

WHAT IS THIS?



Clue #1: Descrambler
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Clue #2: Error Analysis
Does the picture match the sentence? Put a check or an X next to each answer. Read the hint from the character with the most correct answers.

Clue #3: Word Hunt
cheesecake, bookshelf, jellyfish

Clue #4: Color the Coins
Read each riddle and choose the best answer. Then, read the bottom.

I shine above your game world at night.	I protect you from rain during quests.	I'm where your character runs and jumps for fun.	I help you carry treasure back home.	I show up when you're hungry in the game for a sweet treat.	I help you see in dark caves.
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Clue #5: Find It!
Circle the boxes where the compound word is spelled correctly. Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

no The gold is hidden at the end of the rainbow.	boss Ride your skateboard to jump over ramps.	runs The dragon guards a hidden treasure in the woods.	does Tiptoe past the sleeping dragon to grab the key.
not The skydiver jumps from the plane to begin.	hate The monster popped out of a surprise at the table.	like Throw a snowball at the snow monster to defeat it.	tree The clue was hidden in a giant backpack in the cave.
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Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong place off your list.
boss does not like the water

solve the mystery

The Case of the Video Game Boss

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The Video Game World

As you solve each clue, cross out the places that the boss is not located at. The place left at the end will reveal the answer!

Name: _____

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the video game boss is hiding!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

The final boss of the video game is on the run! He doesn't want you to find him because he knows you will defeat him in the last level. Help track down where he is hiding by solving the clues.

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



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 Your high score shows up on the big HOME <input type="checkbox"/> INNING <input type="checkbox"/> GUEST <input type="checkbox"/>	 Win the mini-game to earn extra coins.	 Open the to fix your broken gear.	 Build a to hide behind in the winter level.
 Steal honey from the for a power-up.	 Collect 5 to unlock the ocean stage.	 Ring the to enter the spooky mansion.	

The final boss is scared of

W I T C H E S
scoreboard seashells toolbox beehive baseball doorbell snowman

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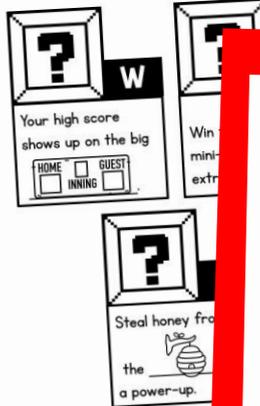
Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the video game boss will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

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scoreboard

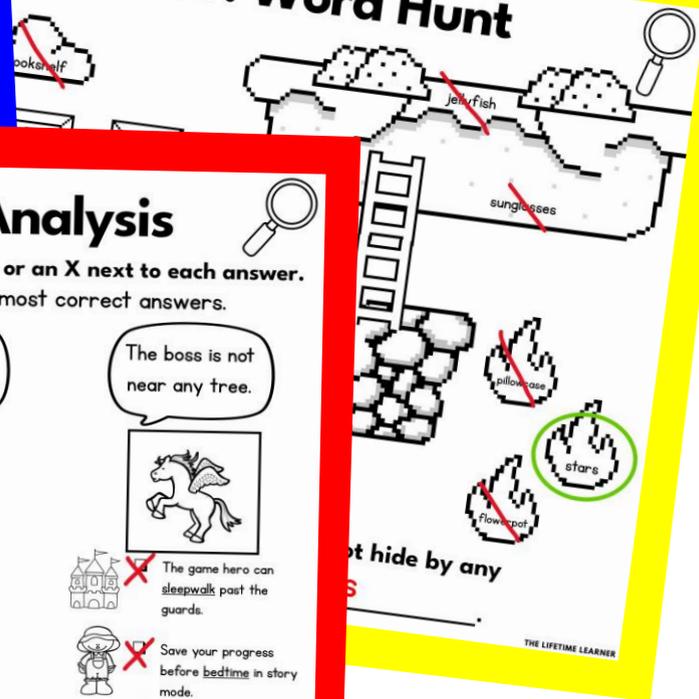
I
seashells

Clue #2: Error Analysis

Does the picture match the sentence? Put a check or an X next to each answer. Read the hint from the character with the most correct answers.

<p>The boss is not near any wings.</p> 	<p>The boss is not near any bridge.</p> 	<p>The boss is not near any tree.</p> 
<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The game challenge is to protect your sandcastle from waves.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A scarecrow guards the farm level from sneaky crows.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The game hero can sleepwalk past the guards.</p>
<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slice the watermelon for extra points in the jungle level.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tie your shoelace before you sprint.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Save your progress before bedtime in story mode.</p>
<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Throw a firecracker to scare away enemies.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The glowing dragonfly shows you the safe path.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blast off in a spaceship to explore new planets.</p>

Clue #3: Word Hunt



- Spelling Compound Words
- Compound Word Riddles
- Match Picture To Word
- Parts of Compound Words
- Fill In The Blank Sentences

All clues focus on reviewing compound words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

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What word is left? Write it on the line.

