

# WHAT IS THIS?



**Clue #1: Fill in the Blank**

**Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop**

**Clue #3: Error Analysis**

**Clue #4: Word Hunt**

**Clue #5: Descrambler**

Look at the sentence. Match it to a prepositional phrase below. Write the letter next to each shop on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

R	P	S	N	L
The donut shop is located <u>      </u> the coffee shop.	The line of customers went all the way <u>      </u> the shop.	He washed his hands <u>      </u> eating the donut since they were sticky.	The donut is hiding <u>      </u> the napkin.	The donut rolled <u>      </u> the counter and dropped on the floor.
K	S	E	I	
The jelly is hidden <u>      </u> the middle of the donut.	The donuts were delivered <u>      </u> lunchtime so we were hungry.	The baker placed the donut <u>      </u> the tray.	She reached <u>      </u> the table to grab the last donut.	

The missing donut does not have:

S P R I N K L E S

after through next to across under in off onto before

## solve the mystery

**The Case of the Missing Donut**

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

### Which Donut Was Stolen?

Solve the clues to figure out which donut went missing from the donut shop.

 Glaze Donut	 Jam-Filled Donut	 Donut Holes	 Chocolate Drizzle
 Apple Cruller	 Sprinkle Donut	 Chocolate Swirl	 Cream Filled

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

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out what donut was stolen!

# HOW TO PLAY



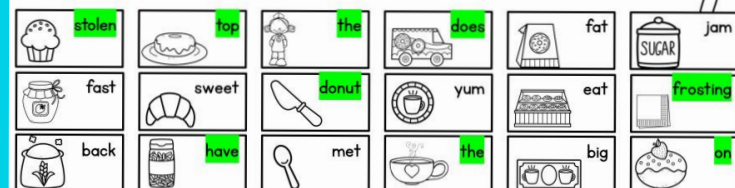
## What Happened?

Someone has stolen a donut from the donut shop! The owner wants your help to figure out what flavor was taken. Solve the clues to figure out what donut was taken and solve the mystery!

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



## Clue #1: Fill in the Blank



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

Word:	Word:	Word:
worker <input type="text" value="the"/>	truck <input type="text" value="does"/>	strawberry <input type="text" value="on"/>
muffin <input type="text" value="stolen"/>	sprinkles <input type="text" value="have"/>	coffee <input type="text" value="the"/>
knife <input type="text" value="donut"/>	napkin <input type="text" value="frosting"/>	plate <input type="text" value="top"/>

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

## Which Donut Was Stolen?

Solve the clues to figure out which donut went missing from the donut shop.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Glaze Donut	Jam-Filled Donut	Donut Holes	Chocolate Drizzle
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apple Cruller	Sprinkle Donut	Chocolate Swirl	Cream Filled

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

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

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

# SKILL PRACTICE

## 2 Versions:

Version #1 : Parts of Speech Review

Each part of speech has its **OWN** clue.

Version #2: Parts of Speech Review

All 5 parts of speech are reviewed on **EVERY** page.

Both mysteries focus on nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, and prepositions.

**Clue #1: Fill in the Blank**

stolen top the does fat jam  
fast sweet eat frosting  
back have

Read each noun below. Find the word that matches the picture.

Word: the  
worker the  
muffin stolen  
knife donut

When you are done, read the words.

**Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop**

Choose the adjective that does NOT describe each item.

**cotton candy**  
A. light - pink door  
B. fluffy - purple door  
C. sticky - yellow door  
D. hard - blue door

**jellybeans**  
A. spicy - pink window  
B. chewy - purple window  
C. fruity - yellow window  
D. colorful - blue window

**ice cream**  
A. creamy - pink girl  
B. sweet - purple girl  
C. warm - yellow girl  
D. frozen - blue girl

**caramel apple**  
A. crunchy - pink roof  
B. hard - purple roof  
C. soft - yellow roof  
D. gooey - blue roof

**sugar cookie**  
A. soft - pink cup  
B. sour - purple cup  
C. round - yellow cup  
D. vanilla - blue cup

**pudding cup**  
A. smooth - pink bag  
B. cold - purple bag  
C. jiggly - yellow bag  
D. dry - blue bag

Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

Choose the key below that matches how you colored the picture of the donut shop.

Cross out swirl donut if the picture has: • blue door • pink window • yellow girl • yellow roof • purple cup • blue bag	Cross out jam donut if the picture has: • blue door • purple window • yellow girl • yellow roof • pink cup • blue bag	Cross out glaze donut if the picture has: • blue door • pink window • blue girl • yellow roof • purple cup • yellow bag	Cross out cream donut if the picture has: • pink door • pink window • yellow girl • purple roof • purple cup • pink bag
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**Clue #3: Error Analysis**

verb been underlined? Put a check or an X next to each sentence.

