

# WHAT IS THIS?

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**solve the mystery**  
The Case of the Missing Gold Coins

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GOLDEN FIELDS  
RAINBOW RIVER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The right place has **G O L D I N I T S** name.  
prickle drizzle puddle marble ripple giggle truffle pebble tickle

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the missing coins are!

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow is missing! A leprechaun found it and hid it somewhere on the map. Now, it's up to you to figure out where they hid the gold.

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



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<input type="checkbox"/> rocket - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> river - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> cotton - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> shadow - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> summer - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> afraid - color it red
<input type="checkbox"/> rainbow - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> rabbit - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> coffee - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> spider - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> sunny - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> apple - color it green
<input type="checkbox"/> robber - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> cookie - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> salad - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> soccer - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> alien - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> often - color it yellow
<input type="checkbox"/> ruler - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> rabbit - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> clover - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> sunset - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> sugar - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> angel - color it blue



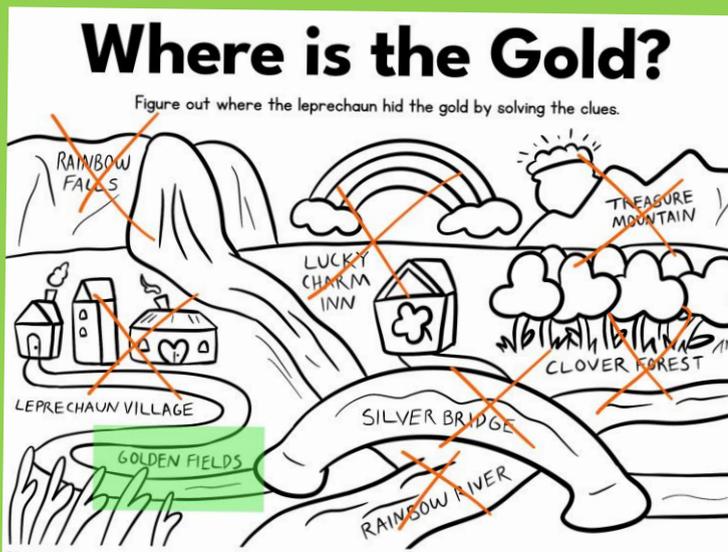
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## Where is the Gold?

Figure out where the leprechaun hid the gold by solving the clues.



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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place(s) to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing coins will be solved!

# SKILL PRACTICE

## St. Patrick's Day Phonics Review:

- Vowel Teams
- Rhyming Trigraphs
- Digraphs Review
- Diphthongs
- Consonant LE
- Multi-Syllable Words

**Clue #1: Color the Kids**  
Fill in each blank with the correct word. Then, color in each kid.

I spy a  in the sky.	A  hits my head.	I see a three  tree makes a	The green  It's a hot and	I am  being
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rocket - color it red     river - color it red  
 rainbow - color it green     robot - color it green  
 robber - color it yellow     raindrop - color it yellow  
 ruler - color it blue     rabbit - color it blue

What color kids do you see?  
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The gold is not in a place filled with trees.

**Clue #2: Read It Like a Book**  
Color the boxes that rhyme. Cross out the boxes that do not rhyme.  
Read the words at the top of each box you colored from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

<b>look</b>  hopscotch fetch	<b>the</b>  bridge fridge	<b>go</b>  badge porridge	<b>gold</b>  sketch stretch
<b>is</b>  hedge ledge	<b>not</b>  latch match	<b>where</b>  fudge judge	<b>rain</b>  stitch watch
<b>bridge</b>  witch catch	<b>trees</b>  lodge pledge	<b>people</b>  batch hatch	<b>live</b>  nudge smudge

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong places off your list.  
**the gold is not where people live**

**Clue #3: Word Hunt**  
Read the box at the bottom.

~~chocolate~~    ~~wish~~    ~~path~~    ~~charm~~    ~~thick~~

rainbow    not in a \_\_\_\_\_ area.

