

WHAT IS THIS?



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

grass the hut looking water

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?

Color each thumb to show if the picture matches the sentence. Color it green for yes. Color it red for no.

The crew traded an egg for a . The captain chased the goose on . The pirate's garage was filled with .

Clue #3: Multiple Choice

Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

captain cannon gem crew

A. Soft C B. Hard C C. Soft G D. Hard G

Clue #4: Word Hunt

Circle how many words you can find.

1 A = no words circled
2 As = 1 word circled
3 As = 2 words circled
4 As = 3 words circled

Clue #5: Descrambler

Add a C or G to each word. Match it to the right picture at the bottom. Write the letter for that chest on the line.

When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

A	O	A	R	L
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The chest is in a place that is:

C A L M O R F L A T

solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Treasure

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Where's the Treasure?

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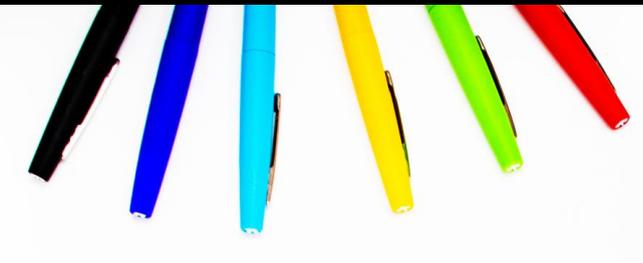
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Jungle	Beach	Waterfall	Volcano
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Cave	River	Mountains	Beach Hut

Name: _____

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the treasure is located!

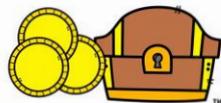
HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Oh no! The treasure has been stolen by pirates and no one knows where it is located. Now, it's your job to search different locations to find the treasure and save the day!

1. Take a location list and start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the treasure is located.
3. Cross out wrong places each time you find new information. Good luck!



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

grass	the	hut	looking	is	water
you	sit	up	not	for	green
hot	chest	inside	walk	down	are

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

Word:	Word:	Word:
cement the	cupcake are	crab is
camera chest	cabin looking	circus not
center you	circus for	carpet inside

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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Jungle	Beach	Waterfall	Volcano
Cave	River	Mountains	Beach Hut

Name: _____

Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place(s) to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the pirate treasure will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

Hard & Soft C / G Review:

- Match Picture to Word
- 1 and 2 Syllable Words
- Decoding Soft and Hard G
- Decoding Soft and Hard C
- Multiple Choice
- Missing Hard and Soft Sounds

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

grass the hut looking is water
you sit for green
hot chest

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

Word: the

Word: chest

Word: you

When you are done, read the words.

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?

Color each thumb in to show if the picture matches the sentence. Color it green for yes. Color it red for no.

The crew traded an egg for a map.	The captain chased the goose on the deck.	The pirate's garage was filled with gold.
There was an X marking the spot on the page.	The pirate won the game.	The pirate gave his pal a compass as a gift.
The pirates kept a parrot in a cage.	The pirates opened the gate to the cave.	The goat ate the pirate's map by mistake.

How many boxes were correct?

More green answers = The chest is not near any shells.
More red answers = The chest is not by any trees.

Clue #3: Multiple Choice

Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

A. Soft C
B. Hard C
C. Soft G
D. Hard G

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D. Hard G

How many Ds did you circle?
1 D = tree
2 Ds = spot
3 Ds = cave
4 Ds = hut

All clues focus on reviewing hard and soft c/g!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank
grass the hut looking water

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?
The crew The captain The pirate's

Clue #3: Multiple Choice
Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

captain	cannon	gem	crew
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A. Soft C
B. **Hard C**
C. Soft G
D. Hard G

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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 = not 2 As = up 3 As = is 4 As = run	How many Bs did you circle? 1 B = over 2 Bs = next 3 Bs = under 4 Bs = in	How many Cs did you circle? 1 C = hot 2 Cs = high 3 Cs = cold 4 Cs = bad	How many Ds did you circle? 1 D = tree 2 Ds = spot 3 Ds = cave 4 Ds = hut
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5 Clue Version

The chest is in a place that is:

C A L M O R F L A T

Clue #4: Word Hunt

Cross out the following pictures:

- gems
- giraffe
- garbage
- bridge
- cone
- prince
- rice
- cookie

You will get _____ when you find the _____

What picture is left? Write the word on the line.
Hint: It is 3 letters long.

