

WHAT IS THIS?



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solve the mystery

The Case of the Big Race

Who Won the Race?

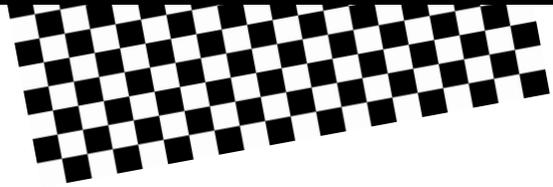
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Name: _____

Students complete a series of clues to figure out who won the race!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

You forgot to watch the big race on TV last night. Now, you're going to need to solve some clues to figure out who won! Help figure out who came in 1st place so you'll be able to chat with friends about the winner.

1. Take a list of racers and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering who won the race.
3. Cross out wrong race cars each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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N If the driver is not careful, the car could _____ into the wall.	O After a breakdown, the crew needs to _____ the car quickly.	R When the driver wins first place, the whole team will _____.	T The crowd will _____ for their favorite driver as they race by.

The winner's car is:

N O T G R E E N
spin repair cheer finish celebrate tighten compete crash



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

SKILL PRACTICE

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spin repair cheer

Clue #2: Finish Line Sort
Fill in each blank with the correct verb. Color the finish lines the same color as the box they belong in. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

steer (red) shout (yellow) fix (green) wave (blue)

Drivers must their cars around sharp turns. (red)

The winner can through tight spaces to pass others. (red)

A good driver can quickly through traffic. (red)

Fans when their driver passes the finish line. (yellow)

Crews must a flat tire fast. (green)

People in charge the flag to start the race. (blue)

Crew managers help racers learn how to better. (red)

Mechanics broken engines in the pit. (green)

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Clue #3: Error Analysis
Written in the correct tense? Put a check or an X next to each box to show if it makes sense. the hint from the car with the most correct answers.

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Future Tense:

The driver will race again next week.

He will check the engine tomorrow.

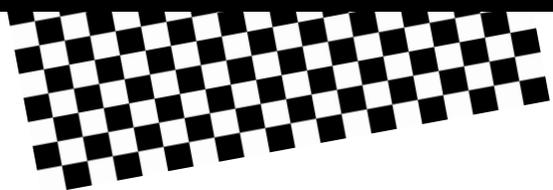
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Verbs Review:

- Identify Verbs
- Fill in the Blank Sentences
- Past, Present, Future Verbs
- Count How Many Verbs
- Comparing To Nouns And Adjectives
- Synonym Verbs

All clues focus on reviewing verbs!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

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Past Tense

- The driver race yesterday.
- He will drive the fastest car on the track.
- The team fixed the car before the race.
- He checks the tires before each lap.
- The team will wash the car every day.
- He will check the engine tomorrow.
- The team will win the next big race.

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run					in
collide	has	start	hair	help	race

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Short & Long Options

PARTS OF SPEECH OPTION AVAILABLE



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Read each riddle. Match it with a word at the bottom. Write the letter next to each race car on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

 1 E I'm a noun that bogs and curves, and cars zoom on me all day. What am I?	 2 N I'm an adjective for a car that moves faster than all the rest. What word am I?	 3 G I'm a noun handed to the winner at the very end of the race. What am I?	 4 E I'm a noun that wears in the wind to tell racers to go or stop. What am I?
 5 N I'm an adjective for an engine that roars so everyone can hear. What word am I?	 6 O I'm an adjective for a car's paint that sparkles in the sun. What word am I?	 7 R I'm an adverb for how a driver steers around sharp turns without a crash. What word am I?	 8 T I'm a noun who wears a helmet and steers the car around the track. Who am I?

Speedy speedy speedy speedy

Clue #2: Finish Line Sort

Color the finish lines the same color as the box they belong in. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

adjectives	red	verbs	yellow	nouns	green	blue	
quick	sleek	crowded	zoom	engine	rapidly	partied	helmet

Clue #4: Word Hunt

Circle nouns. Put a line around verbs. Put a star next to adjectives. Cross out pronouns. Read the bottom.

The winner was not a girl.

What part of speech is not in the picture?
Circle it below. Write the word on the line.

- noun = boy
- verb = red color
- pronoun = girl
- adjective = black color

Clue #3: Error Analysis

Does the part of speech match the underlined word? Put a check or an X next to each sentence. Read the hint from the car with the most correct answers.

 1 The winner's name has less than 3 letters.	 2 The driver's name has 3 letters.	 3 The winner's name has more than 3 letters.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Past Tense: The driver saw the race yesterday.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present Tense: The driver raced around the track now.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Future Tense: The driver will race again next week.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> verb: He will drive the fastest car on the track.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> verb: He checks the tires before each lap.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> adverb: He will check the engine tomorrow.
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Clue #5: The Big Race

Choose a word from the word bank to write in each story blank. There is a letter next to each word. Write the letters of the bottom on the lines.

Word Bank

- roared (H)
- announcer (R)
- mechanic (S)
- shook (O)
- followed (H)
- gone (E)
- dusty (T)
- puppy (I)
- packed (S)
- happily (R)
- clatter (A)
- noticed (T)

The Big Race Day Championship had finally arrived. The grandstands were (1) packed (S) with fans, and the engines (2) roared (H) so loudly that the ground (3) shook (O). Drivers in their cars lined up at the starting line. Everyone's for the winner was (6) gone (E).