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5 Clue Version

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Short & Long Options

PARTS OF SPEECH OPTION AVAILABLE



The Video Game World

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Clue #1: 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.

W The player ran quickly across the screen to grab the last **(noun)**.

H A giant monster appeared **(adverb)** behind the glowing gate.

T The team worked together to solve the **(adjective)** puzzle in the castle.

S Jamal carefully **(verb)** over the slippery rock to reach the next level.

C A **(adjective)** map popped up under the player's feet.

I The controller shook wildly when the robot crashed into **(pronoun)** it.

E A brave knight charged forward, and **(pronoun)** jumped.

W I

coin wall

Clue #2: 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 character with the most correct answers.

The boss is not near any wings. is (noun) ✓

The boss is not near any bridge. is (adjective) X

The boss is not near any tree. is (verb) ✓

The challenge in the game is to protect your sandcastle from waves. is (verb) ✓

A scarecrow guards the farm land from sneaky crows. guards (adjective) X

The game here can almost beat the guards. can (verb) ✓

Clue #3: Word Hunt

Read the bottom.

for the verbs green.
or the pronouns red.

Which part of speech was only by any

Clue #4: Color the Coins

Read each sentence and choose what part of speech is underlined. Then color the coin.

The player jumped over the barrel in the game. <u>jumped</u>	The hero will dodge the fireballs. <u>will</u>	The sparkling treasure chest opened slowly. <u>opened</u>	The knight swung his sword quickly while battling a monster. <u>swung</u>	She found a new shield in the shop inside the video game. <u>found</u>	The wizard hid behind the castle wall from the dangerous monster. <u>hid</u>
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The final boss likes being in the sky.
The final boss likes being in a home.
The final boss likes being in a castle.
The final boss likes being in a mountain.

Clue #5: Find It!

Circle the boxes where a verb has been underlined. Cross out boxes where another part of speech is underlined.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

<u>noun</u> no	boss	preposition runs	does
The dragon attacked the path.	The controller was sitting on the desk.	She jumped across the largest.	Take past the sleeping dragon to grab the key.
They raced to the finish line.	adverb hate	These a snowball of the snow monster to defeat it.	adverb tree
The villain laughed at the player when he lost.	preposition troll	The hero ran forward and attacked the monster.	noun green

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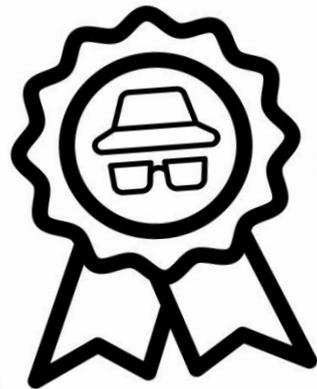
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

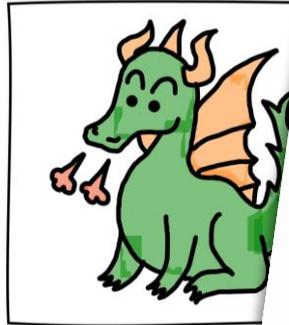
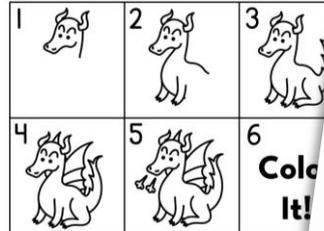
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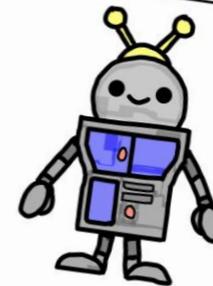
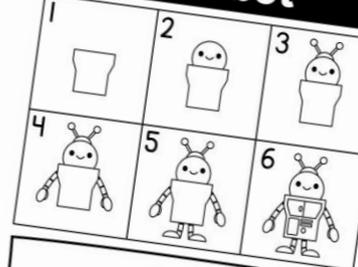
a dragon



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LET'S DRAW...

a robot



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

Clue #4: Color the Coins 

Read each riddle and choose the best answer. Then, read the bottom.

