

WHAT IS THIS?

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solve the mystery
THE LIFETIME LEARNER
The Case of the Missing Camper

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Your friend loves sweets if you see this: • yellow boy • green dog • red boat • yellow fish	Your friend loves nature if you see this: • blue boy • green dog • red boat • red fish	Your friend loves to go for a hike if you see this: • red boy • green dog • blue boat • yellow fish	Your friend loves to play games if you see this: • yellow boy • green dog • red boat • blue fish
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Where is Your Friend? (Detailed view):

Map labels: COUNSELOR CABIN, MESS HALL, CANOE RENTAL, THE LAKE, NATURE TRAIL, THE CAMPING GROUND, S'MORE PIT, ATHLETIC FIELD.

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

HOW TO PLAY

What Happened?

You and your best friend are finally at summer camp, but now, you don't know where your friend went. It's up to you to solve a set of clues to figure out where they are and solve the mystery!

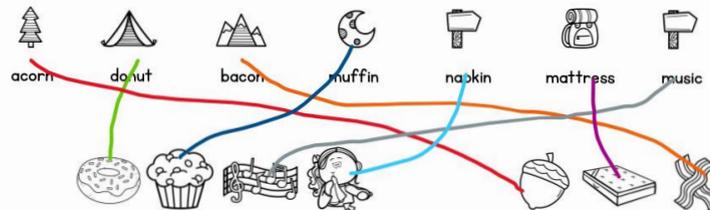
1. Take a map of locations and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where your friend is.
3. Cross out wrong locations each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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Letters: **B** **A** **L** **L** or **N** **E** **T**

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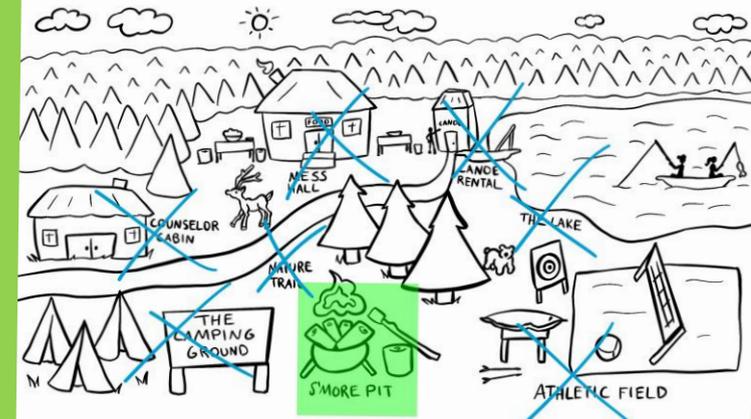
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Name: _____

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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 missing camper will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

6 Syllable Types Review:

- Open And Closed Syllable Words
- Long A and Long E: Vce Words
- Vowel Teams (Multi-Syllable)
- R Controlled Vowels (Multi-Syllable)
- Consonant LE Multi-Syllable

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Clue #3: Error Analysis

Are the words correct? Put a check or an X next to each answer.



✓ We go for a dip in the lake in the sunshine.

✓ I flew on an airplane to get to camp.

✗ I saw a beehive on our hike.

Words that should be crossed out.

Clue #2: Campfire Breakfast

Color the eggs and bacon the same color as the plate they belong on.

Long A
yellow



Long E
red



Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

Cross out places at camp where you eat if there are:
• 5 yellow eggs
• 5 red eggs

Cross out places at camp with a canoe if there are:
• 7 yellow eggs
• 5 red eggs

Cross out places at camp by water if there are:
• 5 yellow eggs
• 7 red eggs

Cross out places at camp with a trail if there are:
• 7 yellow eggs
• 7 red eggs

All clues focus on reviewing a different syllable type!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS

Print & Digital Forms

The image shows a stack of five clue cards for a 'Picture Decoder' activity. The cards are color-coded: green, orange, blue, yellow, and pink. Each card has a title and instructions. The top card is 'Clue #1: Picture Decoder'. The second is 'Clue #2: Campfire Breakfast'. The third is 'Clue #3: Error Analysis'. The fourth is 'Clue #4: The Tent'. The fifth is 'Clue #5: The Fishing Pond'. A black box with white text is overlaid on the cards, reading '3 Clue Version' and '5 Clue Version'.

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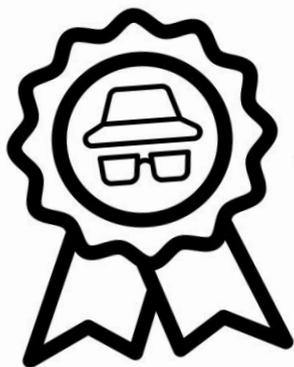
CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

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

There is a version of the mystery included that reviews CVC Words (Short A, E, I, O, U).

