 4 green dino

Cross out the smallest dinosaur if there are:

- 1 blue dino
- 4 purple dino
- 5 green dino

Cross out the veggie-eaters if there are:

- 2 blue dino
- 5 purple dino
- 3 green dino

Cross out the largest dinosaur if there are:

- 2 blue dino
- 6 purple dino
- 2 green dino

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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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There <i>they're</i> dino love sunshine.	Word: <input type="text" value="dino"/>	<i>Two</i> chasing tiny dinosaurs.	Word: <input type="text" value="does"/>	Which <i>who's</i> dino ate my lunch?	Word: <input type="text" value="sharp"/>
There <i>they're</i> are dino behind you.	Word: <input type="text" value="we"/>	The <i>harm</i> feeding a hungry dino.	Word: <input type="text" value="not"/>	Which <i>who's</i> rising that big dinosaur?	Word: <input type="text" value="claws"/>

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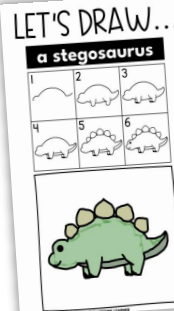
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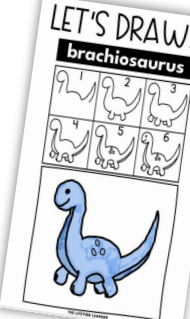
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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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

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She runs faster than <u>than</u> her brother.	They ate leaves, and <u>then</u> they played.	Back <u>then</u> , dinos roamed everywhere.	
The egg cracked open, and <u>then</u> a tiny dino peeked out.	His tail is longer than <u>than</u> hers.	The dinosaurs ate by the river, and <u>then</u> they lay in the sun.	<u>Then</u> they heard a T-Rex stomp by.

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong dinosaur off your list.
the dino does not have a long neck

Example of Clue 1

Math

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.

58	92	29	43	42	73	48	63	23
42	29	63	48	92	58	43	23	73
35:7	26:3	54:4	42:6	87:5	52:6	34:9	16:7	64:4

O M N I V O R E S

The egg does not belong to any:

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 = 🍌	

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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TO SAVE BIG!**