"The trophy was here this morning!" shouted Marco, the driver in the red car. The pit crew searched behind the toolboxes, under the benches, and next to the fuel cans. A (7) mechanic (S) spotted a trail of (8) dusty (T) footprints that led away from the winner's stage.

The drivers (9) noticed (T) the trail past the crowded snack stand and into the garage. Suddenly, they heard something was inside. Next to it was a little (10) puppy (I) wagging his tail. When they opened it, the missing trophy water bowl. The drivers grabbed the trophy and one suggested, "Let's keep the puppy as our mascot!" The puppy barked (11) happily (R) as the cars raced off. He sat proudly by the winner's stage and watched to see who the winner would be.

The winner has the

S H O R T E S T H A I R

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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:

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

LET'S DRAW...
a traffic light

1	2	3
4	5	6

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

LET'S DRAW...
a road

1	2	3
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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: Verbs Review OR Parts of Speech. You can even mix/match clues to combine the 2 skills together (clues are interchangeable)!

Clue #4: Word Hunt
Fill in the last letter of each word.

win
leader
checking
will chase
fast
pit crew
trophy
worker
loud
stoplight
passed
zoomed
powerful
smoke

How many verbs did you see? Circle it. Write word on line.

• 4 = boy	• 6 = red color
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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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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

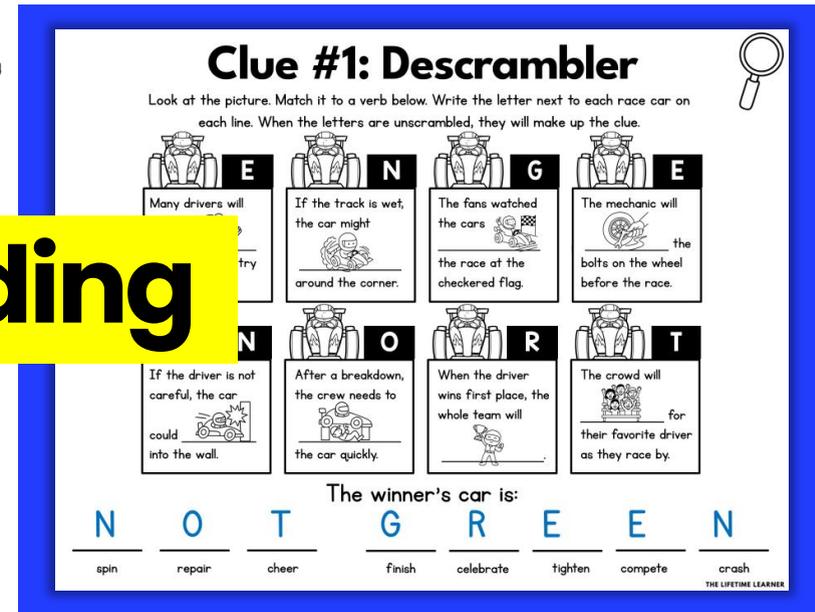
Reading Mysteries aren't just a copy of Math Mysteries!

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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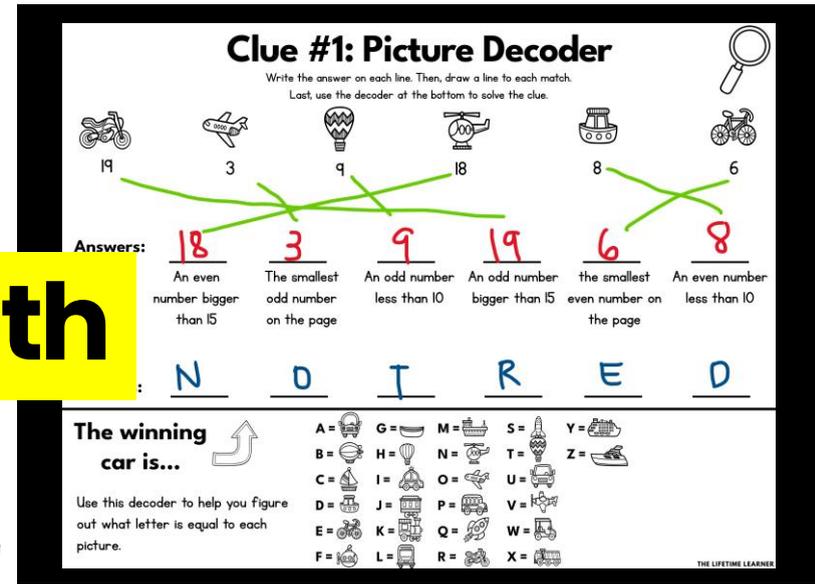
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N O T G R E E N

spin repair cheer finish celebrate tighten compete crash

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.

19	3	9	18	8	6
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Answers: 18 3 9 19 6 8

An even number bigger than 15 The smallest odd number on the page An odd number less than 10 An odd number bigger than 15 the smallest even number on the page An even number less than 10

The winning car is...

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.



BUY A BUNDLE
TO SAVE BIG!

