

# WHAT IS THIS?



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cheers encourages drinks blows passes hold kicks run meets

**solve the mystery**

**The Case of the Missing Trophy**

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

**Where is the Trophy?**  
Solve the clues to figure out where the missing trophy is located.

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

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

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

The 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy has been stolen! Rumor has it that it's somewhere on the school's campus. Help figure out where the trophy is. Solve the clues to figure out where the trophy is and solve the mystery!

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



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 <b>look</b> The team <u>looks</u> ready to win.	 <b>trophy</b> The trophy <u>shines</u> on the shelf.	 <b>not</b> He <u>does not wear</u> a helmet.	 <b>water</b> The players <u>drinks</u> all the water.
 <b>track</b> They <u>run</u> around the track.	 <b>ball</b> She <u>bounces</u> the ball high.	 <b>at</b> The football game <u>starts</u> at noon.	 <b>kid</b> The kid <u>plays</u> soccer after school.
 <b>a</b> The baseball player <u>throws</u> a fast pitch.	 <b>wet</b> The field <u>gets</u> wet after rain.	 <b>run</b> She <u>runs</u> very fast in the relay.	 <b>race</b> The two girls <u>won</u> the race together.

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

**trophy not at a race**

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

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

# SKILL PRACTICE

## Subject Verb Agreement:

- Identify Subject-Verb Agreement
- Error Analysis
- Sorting Present, Past, Future Verb Tense
- Agreement
- Fill in the Blank

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They hit / <u>hits</u> the volleyball before it touches the ground. 	She dive / <u>dives</u> across the court to save the point for his team. 	The team work / <u>works</u> hard during practice to improve their skills. 
The teammates cheer / <u>cheers</u> loudly after every single point. 	She set / <u>sets</u> the ball carefully so her partner can spike it. 	The referee <u>make</u> / makes a decision after watching the play closely. 

How many boxes were correct?  
More green answers = Cross out the places where you kick a ball.  
More red answers = Cross out the places where you need a racket or glove.

**Clue #3: Sports Shirts**  
same color as the whistle they go with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

Present tense: red, Past: green, Future tense: blue

There is no ball in this sport if there are:  
• 3 yellow shirts  
• 4 red shirts  
• 3 green shirts

**All clues focus on reviewing subject-verb agreement!**

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



## Print & Digital Forms

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**3 Clue Version**

Present tense: yellow  
Past tense: red  
Future tense: green

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The trophy is not in water if there are:  
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The coach \_\_\_\_\_ the team with advice during halftime.  
The kicker \_\_\_\_\_ the ball straight through the yellow goalposts.  
The referee \_\_\_\_\_ his whistle to signal the end of the quarter.

A N P

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The crowd \_\_\_\_\_ loudly when the home team scores a touchdown.  
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## Short & Long Options

# PARTS OF SPEECH OPTION AVAILABLE



### Where is the Trophy?

Solve the clues to figure out where the missing trophy is located.

Baseball Field	Football Field	Tennis Court	Swimming Pool
Track	Basketball Court	Volleyball Court	Soccer Field

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

### Clue #1: Missing Trophy

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

**Word Bank**

- golden (A)
- confusedly (A)
- gym (N)
- biggest (O)
- ready (C)
- biggest (O)
- gym (N)
- safely (E)
- cheered (T)
- missing (T)

The school (1) gym (N) was filled with excitement on Championship Day. The Rockets, the school's basketball team, were getting ready for the (2) biggest (O) game of the year. Fans waved signs and (3) cheered (T) from the stands as the coach opened the trophy case. The (4) golden (A) trophy was (5) missing (T).

Where is it? shouted Ava. The players looked around (6) confusedly (A) when they found heard the news. "We need to find it before the game starts," the coach said. The team searched everywhere. Liam looked under bleachers. Jada peeked behind the snack table. Noah even climbed onto the stage to look.

Just then, (7) they (R) heard a funny thump near the team bench. The big lion mascot was sitting there, nervous, and the (8) trophy (A) was sticking out of his costume head.

The mascot pulled it out and laughed. The crowd cheered and the Rockets ran onto the court (9) ready (C). Time, they had the trophy waiting.

N O T  
1 2 3

### Clue #2: Right or Wrong?

Color each thumb in to show if the correct part of speech was identified. Color it green for yes. Color it red for no.

