

WHAT IS THIS?



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shrink splatter sprout squirrel stream throne

Clue 3: Fill in the Blank

shop wings fly fairy ship book
dragon the wand horn thief fire

Clue #4: Count Them
Fill in the blend at the beginning of each.
Circle all spl- words.
Cross out all squ- words.

sq_ irrel
sq_ eak

straw
street
string
When you

Clue #5: Error Analysis
Does the picture match the word? Put a check or an X next to each answer.

<input type="checkbox"/> I sit on a throne.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My throat hurts.	<input type="checkbox"/> My hand throbs in pain.
<input type="checkbox"/> Throw the ball.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have three dogs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The ride gives me a thrill.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> He went through it.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> He thrust the ball.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I sew with the thread.

The suspect with the most correct answers is the thief!

solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Wand

The Suspect List

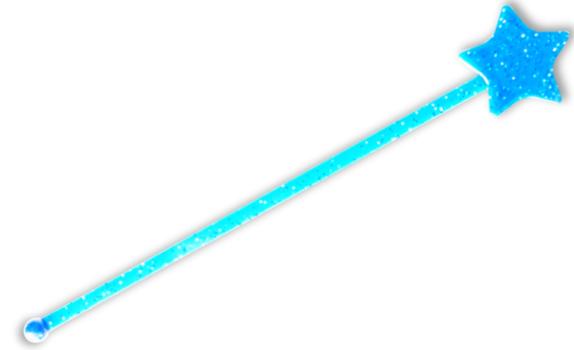
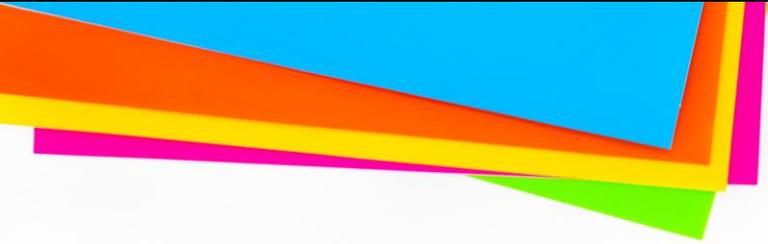
Read what the suspects had to say about where they were when the magic wand went missing.

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Name: _____

Students complete a series of clues to figure out who took the missing wand!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Uh oh! Your new magic wand went missing and you don't know who took it! It's up to you to find out where your wand might be.

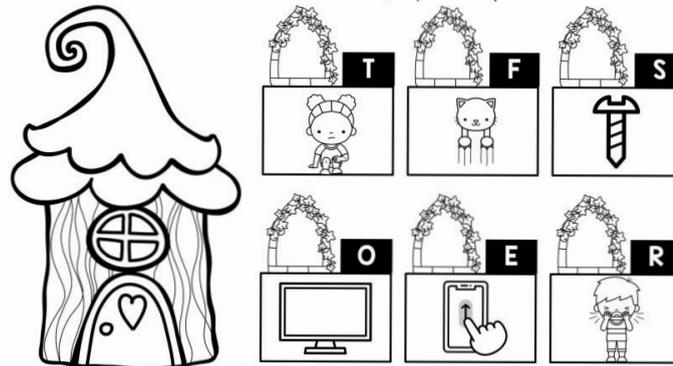
Solve each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the treasure is! Good luck!



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The thief was not in the:

FOREST

scratch screen scream scroll screw scrape

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Read what the suspects had to say about where they were when the magic wand went missing.

I was flying in the forest. Dragon	I was flying in the garden. Fairy	I was at my house. Gnome	I was in the forest. Unicorn
I was at the shop. Wizard	I was in the garden. Monster	I was at my house. Witch	I was at the shop. Troll

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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal which suspect to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the magic wand will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

3 Letter Blends Review:

- SCR, SHR, SPL, SPR, SQU, STR, THR Words
- Decoding 2 Syllable Words
- Error Analysis
- Fill in the Blank
- Multiple Choice

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shrink	splatter	sprout	squirrel	stream	throne
- color it red					
- color it green					
- color it yellow					
- color it blue					

What color mushrooms do you see? Find the key that matches for your next hint!

