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solve the
mystery



The Case of the Missing Princess

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

HOW TO PLAY

What Happened?

The princess has disappeared! You need to figure out which fairytale character in the kingdom she is hiding with. Help figure out which character the princess is hiding with by solving clues.

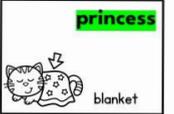
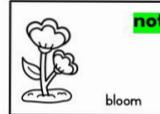
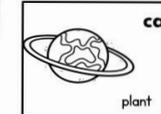
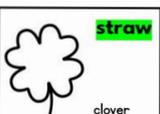
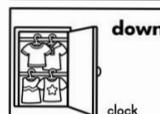
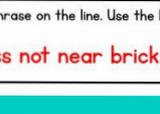
1. Take a list of characters and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the princess is hiding.
3. Cross out wrong characters each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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Clue #1: Find It!

Circle the boxes that are true.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

 princess	 prince	 not	 can
 blanket	 clown	 bloom	 plant
 near	 has	 brick	 stick
 floor	 flipper	 climb	 glitter
 up	 straw	 down	 egg
 blister	 clover	 clock	 fluffy

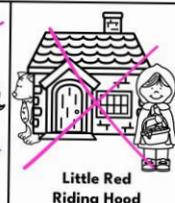
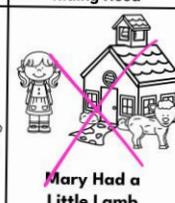
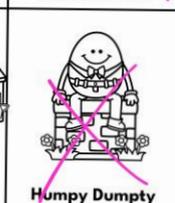
Write the phrase on the line. Use the hint to cross the wrong place off your list.

Princess not near brick stick straw

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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 princess will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

Beginning Blends Review:

- 2 Letter Blends
- Multi-syllable Words
- Beginning L Blends
- Beginning R Blends
- Beginning S Blends
- Onset & Rime
- Fill in the Blank
- Match Picture to Word

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princess prince not can

blanket floor blister

near up

Write the phrase or sentence you read.

Princess no

Clue #2: Right or Wrong
Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

The royal band played the <u>trumpet</u> when the king came.	The frog gave a loud <u>croak</u> before he turned into a prince.	The <u>troll</u> lost his gold when the goat ran past him.
The princess wore a <u>crow</u> to the ball.	The princess <u>dreams</u> about getting out of the castle.	The <u>dragon</u> flew past us in a rush.
A loud <u>growl</u> warned the witch to stay away.	The <u>prince</u> came out to say hi to the crowd.	The witch mixed a <u>brew</u> in her black pot.

In each box, color a thumbs up or a thumbs down to show if the picture is correct.

How many pictures were correct?

1 Correct = Cross out any places with eggs.	5 Correct = Cross out any places with girls.
2 Correct = Cross out any places with hens.	6 Correct = Cross out any places with boys.
3 Correct = Cross out any places with beans.	7 Correct = Cross out any places with bears.
4 Correct = Cross out any places with a lamb.	8 Correct = Cross out any places with a wolf.

Clue #3: Multiple Choice
Tell what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

A. smash A. slip

A. sleep
B. slay
C. slumber
D. slipper

A. stairs
B. stone
C. storm
D. stalk

How many Ds did you circle?
1 D = treats
2 Ds = door
3 Ds = girls
4 Ds = boys

All clues focus on reviewing beginning blends!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS

Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

Circle how many you chose in each box below. Then, read the phrase to know what to cross out.

How many As did you circle? 1 A = no 2 As = she 3 As = the 4 As = when	How many Bs did you circle? 1 B = loves 2 Bs = hates 3 Bs = eats 4 Bs = runs	How many Cs did you circle? 1 C = meat 2 Cs = crack 3 Cs = sweet 4 Cs = pet	How many Ds did you circle? 1 D = treats 2 Ds = door 3 Ds = girls 4 Ds = boys
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5 Clue Version

The princess did not go to sleep if: • 2 red clouds • 3 yellow clouds • 2 green clouds • 3 blue clouds	The princess did not go to sleep if: • 3 red clouds • 3 yellow clouds • 2 green clouds • 2 blue clouds	The princess did not go to sleep if: • any kid with a cape if: • 2 red clouds • 2 yellow clouds • 3 green clouds • 3 blue clouds	How many clouds did you see? • 2 red clouds • 2 yellow clouds • 3 green clouds • 2 blue clouds
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Clue #4: Word Hunt
Fill in the beginning blend for each word.

tw ig tw eet tw ins st eal gr andma br icks fl

What blend did you write the most? Circle it. Write word on line.