Clue #4: Word Hunt

Cross out the following pictures:

- gems
- giraffe
- garbage
- bridge
- cone
- prince
- rice
- cookie

You will get **wet** when you find the chest.

What picture is left? Write the word on the line.
Hint: It is 3 letters long.

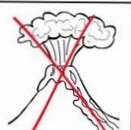
Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



Where's the Treasure?

As you solve each clue, cross out the places the treasure is not located. The location left at the end is where the treasure is.

 Jungle	 Beach	 Waterfall	 Volcano
 Cave	 River	 Mountains	 Beach Hut

Name: _____

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

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

grass	the	hut	looking
you	sit	up	not
hot	chest	inside	walk

Word: _____

bed The set are yes

men chest hen looking web

net you

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?

Color each thumb in to show if you agree with each word. Color it green for yes. Color it red for no.

pin	bib	big
bin	him	dip
lan		

Clue #3: Multiple Choice

Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

 A. cod B. nod C. rod D. sod	 A. pox B. fox C. ox D. pax	 A. jam B. jot C. jag D. jig	 A. jot B. rat C. lot D. hot
 A. hog B. hop C. hot D. hit	 A. cap B. cub C. cot D. sob	 A. jot B. jag C. jam D. job	

How many Ds did you circle?
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Clue #4: Word Hunt

Cross out the following pictures:

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nut	bun	cub	run

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Clue #5: Descrambler

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

 A	 O	 A	 R	 L
 L	 M	 T	 C	 F

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C A L M O R F L A T
van wax cab mad bat sat gap hat jam fan

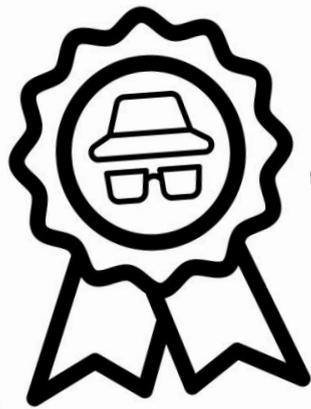
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

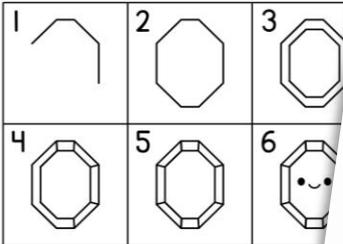
You solved the mystery!

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Date

AW
Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...

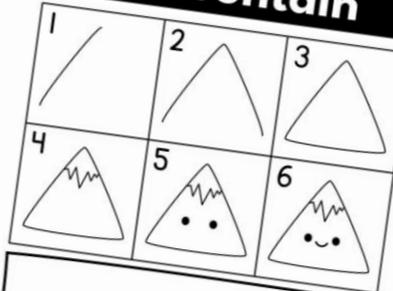
a jewel



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LET'S DRAW...

a mountain



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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 #3: Multiple Choice

Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

 captain	 cannon	 gem	 crew
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 coin	 city	 growl	 gold
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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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The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

Lindsay

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11/2 *AW*

Date Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...
a jewel

LET'S DRAW...
a mountain

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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

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

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

grass	the	hut	looking	is	water
you	sit	up	not	for	green
chest	inside	walk	down	are	

Word: _____ Word: _____

_____ cupcake _____ are _____ crab _____ is

camera _____ chest _____ cabin _____ looking _____ circus _____ not

center _____ you _____ circus _____ for _____ carpet _____ inside

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

Clue #1: Picture Decoder

Find each answer. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

184	679	845	358	388	697	854	148	385
8 hundreds 4 tens 5 ones	3 hundreds 5 tens 8 ones	6 hundreds 7 tens 4 ones	1 hundred 4 tens 8 ones	8 hundreds 5 tens 4 ones	3 hundreds 8 tens 5 ones	1 hundred 8 tens 4 ones	3 hundreds 8 tens 8 ones	6 hundreds 9 tens 7 ones

Word: H A S N O D O O R

The treasure is hidden in a place that: _____

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

A =	G =	M =	S =	Y =
B =	H =	N =	T =	Z =
C =	I =	O =	U =	
D =	J =	P =	V =	
E =	K =	Q =	W =	
F =	L =	R =	X =	

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!**