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 red mushrooms• 1 blue mushroom• 1 green mushroom• 2 yellow mushrooms The thief does not have a wand in their hand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 red mushroom• 2 blue mushrooms• 2 green mushrooms• 1 yellow mushroom The thief does not have any horns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 red mushrooms• 1 blue mushroom• 2 green mushrooms• 1 yellow mushroom The thief is animal with a long tail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 red mushroom• 2 blue mushrooms• 1 green mushroom• 2 yellow mushrooms The thief has a hat on their head.
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Clue #3: Fill in the Blank
Write the word in each box.

Word: _____

_____ straps _____ has

_____ stranger _____ no

_____ stroll _____ wings

All clues focus on reviewing 3 letter blends!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

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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The thief does not have a wand in their hand.

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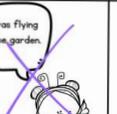
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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

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lip

 hen	 lip	 pot
 o	 e	 t

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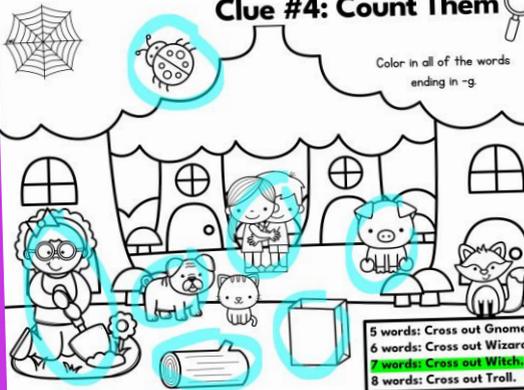
Answer each question. Color in each mushroom. Then, read the bottom.

mat	bit	peg	dot	rag	cub
					

5 words: Cross out Gnome.
6 words: Cross out Wizard.
7 words: Cross out Witch.
8 words: Cross out Troll.

Clue #4: Count Them

Color in all of the words ending in -g.



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> web	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cob	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cab

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Clue 3: Fill in the Blank

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

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dragon	the	wand	horn	thief	fire
the	no	house	who	feet	has

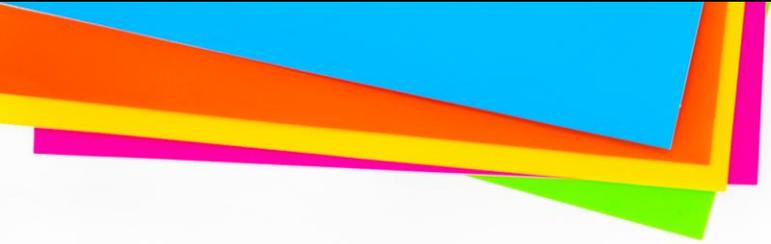
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hit	took	cat	has		
thief	nut	the	fox	no	wings

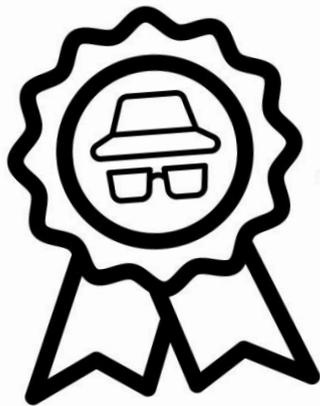
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

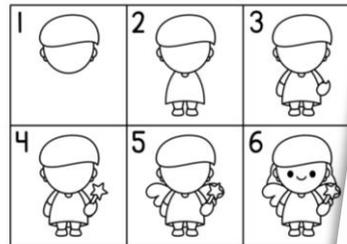
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Presented by:

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LET'S DRAW...

a fairy



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LET'S DRAW...

