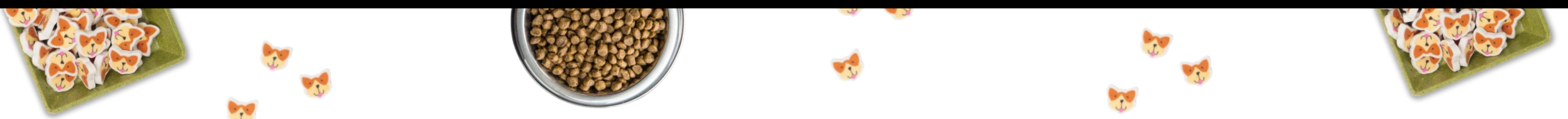


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**The Case of the New Pet**

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

**Which Pet Did I Receive?**

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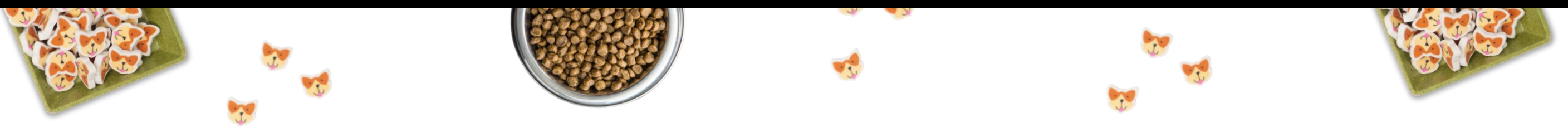
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out what animal the new pet is!


# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

Yay! My parents got me a new pet! They've given me clues to figure out what animal it is. Help me by solving each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering what my new pet is!






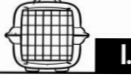


1. Take a pet list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which pet is mine.
3. Cross out wrong pets each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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N O T W H I T E

1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8

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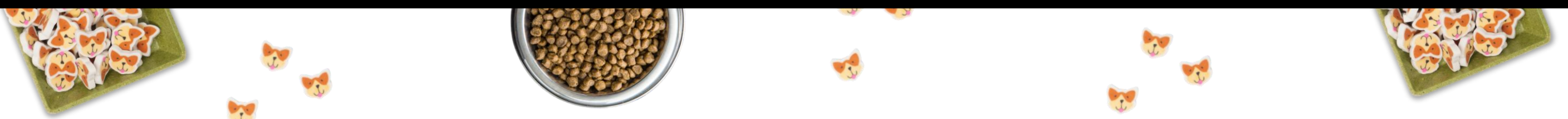
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal which pets to cross out.  
 When all clues are completed, the mystery of the new pet will be solved!



# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



## Print & Digital Forms

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**3 Clue Version**

Cross out <u>pets who bark</u> if there are: • 3 yellow prints • 4 green print • 2 blue prints	Cross out <u>pets with no legs</u> if there are: • 4 yellow prints • 2 green print • 3 blue prints	Cross out <u>pets with 6 legs</u> if there are: • 3 yellow prints • 3 green print • 3 blue prints	Cross out <u>pets with a shell</u> if there are: • 2 yellow prints • 3 green print • 4 blue prints
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**Clue #2: Right or Wrong**  
Read the fun facts about pets. Color each thumb in to show if you agree with each punctuation mark.

Cats can make over 100 different sounds! !	Did you know turtles sleep underwater? ?	A hamster runs in a wheel. .
A hamster's teeth never stop growing. .	Did you know goldfish can live for over ten years! !	Snakes can swallow food bigger than their heads! !
Some dogs can smell 40 times better than people! !	Turtles have hard shells? ?	Some rabbits can be trained to use a litter box? ?

How many boxes were correct?  
More green answers = The pet you got has no beak.  
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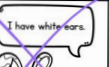
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## Short & Long Options

# PARTS OF SPEECH OPTION AVAILABLE



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**Clue #1: Descrambler**  
What verb is missing from each sentence? Find your answer at the bottom. Write the letter next to each cage on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

 <b>W</b>	 <b>N</b>	 <b>E</b>	 <b>T</b>
The puppy <u>chased</u> the ball across the yard.	The parrot <u>squawked</u> "hello" to everyone who walked in.	The cat <u>meowed</u> at us when I pet her back.	The hamster <u>squeaked</u> at us when we poked it.
 <b>O</b>	 <b>H</b>	 <b>T</b>	 <b>I</b>
The lizard <u>hissed</u> very loudly with his long tongue.	The bunny <u>hopped</u> up the tree.	The fish <u>swam</u> around the ground when he was scared.	The horse <u>stomped</u> on the ground when he was angry.

