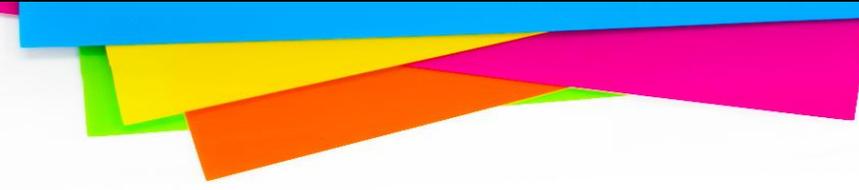


WHAT IS THIS?



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

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Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then

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Does the picture match the word?
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The missing donut does not have:

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tic/ket a/corn hel/lo blan/ket si/ren he/ro pump/kin i/cy hel/met

solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Donut

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Which Donut Was Stolen?

Solve the clues to figure out which donut went missing from the donut shop.

Glaze Donut	Jam-Filled Donut	Donut Holes	Chocolate Drizzle
Apple Cruller	Sprinkle Donut	Chocolate Swirl	Cream Filled

Name: _____

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Students complete a series of clues to figure out what donut was stolen!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Someone has stolen a donut from the donut shop! The owner wants your help to figure out what flavor was taken. Solve the clues to figure out what donut was taken and solve the mystery!

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



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

 stolen	 top	 the	 does	 fat	 jam
 fast	 sweet	 donut	 yum	 eat	 frosting
 back	 have	 met	 the	 big	 on

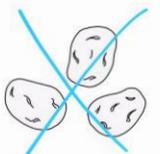
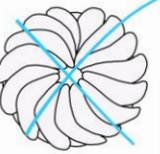
Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

Word:	Word:	Word:
basket  the	muffin  does	rabbit  on
magnet  stolen	kitten  have	cactus  the
napkin  donut	button  frosting	mitten  top

When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom ↓ in each row to figure out the clue.

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Name: _____

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

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

SKILL PRACTICE

Open & Closed Syllable Review:

- Closed Syllable Words
- VC CV
- Open Syllable Words
- V / CV
- Open Syllable Words
- V/V
- Identify Open Syllable

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

Read each word below. Find the word that matches the picture.

 stolen	 top	 the	 does	 fat	 jam
 fast	 sweet			 eat	 frosting
 back	 have				

Word:

basket  the

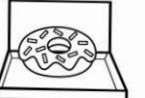
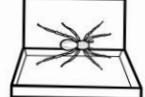
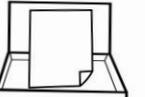
magnet  stolen

napkin  donut

When you are done, read the words.

Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop

Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

		
A. pond - pink door B. penny - purple door C. point - yellow door D. pony - blue door	A. donut - pink window B. dinner - purple window C. doctor - yellow window D. dragon - blue window	A. silver - pink girl B. sister - purple girl C. silent - yellow girl D. slide - blue girl
		
A. soccer - pink roof B. salad - purple roof C. spider - yellow roof D. spike - blue roof	A. pepper - pink cup B. paper - purple cup C. poster - yellow cup D. painter - blue cup	A. ticket - pink bag B. tiny - purple bag C. tulip - yellow bag D. tiger - blue bag

Choose the key below that matches how you colored the picture of the donut shop.

<p>Cross out swirl donut if the picture has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• blue door• pink window• yellow girl• yellow roof• purple cup• blue bag	<p>Cross out jam donut if the picture has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• blue door• purple window• yellow girl• yellow roof• pink cup• blue bag	<p>Cross out glaze donut if the picture has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• blue door• pink window• blue girl• yellow roof• purple cup• yellow bag	<p>Cross out cream donut if the picture has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• pink door• pink window• yellow girl• purple roof• purple cup• pink bag
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Clue #3: Error Analysis

Does the picture match the word? Circle the syllable word. Decide if the picture matches the word. Put a check or an X.

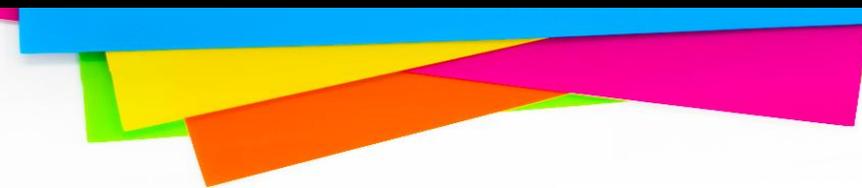
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mom told me to dial the donut shop to order more.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I drew a donut in my diary.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I ate my donut before my piano lesson started.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My violin teacher gave me a donut for doing well.	

With the most correct answers, your donut page.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

All clues focus on reviewing open & closed syllable words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank
 stolen top the donut fat jam

Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop
 Circle the right answer and color in the picture.

Clue #3: Error Analysis
 Does the picture match the word?
 Read each open syllable word. Decide if the picture matches the word. Put a check or an X.

3 Clue Version

Which donut had the most correct answers? Keep the donut with the most correct answers. Cross out the 2 donuts with less correct answers on your donut page.

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 zero

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5 Clue Version

The missing donut does not have:

S P R I N K L E S

tic/ket a/corn hel/lo blan/ket si/ren he/ro pump/kin i/cy hel/met

Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop
 Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

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 C. point - yellow door
 D. pony - blue door

A. donut - pink window
 B. dinner - purple window
 C. doctor - yellow window
 D. dragon - blue window

A. silver - pink girl
 B. sister - purple girl
 C. silent - yellow girl
 D. slide - blue girl

A. soccer - pink roof
 B. salad - purple roof
 C. spider - yellow roof
 D. spike - blue roof

A. pepper - pink cup
 B. paper - purple cup
 C. poster - yellow cup
 D. painter - blue cup

A. ticket - pink bag
 B. tiny - purple bag
 C. tulip - yellow bag
 D. tiger - blue bag

Choose the key below that matches how you colored the picture of the donut shop.