a frog prince

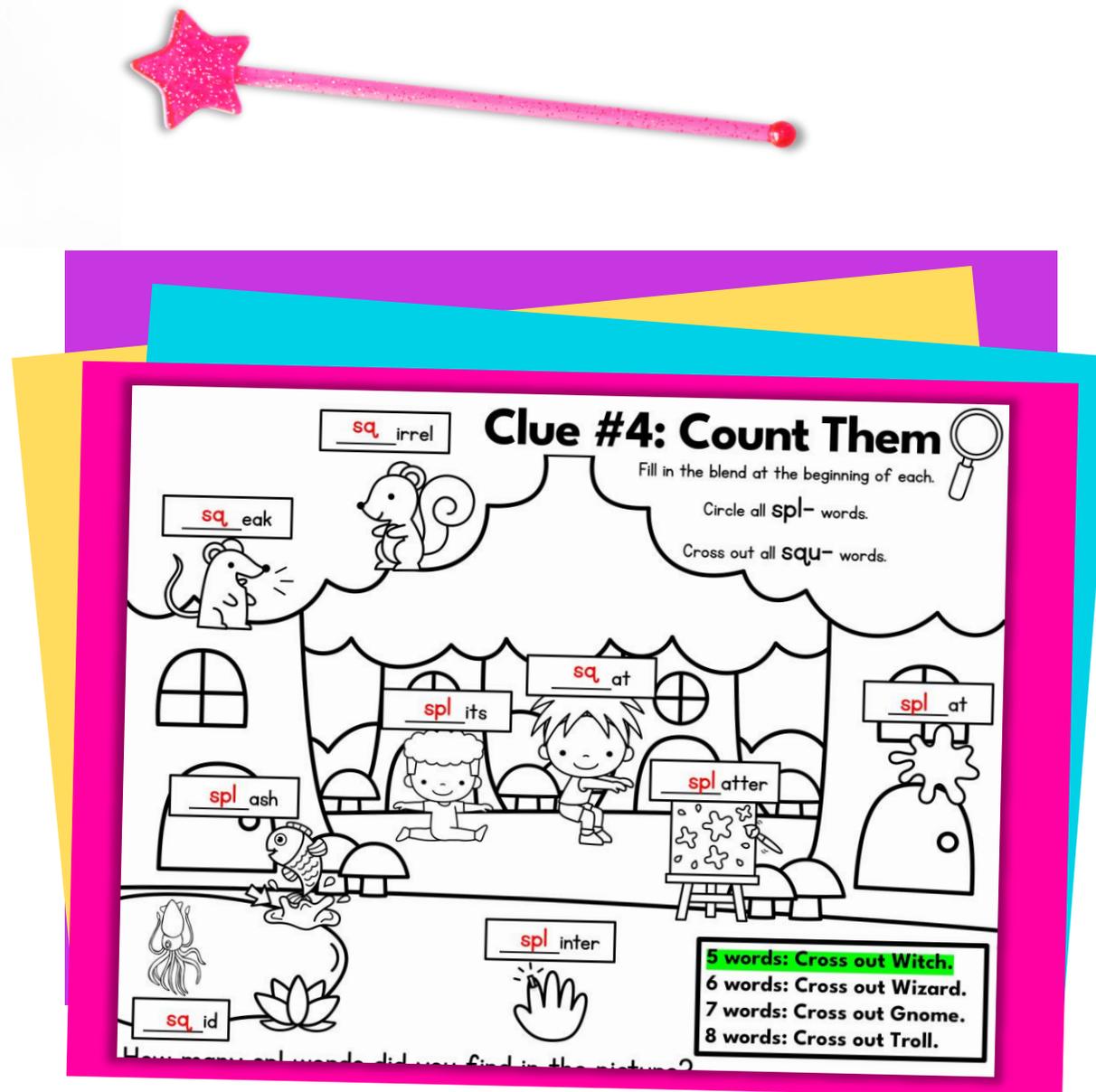


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If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

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.