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<input type="checkbox"/> moonlight - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> snowball - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> playground - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> notebook - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> eggplant - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> flashlight - color it red
<input type="checkbox"/> sunshine - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> rainbow - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> classroom - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> backpack - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> oatmeal - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> lampshade - color it green
<input type="checkbox"/> raindrop - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> raincoat - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> sidewalk - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> mailbox - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> cupcake - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> bathtub - color it yellow
<input type="checkbox"/> waterfall - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> snowman - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> lighthouse - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> armchair - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> honeycomb - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> toothbrush - color it blue



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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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chocolate jellyfish

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not The skydiver jumps from the plane to begin.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hate The monster popped out of a sausage from the kitchen.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> like Throw a snowball at the snow monster to defeat it.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tree The clue was hidden in a giant backpack in the cave.
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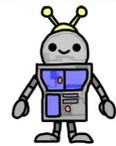
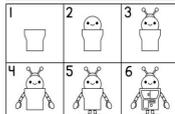
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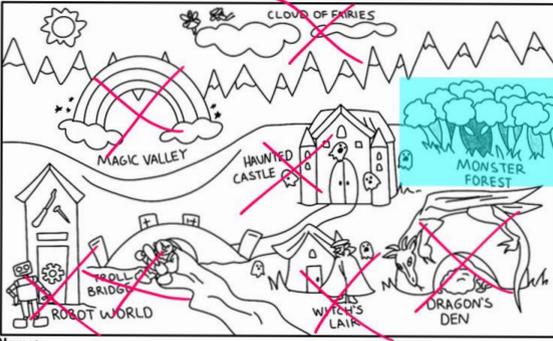
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Locations: MAGIC VALLEY, CLOUD OF FAIRIES, HAUNTED CASTLE, MONSTER FOREST, ROBOT WORLD, WITCH'S LAIR, DRAGON'S DEN.

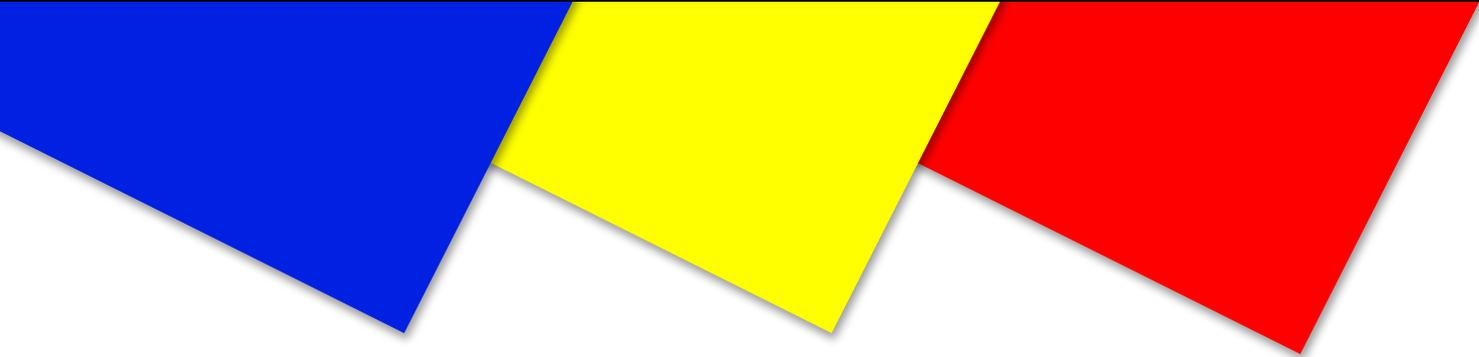
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The Case of the Video Game Boss

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

Example of Clue 1

Math

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	big		Win the mini-game to earn extra coins.		Open the toolbox to fix your broken gear.		Build a snowman to hide behind in the winter level.
	C		I		E		
	Steal honey from the _____ for a power-up.		Collect 5 seashells to unlock the ocean stage.		Ring the doorbell to enter the spooky mansion.		

The final boss is scared of

W	I	T	C	H	E	S
scoreboard	seashells	toolbox	beehive	baseball	doorbell	snowman

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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		20		16		17		13		18		20
Answers: 19	13	17	16	18	20								
You catch 8 monsters. Then you catch 11 more. How many monsters did you catch in all?	Jerry has 5 video games. He gets 8 more. How many video games does Jerry have now?	The princess has 4 crowns. She gets 3 more. How many crowns does she have now?	You have \$7 to buy video games. You get \$5 more. How much money do you have now?	The hero stops 12 monsters. Then he stops 6 more. How many monsters did he stop?	The villain has 5 coins. He takes 15 more. How many coins does he have now?								

The final boss is not hiding in the...

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 =	

Use this decoder to help you figure out what letter is equal to each picture.

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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!**