The chocolate melts quickly in the sun.  
 We will try the new blueberry flavor.  
 That donut looks delicious!  
 They have been baking since dawn.

Answers.  
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All clues focus on reviewing parts of speech!

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



## Print & Digital Forms

**Clue #1: Fill in the Blank**

**Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop**

**Clue #3: Error Analysis**

**3 Clue Version**

Keep the donut with the most correct answers. Cross out the 2 donuts with less correct answers.

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**5 Clue Version**

The missing donut does not have:

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**Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop**

Choose the adjective that does NOT describe each item.

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**ice cream**

A. creamy - pink girl  
B. sweet - purple girl  
C. warm - yellow girl  
D. frozen - blue girl

Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

**caramel apple**

A. crunchy - pink roof  
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C. soft - yellow roof  
D. gooey - blue roof

**sugar cookie**

A. soft - pink cup  
B. sour - purple cup  
C. round - yellow cup  
D. vanilla - blue cup

**pudding cup**

A. smooth - pink bag  
B. cold - purple bag  
C. jiggly - yellow bag  
D. dry - blue bag

Choose the key below that matches how you colored the picture of the donut shop.

**Key:**

- blue door
- pink window
- yellow girl
- yellow roof
- purple cup
- blue bag

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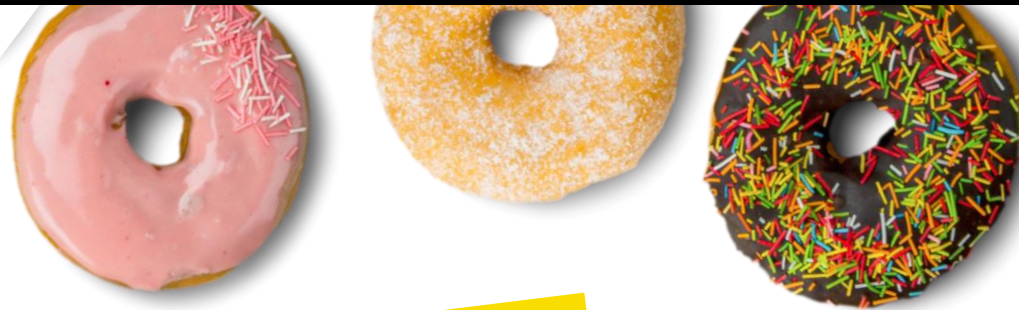
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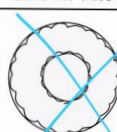


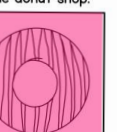




## Short & Long Options

# PARTS OF SPEECH OPTION AVAILABLE



### Which Donut Was Stolen?

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Apple Cruller	Sprinkle Donut	Chocolate Swirl	Cream Filled

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

### Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

stolen	top	pink	the	chocolate	bake	fat	spr
delicious	today	sweet	donut	yum	eat	money	co
plate	fast	hot	smell	met	the	small	big
loudly	back	shop	have	circle	knife	small	m

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

Word: \_\_\_\_\_

An adjective describing the flavor of a donut. does

A noun describing where you go to buy donuts. have

### Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop

Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

Which is not an adjective?  
A. glazed - pink door  
B. sticky - purple door  
C. frosted - yellow door  
D. run - blue door


Which is not a verb?  
A. sprinkles - pink window  
B. pour - purple window  
C. crunch - yellow window  
D. chew - blue window

Which is not a noun?  
A. spoon - pink girl  
B. donut - purple girl  
C. baker - yellow girl  
D. bowl - blue girl

Which is not an adverb?  
A. sweetly - pink roof  
B. crunchily - purple roof  
C. fluffy - yellow roof  
D. warmly - blue roof

Which is not a pronoun?  
A. he - pink cup  
B. neighbor - purple cup  
C. they - yellow cup  
D. we - blue cup

Which is not a preposition?  
A. under - pink bag  
B. over - purple bag  
C. across - yellow bag  
D. later



### Clue #3: Error Analysis

Does the part of speech match the underlined word? Put a check or an X next to each sentence.

The baker frosts each donut carefully. **adjective** ✓

She is eating a sprinkled donut. **noun** ✓

The chocolate melts quickly in the sun. **adverb** ✓

The tray was hot from the oven. **noun** ✓

He takes a bite and smiles. **adjective** X

We will try the new blueberry flavor. **noun** X

That donut looks delicious. **noun** X

I ate two donuts this morning. **pronoun** X

The jolly is inside the donut. **verb** X

The donuts were sitting on the rack. **pronoun** X

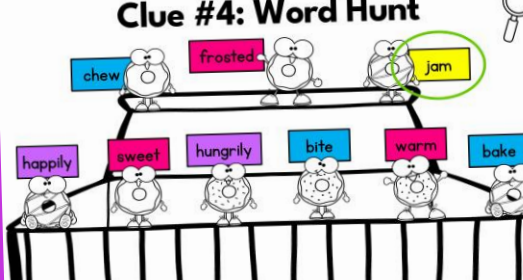
They have been baking since dawn. **pronoun** X

### Clue #4: Word Hunt

Color the nouns yellow. Color the adjectives pink. Color the verbs blue. Color the adverbs purple.