**All clues focus on reviewing 2nd grade phonic skills!**



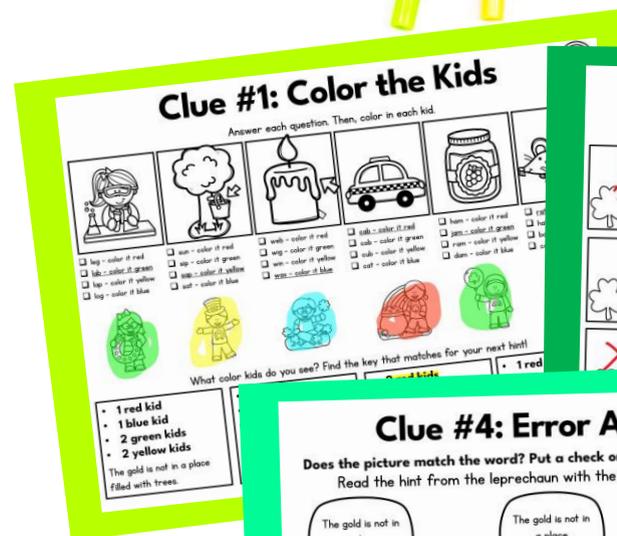
# CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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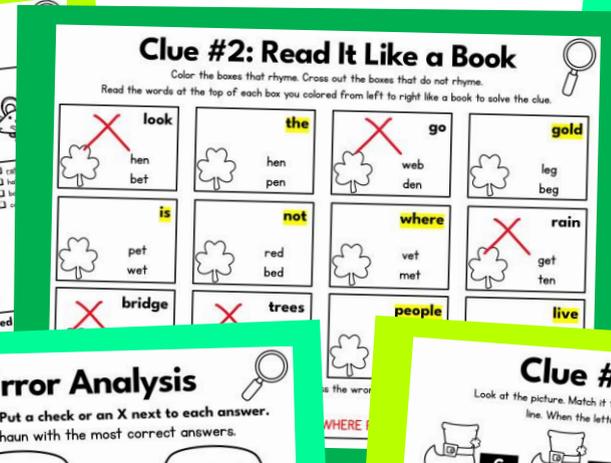
**Clue #1: Color the Kids**  
Answer each question. Then, color in each kid.

<input type="checkbox"/> leg - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> sun - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> web - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> hen - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> leg - color it red
<input type="checkbox"/> hat - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> wig - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> web - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> hen - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> leg - color it green
<input type="checkbox"/> top - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> sun - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> web - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> hen - color it yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> leg - color it yellow
<input type="checkbox"/> leg - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> suit - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> sun - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> hen - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> leg - color it blue

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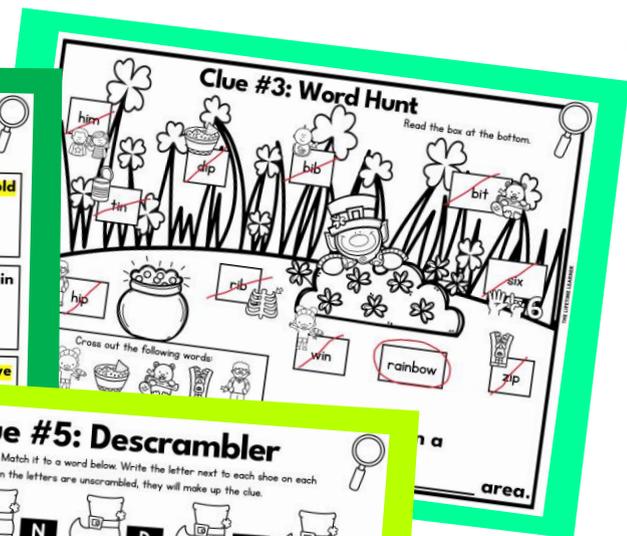
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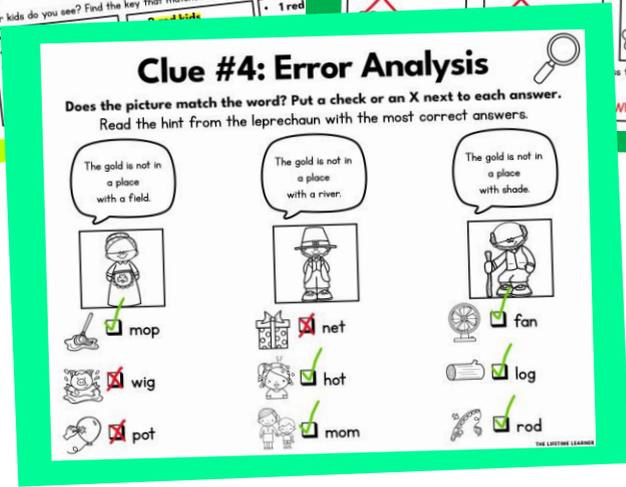
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> where	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rain
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> red	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> get
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> met	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ten
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bridge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> live



