

WHAT IS THIS?



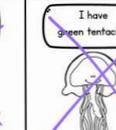
solve the mystery



The Case of the Scuba Diver

What Did I See in the Ocean?

Read the facts about each animal to help you solve the clues.

I have red fins.  Pufferfish	I have yellow tentacles.  Octopus	I have a blue nose.  Dolphin	I have green tentacles.  Jellyfish
I have red paws.  Crab	I have a blue tail.  Shark	I have a green shell.  Sea Turtle	I have a yellow face.  Seahorse

Name: _____

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Clue #1: Error Analysis

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

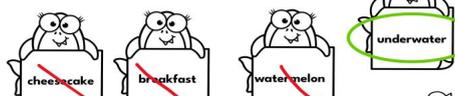
Clue #2: Rhyming Fish

Fill in the missing part of each word. Color the coral the same color as the fish they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

Clue #3: Find It!

Circle the boxes that show the correct picture for each sentence. Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

Clue #4: Word Hunt



Clue #5: Descrambler

Look at the picture. Match it to a word below. Write the letter next to each wave on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

 U	 I	 S	 K	 R
				
 T	 Q	 N	 I	 S
				

This animal:

S Q U I R T S I N K
sandbox sailboat fishbowl lighthouse seashell goldfish jellyfish starfish sunglasses swimsuit

Students complete a series of clues to figure out what sea creature you saw!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

On your scuba diving trip, you had a great time exploring the sea. The problem is that you don't know which type of ocean creature you saw! Now, you need to solve some clues to figure out which animal it was. Solve the mystery so you can tell your friends about your scuba adventure.

1. Take a list of sea animals and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which animal you saw.
3. Cross out the wrong animals each time you find out new information. Good luck!

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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<p>I have sharp claws. You did not see any sharp claws!</p> <p>Crab</p>	<p>I have sharp teeth. You did not see any sharp teeth!</p> <p>Shark</p>	<p>I have a green shell. You did not see a green shell.</p> <p>Sea Turtle</p>
<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A rainbow shines over the sea.</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> He wears a <u>raincoat</u> on the boat.</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> She rings the <u>doorbell</u> to take her pal to the beach.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> She packs a <u>hairbrush</u> for the beach.</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There is a <u>birdhouse</u> on the shore.</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> They <u>skydive</u> over the ocean.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <u>firefighter</u> saved the turtles.</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Firecrackers</u> boom our heads on the sand.</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> He uses a <u>stopwatch</u> to see how long we are under the water.</p>

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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what sea creature to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the scuba diver will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

Compound Words Review:

- Multi-Syllable Words
- Error Analysis
- Missing Syllables
- Reading Sentences
- Spelling Compound Words
- Matching Pictures to Words
- Fill in the Blank

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Fill in the missing part of each word. Color the coral the same color as the fish they belong with.
Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

Same Word Missing: green

Different Word Missing: red

lady <u>bug</u>	tree <u>house</u>	book <u>mark</u>	flower <u>pot</u>	pillow <u>case</u>
lip <u>stick</u>	dog <u>house</u>	book <u>shelf</u>	sun <u>flower</u>	suit <u>case</u>
snow <u>ball</u>	base <u>ball</u>	honey <u>comb</u>	pan <u>cake</u>	corn <u>dog</u>
snow <u>man</u>	basket <u>ball</u>	bee <u>hive</u>	pine <u>apple</u>	pop <u>corn</u>

Cross out any blue creatures if there are:
• 6 green coral
• 4 red coral

Cross out any green creatures if there are:
• 4 green coral
• 6 red coral

Cross out any red creatures if there are:
• 5 green coral
• 5 red coral

Cross out any yellow creatures if there are:
• 7 green coral
• 3 red coral

Clue #3: Find It!
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

you

fins

diver found a fish on the ocean floor.

She wrote about the coral reef in her notebook.

not

see

fishermen used nets to keep fish away.

The captain sat in his armchair on the deck.

tail

face

The friends tossed a football on the shore.

off your list.