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

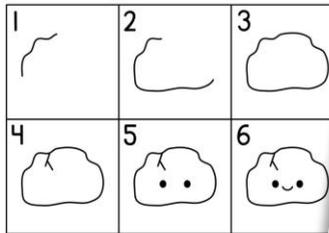
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11/2
Date

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Presented by:

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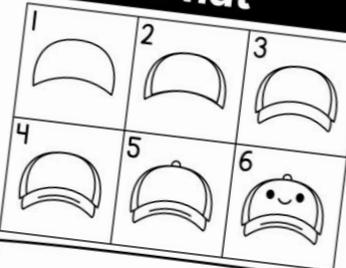
a rock



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LET'S DRAW...

a hat



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If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

PHONICS MYSTERY BENEFITS



- No Prep
- Print and Digital Versions
- 3 & 5 Clue Options
- Fun and Engaging
- Easy to Differentiate
- Encourages Critical Thinking
- Aligns with Phonics Standards
- Perfect for Review Days
- Choice between 2 versions: Phonics Mystery OR CVC Words Mystery.
- You can even mix/match clues to combine the 2 skills together.

Clue #4: The Tent
Read what to do at the bottom.

Cross out the following words:
• campfire • garbage • harvest • target
• backyard • forest • carpet

Which letters are left? Write them on the line.

Another camper tells you your friend is not in a place with **WALLS**.

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Ideas for Use:

- Use as a mini lesson during whole group time
- During small groups
- In partners
- In table groups
- For fast finishers

WHY TEACHERS LOVE THESE!

Ordinary phonics worksheets can be boring and unoriginal.

You want activities that are fun and engaging, but also rigorous and meaningful to student learning.

PHONICS MYSTERIES ARE EXACTLY WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

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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.

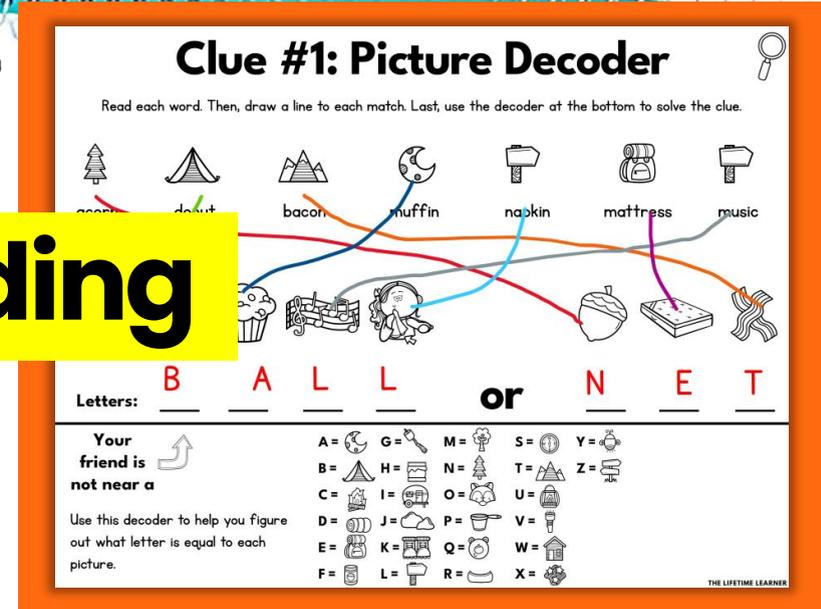
The only thing that stays the same is the list of suspects students start with!

So, if you have both, students can play during math and then again during reading for double the fun.

Reading

Example of Clue 1

Math



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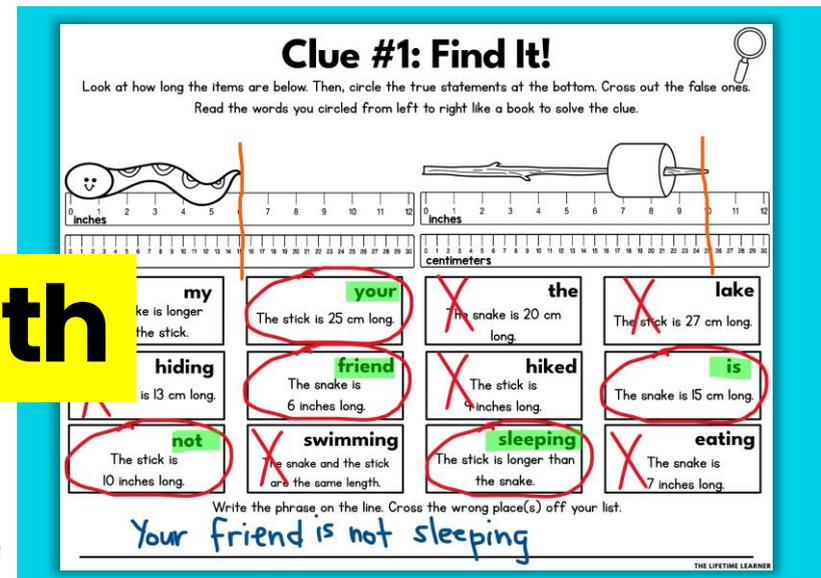
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Clue #1: Find It!

Look at how long the items are below. Then, circle the true statements at the bottom. Cross out the false ones. Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

Snake and stick measurements in inches and centimeters.

my friend is longer than the stick.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> your friend is 25 cm long.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the snake is 20 cm long.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the lake is 27 cm long.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hiding is 13 cm long.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> friend is 6 inches long.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hiked is 4 inches long.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is 15 cm long.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not 10 inches long.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> swimming are the same length.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sleeping is longer than the snake.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> eating is 7 inches long.

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

Your friend is not sleeping

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!**

