

WHAT IS THIS?



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

fork _____ with _____ loaf _____ not _____ burger _____

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red yellow blue

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solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Dinner

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out whose dinner is missing!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Uh oh! Everyone ordered something for dinner at the restaurant...but one person's food is missing! Help describe to the waiter what the person was missing so they know what food to bring out.

1. Take a food list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering whose food is missing.
3. Cross out wrong foods each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

fork	the	with	loaf	not	burger
green	salad	plate	ice	a	crust
order	meat	come	missing	sweet	did

Remove a syllable from each word. Find the matching picture that shows the NEW word above. Then write the word in each box.

Word:	Word:	Word:
- cake the	- door did	- lip with
- house missing	- bean not	- brush a
- fly order	- fish come	- chair burger

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

SKILL PRACTICE

Phoneme Manipulation Review:

- Removing A Syllable
- Change A Letter
- Change The Vowel
- Add A Letter
- Tell How Did The Word Change
- Beginning and Ending Blends, Digraphs, Compound Words, Vowel Teams, Open Syllable, Closed Syllable, Final E Words

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

Remove a syllable from each word. Find the missing letter.

fork	the	with	loaf	not	burger
green	salad	crust	meat	order	

Word: **the**
- cake

Word: **missing**
- house

Word: **order**
- fly

When you are done, read the words.

Clue #2: Right or Wrong

How did the beginning change? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

br → dr	dr → sc	shr → str
sn → squ	gr → tr	br → fl
cr → squ	thr → fl	cr → fr

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

How many pictures were correct? Read the right hint below. Cross two people out.

1 Correct = It did not come with a sundae.	5 Correct = It did not come with ice.
2 Correct = It did not come with a milkshake.	6 Correct = It did not come with salad.
3 Correct = It did not come with a drink.	7 Correct = It did not come with a fork.
4 Correct = It did not come in a bowl.	8 Correct = It did not come with a glass.

Clue #3: Sorting Tables

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

red
A to I

yellow

blue
A to O

track to trick
spill to spell
stamp to stomp
chick to check

Pass out anyone with pasta if there are:
red tables
yellow tables
blue tables

All clues focus on reviewing changing words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

Cross out anyone with ice if there are:
• 3 red tables
• 4 yellow tables
• 3 blue tables

Cross out anyone with lettuce if there are:
• 4 red tables
• 3 yellow tables
• 3 blue tables

Cross out anyone with pasta if there are:
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D. Vowel changed

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B. Letter added
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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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

 fork	 the	 with	 leaf	 not
 green	 salad	 plate	 ice	 sweet
 order	 meat	 come	 missing	 sweet

Word: _____

pop  The _____ mat  did _____ tan  not _____

hit  missing _____ sun  not _____ tag  order _____

When you are done, read _____

Clue #2: Right or Wrong

Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb to show if you agree.

 cat	 dog	 dot
 ten	 fan	 men
 web	 pom	 sun

Clue #3: Sorting Tables

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

 red feelings	 yellow food	 blue animals		
 pig	 mad	 gum	 ham	 bug
 sad	 sob	 rat	 cat	 sad

Cross out anyone with _____
Cross out anyone with _____
Cross out anyone with _____

Clue #4: Rhyming Restaurant

Circle all the pairs that rhyme.

 pen	 hot	 fog
 hen	 dot	 nod
 map	 lip	 fun
 gap	 hip	 bun
 cat	 fib	 cab
 beg	 bib	 leg

The missing order comes with a sweet treat.

How many rhyming pairs are there in the picture?
Circle the answer below. Then, write the word on the line.

- 6 = pizza
- 7 = sweet treat
- 8 = sandwich
- 9 = water

Clue #5: Multiple Choice

Tell what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

 rip	 ran	 jam	 pol
 rap	 rub	 jet	 pan
 red	 rap	 jag	 pad
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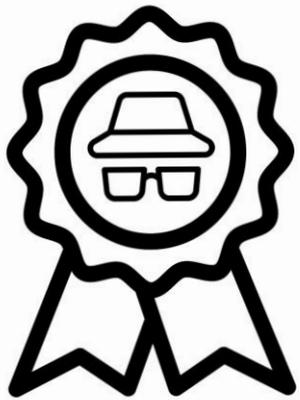
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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!

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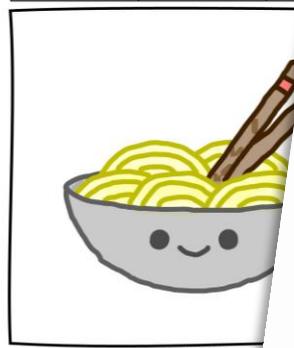
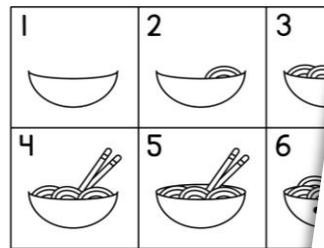
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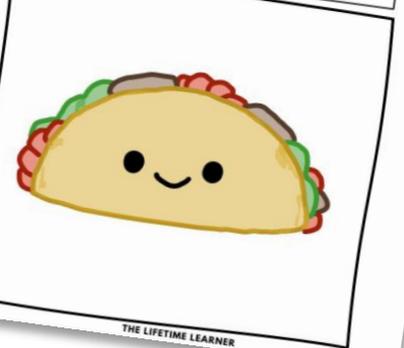
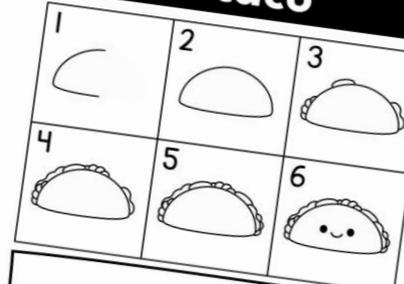
noodles



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LET'S DRAW...

a taco



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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: Adding Restaurant

Read the box at the bottom.

restaurant

sweet
treat

rash
trash

ridge
bridge

scared
scare

cream
scream

ranch
branch

round
ground

Cross out each of the following above:

What pair of words did you not cross out?
Write that on the line.

The missing order comes with a
SWEET TREAT

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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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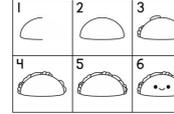
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noodles
1 2 3
4 5 6



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a taco
1 2 3
4 5 6

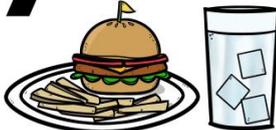


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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

fork	the	with	loaf	not	burger
green	salad	plate	ice	a	crust
meat	come	missing	sweet	did	

Word: the - cake - door - lip

Word: - house - bean - brush

Word: - fly - fish - chair

Word: burger

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: Picture Decoder

Which number is bigger in each pair? Write it on the line. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

821	163	228	139	532	610	373	732	468
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One hundred sixty-three	Five hundred thirty-two	Four hundred eighty-eight	One hundred thirty-nine	Six hundred ten	One hundred eighty-nine	Two hundred twenty-eight	Seven hundred thirty-two	Two hundred seventy-three
M	I	L	K	S	H	A	K	E

The person did not order a:

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.



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TO SAVE BIG!**