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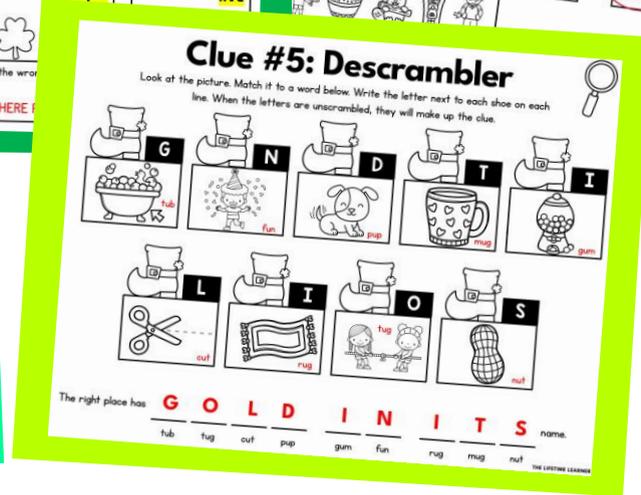
Cross out the following words:

hip, rain, win, rainbow, zip



**Clue #4: Error Analysis**  
Does the picture match the word? Put a check or an X next to each answer.  
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The gold is not in a place with a field.	The gold is not in a place with a river.	The gold is not in a place with shade.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> net	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> log
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rod



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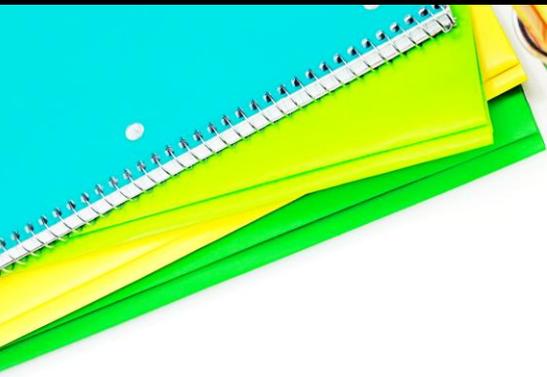
hub, fun, rug, mug, out

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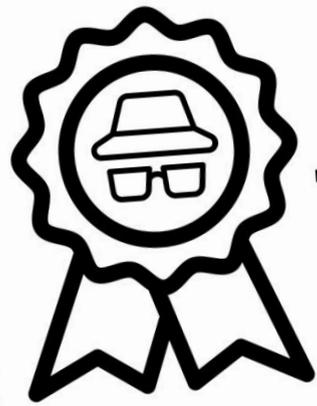
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

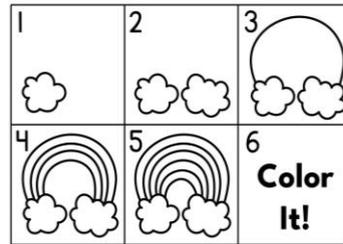
You solved the mystery!

11/2  
Date

AW  
Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...

a rainbow



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LET'S DRAW...

a top hat



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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: Error Analysis** 

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Clue	Picture	Answer
The gold is not in a place with a field.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> He had a <u>frown</u> on his face.
The gold is not in a place with a river.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The gold was under the <u>cloud</u> .
The gold is not in a place with shade.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The bagpipes make a lot of <u>noise</u> .
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Our <u>town</u> had a parade.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We see clovers on the <u>ground</u> .
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Can you <u>point</u> to the rainbow?
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> He <u>found</u> a clover over there!
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> He put green candy in his <u>mouth</u> .
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> He likes to <u>annoy</u> us with tricks.

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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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1 2 3  
4 5 6  
Color It!

**LET'S DRAW... a top hat**

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**GOLDEN FIELDS** ~~CLOVER FOREST~~

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Case of the Missing Gold Coins**

# 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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### 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.

					
2:20	5:25	6:05	11:55	10:50	7:45

Answers: 5:25 7:45 11:55 2:20 10:50 6:05

rs: H O U S E S

The missing gold is not near any...

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!**



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