- br = boy
- st = animal
- fl = girl
- tw = kid

The princess went to visit a kid

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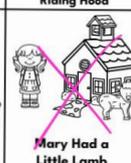
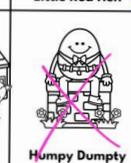
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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

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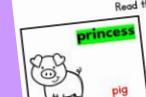
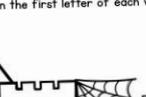
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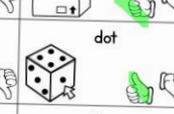
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Circle the boxes that have the "i" sound.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

 princess	 prince	 not	 pig
 near	 has	 mix	 brick
 bit	 fox	 sip	 down
 up	 straw	 dot	 jot

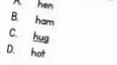
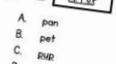
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 pod	 rob	 box
 cup	 mop	 dot
 mad	 hot	 fog

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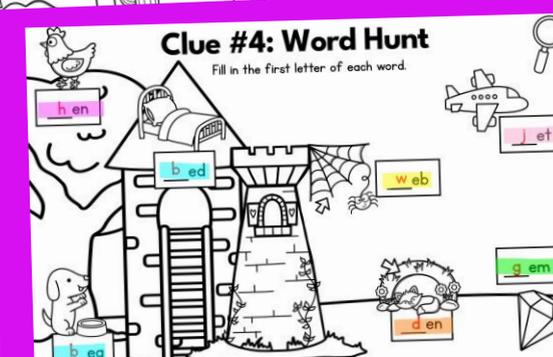
 fun	 hen	 get
 fan	 ham	 gas
 fat	 bug	 gem
	 hat	 gum

How many you chose in each box below. Then, read the phrase to know what to cross out.

A. mad	A. pan	A. sun
B. mad	B. pet	B. sat
C. map	C. pup	C. six
D. map	D. pat	D. set

Clue #4: Word Hunt

Fill in the first letter of each word.



The princess went to visit a **kid**.

What letter did you write the most? Circle it. Write word on line.

G = boy	H = animal
D = girl	B = kid

Clue #5: Ending Sounds

Color the clouds the same color as the star they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

red ends with N	yellow ends with M	green ends with T	blue ends with P
ma f	pa n	ta p	ja m
fa n	fa t	ra n	ra m
la p	ba f	la p	la p

The princess did not go see any sheep if:

- 2 red clouds
- 3 yellow clouds
- 2 green clouds
- 3 blue clouds

The princess did not go see any bears if:

- 3 red clouds
- 3 yellow clouds
- 2 green clouds
- 2 blue clouds

The princess did not go see any kids with a cape if:

- 2 red clouds
- 3 green clouds
- 3 blue clouds

The princess did not go see any clouds if:

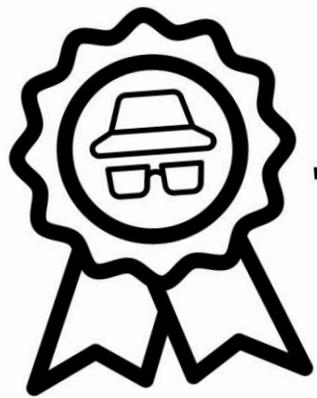
- 3 red clouds
- 2 yellow clouds
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- 2 blue clouds

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

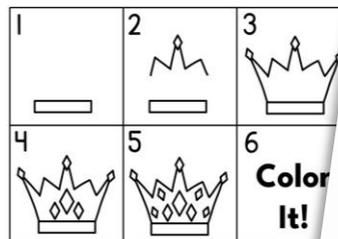
You solved the mystery!

11/2
Date

AW
Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...

a crown



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LET'S DRAW...

a queen



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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 #5: Cloud Sort

Color the clouds the same color as the star they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

red	yellow	green	blue
starts with gr	starts with tr	starts with sw	starts with cr
sweep	grumpy	crack	treasure
swamp	grow	swan	grasshopper
trail	cry		

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The princess did not go see any beans if:

- 3 red clouds
- 3 yellow clouds
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- 2 blue clouds

The princess did not go see any kid with a cape if:

- 2 red clouds
- 2 yellow clouds
- 3 green clouds
- 3 blue clouds

The princess did not go see any animals if you see:

- 3 red clouds
- 2 yellow clouds
- 3 green clouds
- 2 blue clouds

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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.