The players serve the ball over the net every time. **noun** thumbs up

They will hit the volleyball before it touches the ground. **verb** thumbs up

The teammates cheer loudly after every single point. **adverb** thumbs up

The coach tells the team what position to play. **verb** thumbs up

She bumps the ball and tries to score a point. **verb** thumbs up

She dove across the court to save the point for his team. **adjective** thumbs up

She sets the ball carefully so her partner can spike it. **adverb** thumbs up

The team works hard during practice to improve their skills. **pronoun** thumbs up

The referee makes a decision after watching the play closely. **verb** thumbs up

### Clue #3: Sports Shirts

Color the shirts the same color as the whistle they go with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

Yellow whistle: she, fast, ball, loud, play  
Red whistle: jersey, kick, they  
Green whistle: it, loud  
Blue whistle: play

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### Clue #4: Word Hunt

How many boxes contain an adverb in them? Circle boxes with adverbs.

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The boy ties his shoe.  
The coach instructs us.  
The referee blows the whistle.  
The player shoots the ball.  
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He tried to make a goal.  
Our teammate focused.  
She kicks the ball.  
He injured his foot.

You use your hands to play this sport.

How many adverbs did you see?  
• 5 = feet  
• 6 = hands  
• 7 = toe  
• 8 = neck

### Clue #5: Descrambler

Collective nouns are listed at the bottom. Choose one to go in each blank. Then, write the letter next to each goal post on the field. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

A team of players ran onto the field together. **A**

A stack of uniforms were just washed for us to wear. **O**

There was a pile of helmets in the gear room. **E**

The rack of hockey sticks was next to a bucket of pucks. **O**

A line of swimmers waited for their turn to dive. **R**

A group of referees all wore black and white. **A**

He carried a set of golf clubs to the last hole. **N**

The song of cheerleaders waved their pom-poms. **P**

A pair of skaters practiced their routine on the ice. **H**

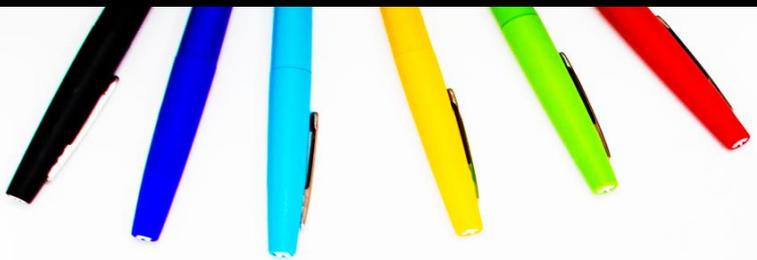
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N E A R A H O O P  
is a set of golf clubs, is a pile of helmets, team of players, line of swimmers, group of referees, pair of skaters, stack of uniforms, rack of hockey sticks, song of cheerleaders

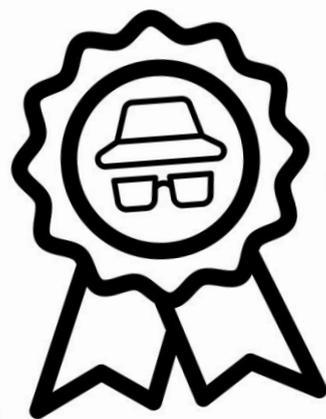
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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!

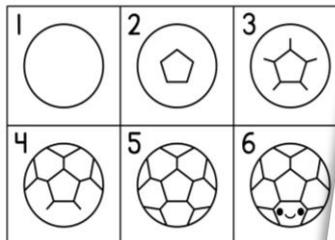
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LET'S DRAW...

a soccer ball



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LET'S DRAW...  
volleyball



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

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He try  
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She kicks  
The two trips  
The player run  
The girl celebrates  
He injure

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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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Now Present red Past green Future

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The Case of the Missing Trophy

# 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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<b>ball</b> She bounces the ball high.	<b>at</b> The football game starts at noon.	<b>kid</b> The kid plays soccer after school.	<b>race</b> The two girls won the race together.
<b>a</b> The baseball player throws a fast pitch.	<b>wet</b> The field gets wet after rain.	<b>run</b> She runs very fast in the relay.	<b>at</b> The two girls won the race together.

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong place off your list.  
**trophy not at a race**

Example of Clue 1

Math

**Clue #1: Fill in the Blank**  
Find ten more or ten less.

518 throw	508 <b>somewhere</b>	589 pool	558 <b>the</b>	528 hit	578 <b>ball</b>
588 <b>trophy</b>	587 catch	68 <b>a</b>	539 is	598 <b>you</b>	583 net
506 track	538 <b>kick</b>	548 <b>located</b>	581 base	585 run	568 <b>isn't</b>

Answer: Word: 558 The 538+10 548 located 528+10 538 kick  
598-10 588 trophy 518-10 508 somewhere 58+10 68 a  
578-10 568 isn't 588+10 598 you 568+10 578 ball

Solve each problem. Write the answer. Then, write the word that goes with it. When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom in each column to figure out the clue.

# 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!**