Which part of speech was only colored in once? Write that word you colored in on the line.

The donut has no jam on it.



### Clue #5: Descrambler

Look at the blank in the sentence. Match it to the correct part of speech below. Write the letter next to each shop on each line at the bottom. Unscramble the letters to figure out the clue.

The cute donut shop is located next to the (adjective) coffee shop. **R**

The (adjective) line of customers went all the way through the shop. **P**

He (verb) his hands after eating the donut since they were sticky. **S**

The donut is hiding under the (noun). **N**

The donut rolled off the counter and dropped on the (noun). **L**

We (verb) up early to be the first people at the donut shop when it opened. **K**

The donuts were delivered before lunch, so (pronoun) were hungry. **S**

The baker placed the donut (adverb) onto the tray. **E**

She reached across the (noun) to grab the last donut. **I**

The missing donut does not have:

**S P R I N K L E S**

washed long old table napkin woke floor slowly we

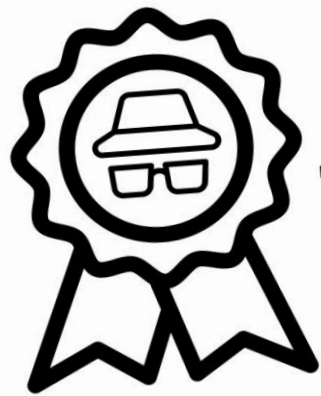
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

11/2  
Date

AW  
Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...  
a coffee

1	2	3
4	5	6

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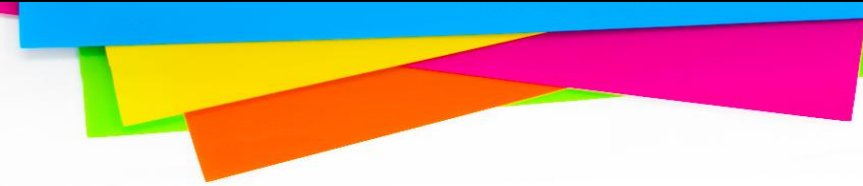
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THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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: Parts of Speech in Isolation or Cumulative Review. You can even mix/match clues to combine the 2 skills together (clues are interchangeable)!

**Clue #4: Word Hunt**

Color in each of the following adverbs below:

red	orange	yellow	green
blue	purple	pink	brown

What word is left? Write the word on the line.

The donut has no jelly on it.

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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.

**GRAMMAR MYSTERIES ARE EXACTLY WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!**

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stolen top the does fat jam

**Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop**

cotton candy Choose the adjective that does NOT describe each item. jellybeans ice cream Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

A. light - pink door A. spicy - pink window A. creamy - pink girl

**Clue #3: Error Analysis**

Has the verb been underlined? Put a check or an X next to each sentence.

**Clue #4: Word Hunt**

happily excitedly jelly

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R The donut shop is located _____ the coffee shop.	P The line of customers went all the way _____ the shop.	S He washed his hands _____ eating the donut since they were sticky.	N The donut is hiding _____ the napkin.	L The donut rolled _____ the counter and dropped on the floor.
K The jelly is hidden _____ the middle of the donut.	S The donuts were delivered _____ lunchtime so we were hungry.	E The baker placed the donut _____ the tray.	I She reached _____ the table to grab the last donut.	

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LET'S DRAW... a coffee

1 2 3 4 5 6

LET'S DRAW... a donut

1 2 3 4 5 6

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Name:

**solve the mystery**

**The Case of the Missing Donut**

# 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**

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

the	truck	does	strawberry	on	
muffin	stolen	sprinkles	have	coffee	the
knife	donut	napkin	frosting	plate	top

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

Example of Clue 1

Math

**Clue #1: Find It!**

Circle the boxes that equal \$0.50.  
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

the three dimes and four nickels	<del>smallest Two quarters and a nickel</del>	<del>sprinkles Five pennies and two dimes</del>	donut Eight nickels and a dime
<del>looks like quarters</del>	does Ten nickels	<del>hole Two nickels and five dimes</del>	not Four dimes and ten pennies
have Two quarters	<del>chocolate Five nickels and two dimes</del>	<del>fruit One dime and 2 nickels</del>	filling Five nickels and one quarter

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

The donut does not have filling

# 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!**

