

WHAT IS THIS?



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B U Y G I F T S
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

solve the mystery

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

The Case of the Missing Mailman

Where is the Mailman?

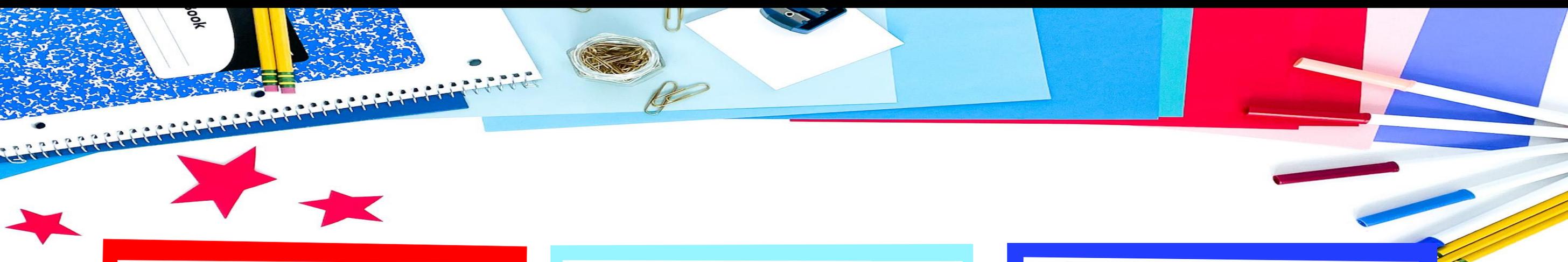
Figure out where the mailman is by solving each clue.

 Shoe Store	 Car Repair Shop	 Toy Store	 Home Repair Shop
 Candy Store	 Post Office	 Flower Shop	 Jewelry Shop

Name: _____

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the missing mailman is!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

You need to get in touch with your mailman, but you can't find him anywhere! You know that he's somewhere around town but can't figure out the right place. Help find out where he is by solving the clues.

1. Take a list of places and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the mailman is.
3. Cross out wrong places each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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The letter is on the desk.	I packed boxes on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.	We have pens, paper, and glue.	Yes, I mailed it.	Hope, please grab the box, tape, and string.

The mailman is <u>not</u> near any toys if you see: • 1 yellow note • 2 red notes • 5 green notes • 2 blue notes	The mailman is <u>not</u> near any cars if you see: • 3 yellow notes • 0 red notes • 2 green notes • 5 blue notes	The mailman is <u>not</u> near any shoes if you see: • 2 yellow notes • 2 red notes • 4 green notes • 2 blue notes	The mailman is <u>not</u> near any items if you see: • 2 yellow notes • 1 red note • 5 green notes • 2 blue notes
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place(s) to cross out.

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

SKILL PRACTICE

Comma Skills:

- Correct Number of Commas
- Commas in a Series
- Commas in Addresses
- Commas in Dates
- Commas Error Analysis

The image shows three overlapping worksheets. The top-left worksheet, 'Clue #1: Sorting Letters', has a blue border and asks students to color letters based on the number of commas in sentences. The top-right worksheet, 'Clue #3: Find It!', has a red border and asks students to find words circled in addresses. The bottom-center worksheet, 'Clue #2: Error Analysis', has a yellow border and asks students to check or mark errors in comma placement for three locations: Post Office, Flower Shop, and Shoe Store.

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The mailman picked up a box and left. He is not here.
 I mailed cards, letters, and packages.
 She packed stamps, tape, and boxes.
 He grabbed paper pens and glue.

Flower Shop
The mailman hates flowers. He is not here.
 She bought roses, tulips and daisies.
 We picked flowers, leaves stems.
 He carried flowers, vases, and bows.

Shoe Store
The mailman thinks it stinks in the shop. He is not here.
 He wears socks shoes, and boots.
 They sell sneakers, sandals, slippers.
 She bought shoes, laces, and polish.

Clue #3: Find It!
Find the words where the commas have been written correctly in the address.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

pay not fix

Moore Court L 19355 Lindsay King 123 Hope Way Raleigh NC 27526

foot place

Street 11236 Noah Brooks 845 Ash Boulevard Baltimore, MD 75092

go smell

venue 72701 Kate Cart 277 Cherry Hill Road Detroit, MI, 02145

off your list.

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All clues focus on reviewing commas!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong place off your list.
not a place kids go

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Short & Long Options

PARTS OF SPEECH OPTION AVAILABLE

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Name: _____

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yellow	nouns	red	verbs	green	adjectives	blue	adverbs
							

The mailman is not near any signs if you see:

- 1 yellow note
- 2 red notes
- 5 green notes
- 2 blue notes

Clue #2: Error Analysis

Is each sentence written in the correct tense? Put a check or an X next to each answer. Read the hint from the place with the most correct answers.