Cross out sweet donut if the picture has:
 • blue door
 • pink window
 • yellow girl
 • yellow roof
 • purple cup
 • blue bag

Cross out jam donut if the picture has:
 • blue door
 • purple window
 • yellow girl
 • yellow roof
 • pink cup
 • blue bag

Cross out glaze donut if the picture has:
 • blue door
 • pink window
 • blue girl
 • yellow roof
 • purple cup
 • yellow bag

Cross out cream donut if the picture has:
 • blue door
 • purple window
 • pink window
 • blue girl
 • yellow roof
 • purple cup
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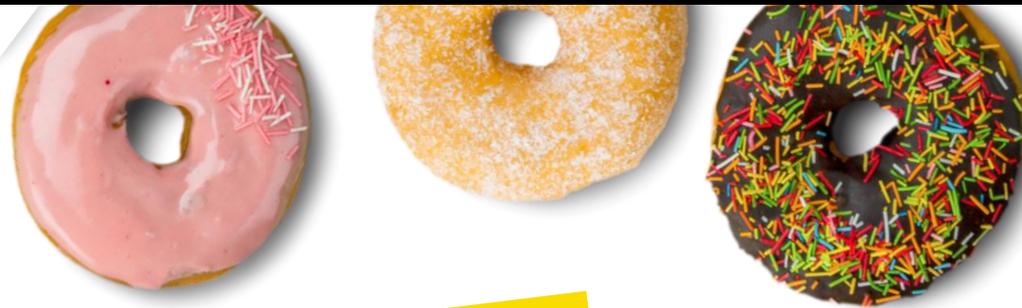
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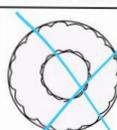
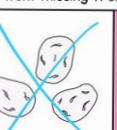
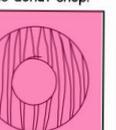
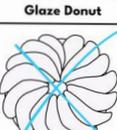
Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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Name: _____

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

Word: _____

pen  _____ cup  _____ zip  _____

cut  _____ hop  _____ wet  _____

lip  _____

When you are done, read _____

Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop

Circle the right answer and color in the picture. Then read the bottom.

A. bag - pink door
B. bun - purple door
C. get - yellow door
D. big - blue door

A. gum - pink window
B. gas - purple window
C. get - yellow window
D. gem - blue window

A. bet - pink girl
B. bag - purple girl
C. bed - yellow girl
D. bin - blue girl

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B. job - purple roof
C. jet - yellow roof
D. job - blue roof

A. bad - pink cup
B. bus - purple cup
C. bag - yellow cup
D. bun - blue cup

A. fat - pink bag
B. fan - purple bag
C. fun - yellow bag
D. fox - blue bag

Clue #4: Word Hunt

Cross out the following pictures:

The donut has no **jam** on it.

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

Clue #3: Error Analysis

Does the picture match the word? Put a check or an X next to each answer.

 mop
 fun
 wag
 pet

 beg
 den
 jam

 fix
 fin
 hat
 hen

Clue #5: Descrambler

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 **R**  **P**  **S**  **N**  **L**

 **K**  **S**  **E**  **I**

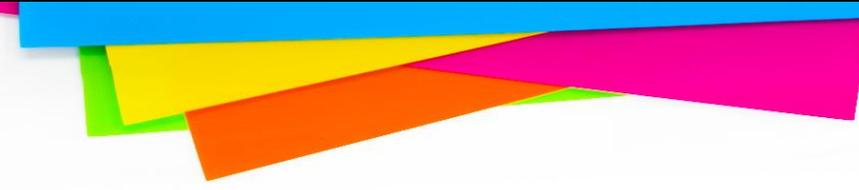
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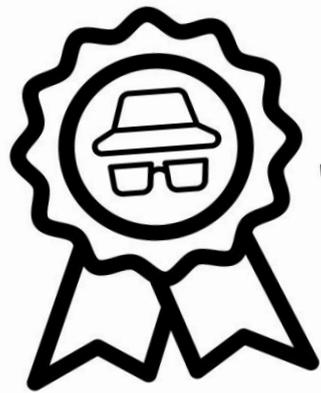
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

11/2
Date

AW
Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...
a coffee

1	2	3
4	5	6

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LET'S DRAW...
a donut

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.

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: Word Hunt

Cross out all:
open syllable words.

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

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THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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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stolen top the does fat jam

Clue #2: Color the Donut Shop

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The Case of the Missing Donut

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

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

Read below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

Word:	muffin	Word:	rabbit		
magnet	stolen	kitten	have	cactus	the
napkin	donut	button	frosting	mitten	top

When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom ↓ in each row to figure out the clue.

Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Find It!

Circle the boxes that equal \$0.50.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

the three dimes and four nickels	smallest Two quarters and a nickel	sprinkles Five pennies and two dimes	<u>donut Eight nickels and a dime</u>
looks like quarters	<u>does Ten nickels</u>	hole Two nickels and five dimes	<u>not Four dimes and ten pennies</u>
<u>have Two quarters</u>	chocolate Five nickels and two dimes	fruit One dime and 2 nickels	<u>filling Five nickels and one quarter</u>

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

The donut does not have filling

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!**