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gr_ow	sw_an	gr_ashopper	tr_ail	cr_y

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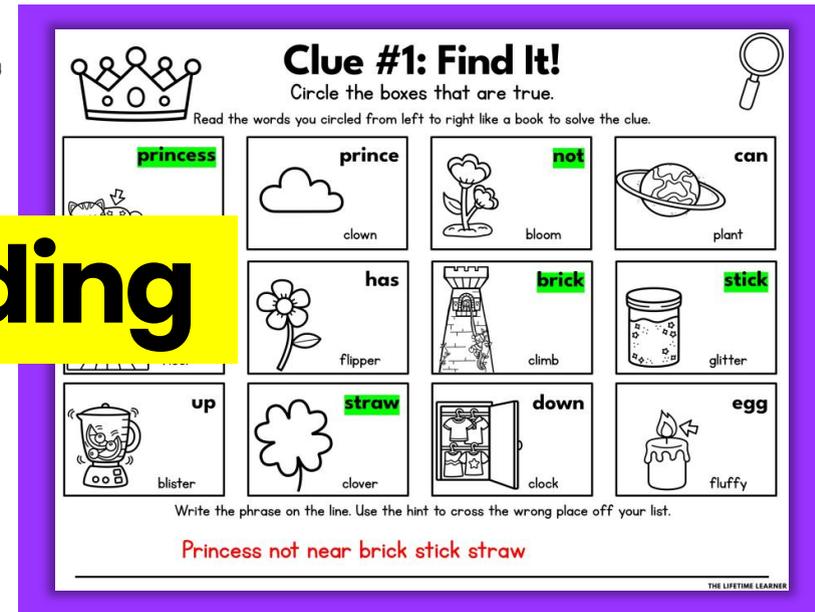
Reading Mysteries aren't just a copy of Math Mysteries!

They have brand-new clues, focus on reading skills, and even feature a different conclusion to the mystery.

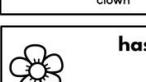
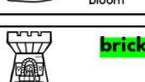
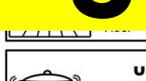
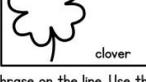
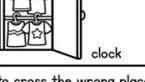
The only thing that stays the same is the list of suspects students start with!

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

Reading



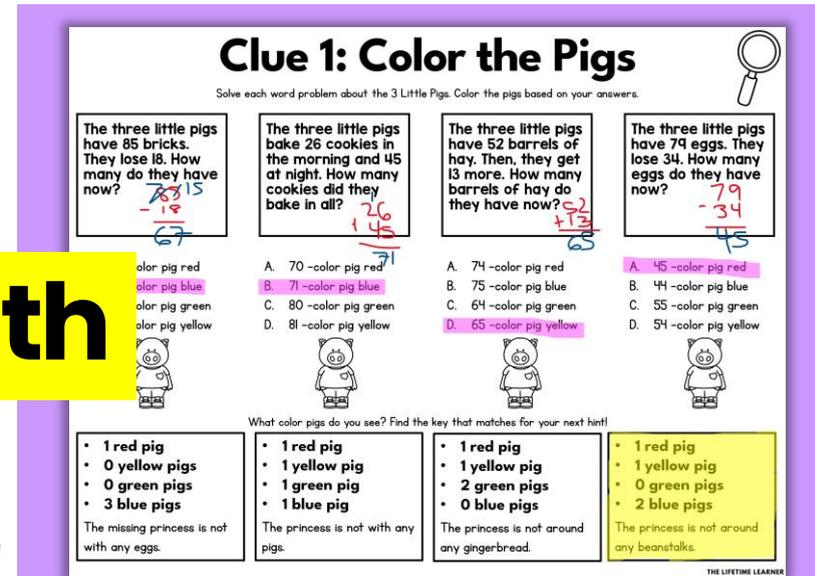
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Write the phrase on the line. Use the hint to cross the wrong place off your list.
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Example of Clue 1

Math



Clue 1: Color the Pigs
Solve each word problem about the 3 Little Pigs. Color the pigs based on your answers.

<p>The three little pigs have 85 bricks. They lose 18. How many do they have now?</p> $\begin{array}{r} 85 \\ -18 \\ \hline 67 \end{array}$	<p>The three little pigs bake 26 cookies in the morning and 45 at night. How many cookies did they bake in all?</p> $\begin{array}{r} 26 \\ +45 \\ \hline 71 \end{array}$	<p>The three little pigs have 52 barrels of hay. Then, they get 13 more. How many barrels of hay do they have now?</p> $\begin{array}{r} 52 \\ +13 \\ \hline 65 \end{array}$	<p>The three little pigs have 79 eggs. They lose 34. How many eggs do they have now?</p> $\begin{array}{r} 79 \\ -34 \\ \hline 45 \end{array}$
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What color pigs do you see? Find the key that matches for your next hint!

<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 red pig0 yellow pigs0 green pigs3 blue pigs <p>The missing princess is not with any eggs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 red pig1 yellow pig1 green pig1 blue pig <p>The princess is not with any pigs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 red pig1 yellow pig2 green pigs0 blue pigs <p>The princess is not around any gingerbread.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 red pig1 yellow pig0 green pigs2 blue pigs <p>The princess is not around any beanstalks.</p>
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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:

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