 The mailman picked up a box and left. He is not here. Past Tense	 The mailman hates flowers. He is not here. Present Tense	 The mailman thinks it stinks in the shop. He is not here. Future Tense
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The mailman found a torn envelope near the gate.

The mailman checks each house.

The mailman will report the surprise.

Clue #3: Find It!

Circle the boxes that have an abstract noun. Cross out the concrete nouns. Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

Clue #4: Word Hunt

The mailman is not at a place with a:

Cross out the following prepositional phrases:

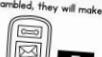
- in the mailbox
- under her feet
- around the mailbox
- between the boxes
- behind the desk
- in front of the door

What 2 pictures are left? Write the 2 words on the line.

car or candy

Clue #5: Descrambler

Look at the picture. Match it to a word below. Write the letter next to each mailbox on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

 T	 B	 F	 G
He struggled to carry a <u>heavy</u> bag filled with letters and packages.	The letter had a <u>tiny</u> stamp in the corner that was very small.	My baby brother isn't big enough to reach into the <u>full</u> mailbox.	The dog barked at the mailman through the <u>wooden</u> fence.
 U	 I	 Y	 S
My mom brought a <u>large</u> package into the house that was gigantic!	She delivered the card with a <u>friendly</u> smile.	A trail of <u>muddy</u> footprints led from the truck to the door.	The note inside the mailbox was written in <u>neat</u> handwriting.

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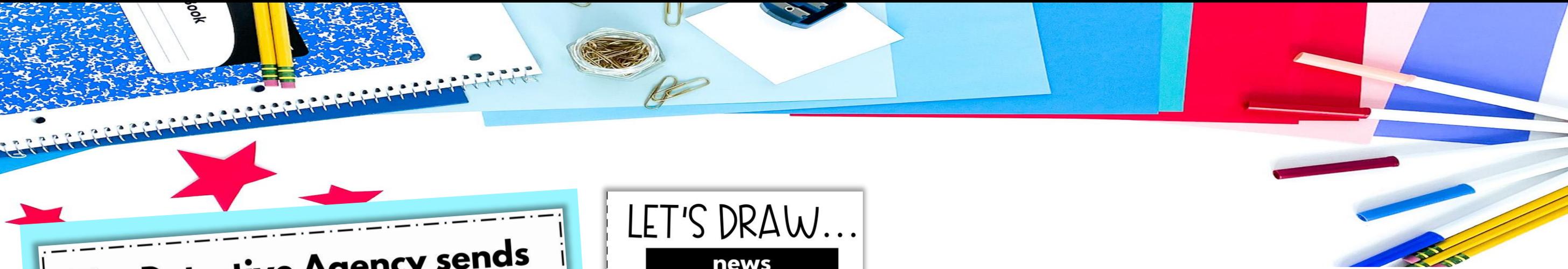
B U Y G I F T S

tiny large muddy wooden friendly tall heavy neat

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

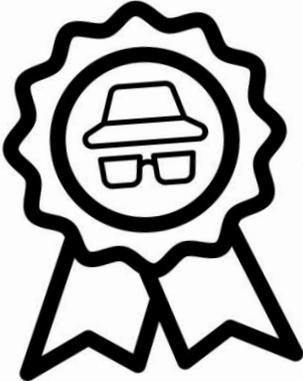


The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

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



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LET'S DRAW...

news

1	2	3
4	5	6



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

LET'S DRAW...

a house

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

Clue #4: Word Hunt
Read the box at the bottom.

Cross out the sentences where the commas are wrong or are missing.
Look at the two people left. What items did they deliver?
Write the 2 words on the line.

The mailman is not at a place with a:
car or candy

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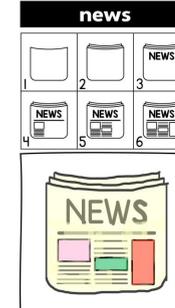
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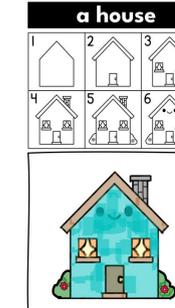
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11/2 Date Presented by: **AW**

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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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The mailman is not near any items if you see:
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Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Right or Wrong?
Color the envelope green if the answer is correct. Color the envelope red if it's wrong.

12:35	4:55	4:15	8:35	8:40
5:05	5:50	7:45	10:25	10:20
10:20	2:40	1:05		1:10

How many answers were correct?

1 Correct = Cross out the jewelry shop.
2 Correct = Cross out the toy store.
3 Correct = Cross out the shoe store.
4 Correct = Cross out the post office.

5 Correct = Cross out the flower shop.
6 Correct = Cross out the car repair shop.
7 Correct = Cross out the candy store.
8 Correct = Cross out the home repair shop.

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!**