**Clue #2: Right or Wrong?**  
Does the prepositional phrase in each sentence match the picture? Color each thumb up to show if you agree.

The ball is between the two kennels. 	The ball is on top of the kennel. 	The ball goes around the kennel. 
The ball is next to the kennel. 	The ball is in front of the kennel. 	The ball is in the kennel. 
The ball is above the kennel. 	The ball is under the kennel. 	The ball is behind the kennel. 

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red nouns	yellow verbs	green adjectives	blue adverbs	purple prepositions
The dog barked.	The cat hissed.	The bunny slept.	The hamster ate.	The mouse ran.
The fish swam slowly.	The ball flew.	Puppies ate quickly.	A slimy frog.	The mouse ran.

**Clue #4: Word Hunt**  
Fill in each sentence with an uncountable noun from the bottom.

The piglet loves to eat rice as a snack.

The pet shop owner puts fresh food on the bottom of the hamster's cage.

The turtle is enjoying the fresh water at the bottom of the tank.

It takes her forever to brush my cat's fur.

The girl who only comes to the top when she needs air.

I don't think he enjoys cleaning out the litter box.

The dog is thrilled that you filled up his bowl with kibble.

The pet does not live in water.

Use the word bank below to fill in each sentence.  
• hay • kibble • air • fur • sand • rice • water • litter

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

**Clue #5: Multiple Choice**  
Choose the adjective that does NOT describe each pet. Then read the bottom.

 A. <del>scaly</del> B. playful C. furry D. friendly	 A. tiny B. fluffy C. cute D. solid	 A. slow B. <del>spazdy</del> C. green D. small	 A. cool B. long C. slimy D. hairy
 A. colorful B. wet C. <del>bat</del> D. slippery	 A. huge B. playful C. soft D. young	 A. slimy B. green C. tiny D. <del>dry</del>	 A. fast B. <del>share</del> C. feathered D. smart

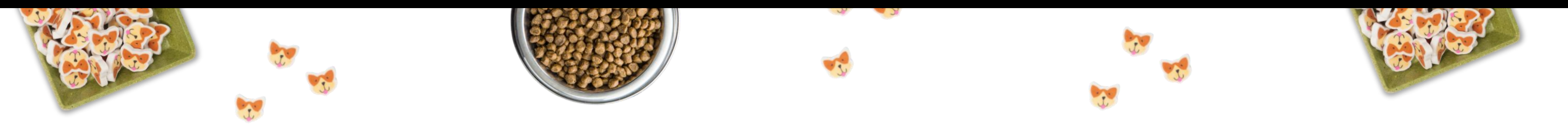
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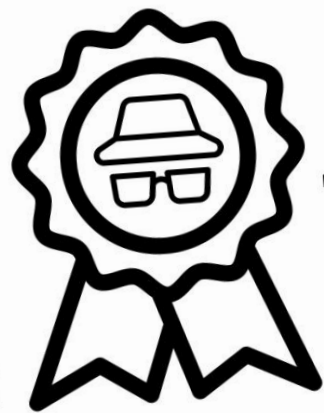
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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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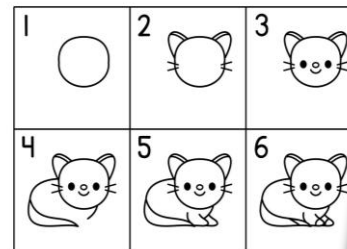
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LET'S DRAW...

a cat



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LET'S DRAW...

a dog



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

**Clue #4: Word Hunt**

Where am I going?

Got any seeds?

Bring me tuna right NOW!

I'm so hungry I could eat 100 carrots!

I do not live in water.

Hop with me, please!

Is that my ball?

Cross out the following pets:

- Pets who are curious
- Pets that are shouting

What speech bubble is left? Write that on the line as your clue.

The pet you received says:  
**not in water**

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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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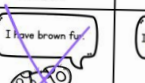




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The Case of the New Pet

# 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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. = O

7. The goldfish swims in the tank. ?=T  
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. = N

8. Can we take the puppy for a walk? ?=T  
! = R  
. = G

3. Who wants to play with the gerbil? ?=T  
! = W  
. = P

The pet you got is:  
N O T W H I T E

Example of Clue 1

Math

**Clue #1: Picture Decoder**  
Write what numbers comes next when skip counting by 5s. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

545 890 355 730 210 240 665 955 475

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340,345, 715,720, 530,535, 225,230, 940,945, 875,880, 460,465, 195,200, 650,655,  
350, 725, 540, 235, 950, 885, 470, 205, 660,

rs: H A S N O F E E T

You did NOT get any pet that...  
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 = 🐹	
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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.



**BUY A BUNDLE  
TO SAVE BIG!**