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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LET'S DRAW... a fairy

1	2	3
4	5	6

LET'S DRAW... a frog prince

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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

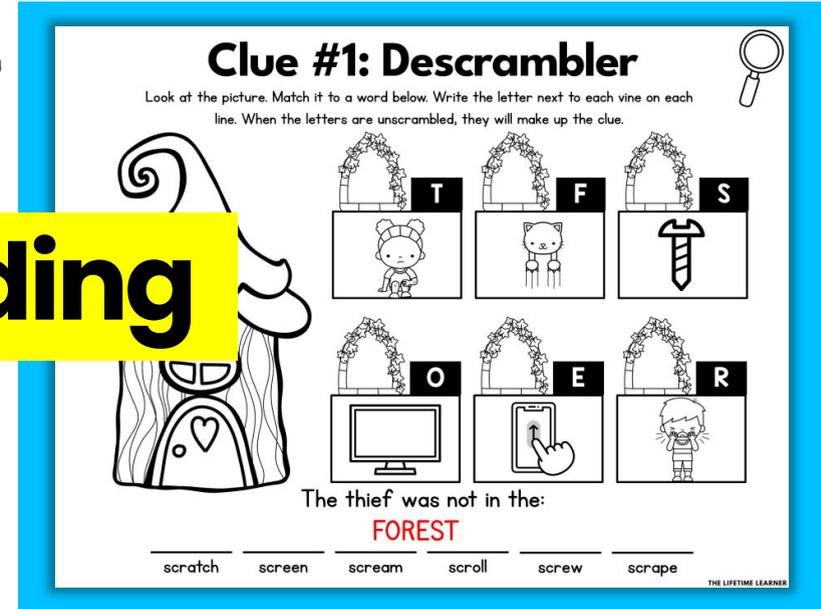
Reading Mysteries aren't just a copy of Math Mysteries!

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



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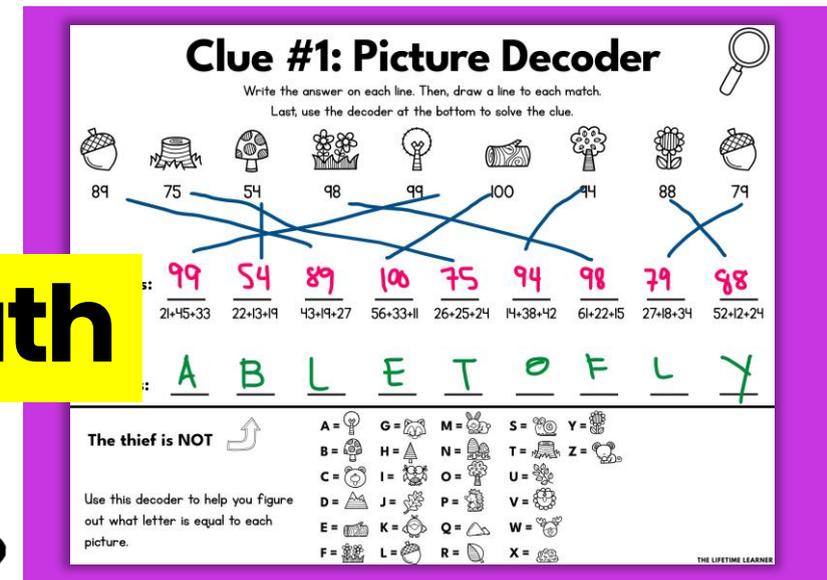
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Example of Clue 1

Math



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.

The thief is NOT

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

A = [acorn] G = [mushroom] M = [mushroom] S = [mushroom] Y = [mushroom]
B = [mushroom] H = [mushroom] N = [mushroom] T = [mushroom] Z = [mushroom]
C = [mushroom] I = [mushroom] O = [mushroom] U = [mushroom]
D = [mushroom] J = [mushroom] P = [mushroom] V = [mushroom]
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F = [mushroom] L = [mushroom] R = [mushroom] X = [mushroom]

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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.



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TO SAVE BIG!**