All clues focus on reviewing compound words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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Clue #3: Find It!
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3 Clue Version

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sandbox sailboat fishbowl lighthouse seashell goldfish jellyfish starfish sunglasses swimsuit

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Same Word Missing: green fish, red fish
Different Word Missing: X

lady bug	tree house	book mark	flower pot	pillow case
lip stick	dog house	book shelf	sun flower	suit case
snow ball	base ball	honey comb	pan cake	corn dog
snow man	basket ball	bee hive	pine apple	pop corn

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Cross out any red creatures if there are:
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• 5 red coral

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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

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I have sharp claws. You did not see any sharp claws!
 Crab
 pit
 tub
 get

I have sharp teeth. You did not see any sharp teeth!
 Shark
 ran

I have a green shell. You did not see any green shell.
 Sea Turtle
 get

Clue #2: Rhyming Fish
Color the coral the same color as the fish they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

Rhymes: green
Does Not Rhyme: red

Clue #3: Find It!
Circle the boxes that start or end with **l**.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

hop	it	sun	you	sit	fins	nut	did
fed	nose	ram	blue	fin	not	pan	see
yum	claw	nap	win	tail	lid	face	let

Clue #4: Word Hunt

Cross out the following pictures:
• rat • gas • cut • beg
• set • bug • fix • job

This animal does not make a **nest**.

What shark picture is left? Write that word on the line.

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This animal: **SQUIRTS INK**

bus bit men wag lip mat top sad met jet

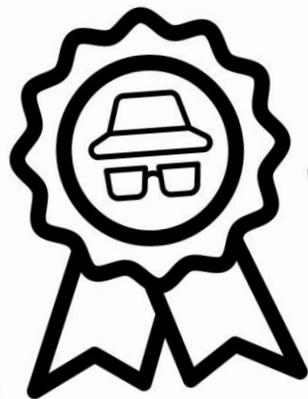
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

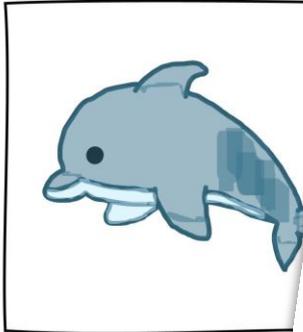
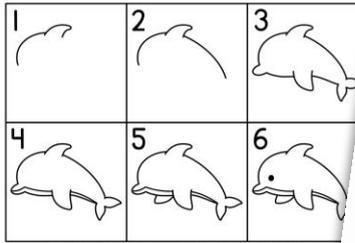
You solved the mystery!

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Date

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LET'S DRAW...

a dolphin



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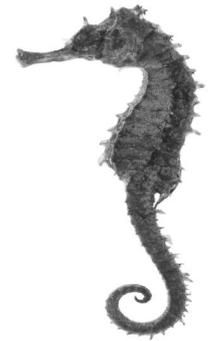
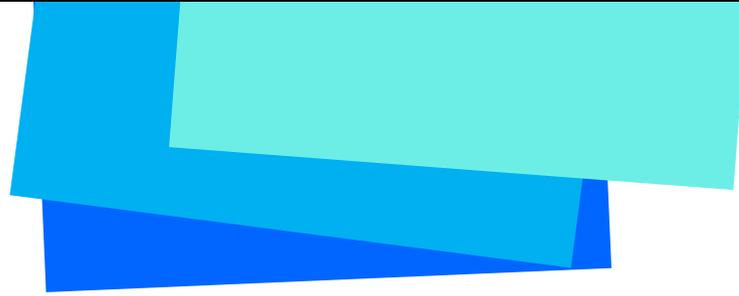
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If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

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: Word Hunt

Cross out the following words:
any foods or drinks

This animal has to stay
underwater

What shark picture is left? Write that word on the line.

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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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1 2 3
4 5 6

LET'S DRAW... a fish

1 2 3
4 5 6

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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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I have a green shell.
You did not see a green shell.

A rainbow shines over the sea.

She packs a hairbrush for the beach.

A firefighter saved the turtles.

He wears a raincoat on the boat.

There is a birdhouse on the shore.

Firecrackers boom our heads on the sand.

She rings the doorbell to take her pal to the beach.

They skydive over the ocean.

He uses a stopwatch to see how long we are under the water.

Shark

Sea Turtle

Clue #1: Sorting Fish

Figure out the answer to each fish. Color the fish the same color as the box they belong in.
Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

5 brown, 8 purple, 12 green, 15 blue

8, 15, 5, 12, 8

20-5, 11-6, 16-4, 10-2

5, 12, 8, 5, 15

17-5, 16-8, 14-9, 18-3

Cross out the red animals if there are:
• 2 brown fish
• 3 purple fish
• 2 green fish
• 3 blue fish

Cross out the blue animals if there are:
• 2 brown fish
• 2 purple fish
• 3 green fish
• 3 blue fish

Cross out the yellow animals if there are:
• 3 brown fish
• 3 purple fish
• 2 green fish
• 2 blue fish

Cross out the green animals if there are:
• 3 brown fish
• 2 purple fish
• 3 green fish
• 2 blue fish

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!**

