

WHAT IS THIS?



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solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Trophy

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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Name: _____

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

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

The 1st place trophy has been stolen! Rumor has it that it's somewhere on the school's campus. Help figure out where the trophy is and solve the mystery!

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



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track Her jersey number is <u>thirteen</u> .	ball <u>Fireworks</u> went off after they won.	at The <u>alarm</u> woke him up for practice.	kid He hit the <u>target</u> with his arrow.
a I got a letter saying I <u>made</u> the team.	wet They ate <u>yogurt</u> before the game.	run He wore a new <u>uniform</u> .	race We ate a <u>burger</u> after the game.

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

SKILL PRACTICE

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More green answers = Cross out the places where you kick a ball.
More red answers = Cross out the places where you need a racket or glove.

R-Controlled Vowels Review:

- Reading Multi-Syllable Sentences
- Error Analysis
- Spelling R-Controlled Vowels
- Onset and Rime
- Fill in the Blank
- Rhyming Pairs
- Matching Pictures to Words

All clues focus on reviewing r-controlled vowels!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

There is one ball in this sport if there are:
• 2 yellow shirts
• 3 red shirts
• 3 green shirts
• 2 blue shirts

The trophy is not in water if there are:
• 2 yellow shirts
• 3 red shirts
• 2 green shirts
• 3 blue shirts

The trophy is not on a court if there are:
• 3 yellow shirts
• 3 red shirts
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There is no ball in this sport if there are:
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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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

look	trophy	not	
pat	nut	hum	
track	ball	zip	
log	pan	run	
bag	wet		

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jug	rub	met	
bad	fix	dog	
lid			

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yellow starts with P, red starts with F, green starts with L, blue starts with T

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- 3 yellow shirts
- 2 red shirts
- 3 green shirts
- 2 blue shirts

Clue #4: Word Hunt

Circle all the rhyming pairs.

How many rhyming pairs did you see?

- 5 = feet
- 6 = hands
- 7 = toe
- 8 = neck

You use your hands to play this sport.

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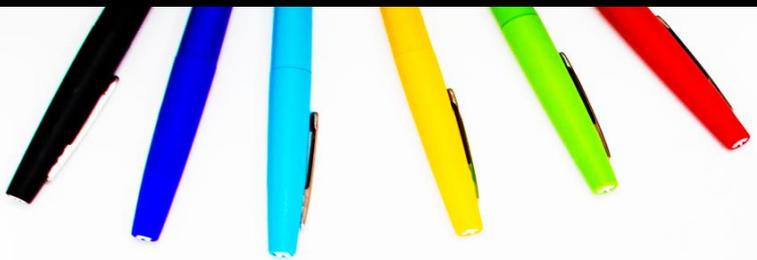
NEAR A H O O P

nut dog dip ham rag cob log sp gem

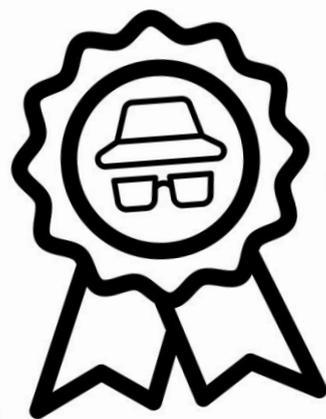
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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!

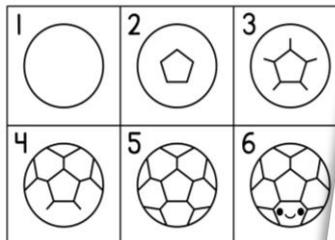
11/2
Date

AW
Presented by:

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

LET'S DRAW...

a soccer ball



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LET'S DRAW...
volleyball



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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.

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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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quarterback award score

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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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trophy	not	13	water
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ball	at	kid	
Fireworks went off after they won.	The <u>alarm</u> woke him up for practice.	He hit the <u>target</u> with his arrow.	
a	wet	run	race
I got a letter saying I <u>made</u> the team.	They ate <u>yo-yo</u> before the game.	He wore a new <u>uniform</u> .	We ate a <u>burger</u> after the game.

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Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank
Find one hundred more or one hundred less.

318	815	293	518	477	739			
854	428	744	159	93	618			
539	628	277	944	615	359			
Answer: 518	Word: The	Answer: 277	Word: located	Answer: 628	Word: kick			
954-100	854	trophy	715+100	815	somewhere	844-100	744	a
259+100	359	isn't	193-100	93	you	639+100	739	ball

Solve each problem. Write the answer. Then, write the word that goes with it. When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom in each column to figure out the clue.

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!**

