

WHAT IS THIS?



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We took photos in front of the <u> </u> with ghosts.	I love the <u> </u> trail behind the roller coaster.	I feel <u> </u> in my ears on the fast rides.	My <u> </u> was to get ice cream before we left.
A. confusion B. vision C. version D. mansion	A. nature B. posture C. vulture D. pasture	A. treasure B. unsure C. presence D. measure	A. mansion B. decision C. mission D. explosion

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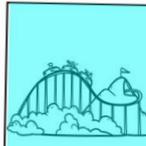
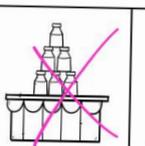
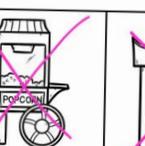
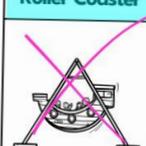
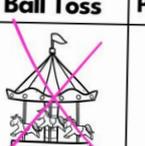
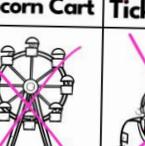
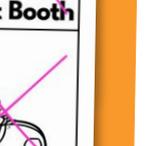
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solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Cotton Candy

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Where's the Cotton Candy?

 Roller Coaster	 Ball Toss	 Popcorn Cart	 Ticket Booth
 Pirate Ship	 Merry-Go-Round	 Ferris Wheel	 Bumper Cars

Name: _____

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the cotton candy is!

HOW TO PLAY

What Happened?

Oh no! You accidentally left your cotton candy somewhere in the theme park and can't find it. Now, it's your job to search the park and find out where it is. Solve each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the cotton candy is! Good luck!

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



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
pic + ure and mix + ure				frac + ion and subtrac + ion		
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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 cotton candy will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

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Ball Toss

Roller Coaster

Pirate Ship

inv_a_sion

emo_tion

loca_tion

adven_ture

Cross out Roller Coaster and Merry Go Round if there are:

- 3 red kernels
- 2 yellow kernels
- 3 green kernels
- 2 blue kernels

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TURE SURE SION TION Review:

- Differentiating Between TURE and SURE
- Differentiating Between TION and SION
- Fill in the Blank
- Missing Endings
- Multiple Choice

All clues focus on reviewing final stable syllable words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS

Print & Digital Forms

3 Clue Version

5 Clue Version

Short & Long Options

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un_sure explo_sion ges_ture inva_sion emo_tion

sculp_ture celebra_tion mea_sure loca_tion adven_ture

Cross out Ferris Wheel and Merry Go Round if there are:
• 2 red kernels
• 3 yellow kernels
• 2 green kernels
• 3 blue kernels

Cross out the Bumper Cars and Pirate Ship if there are:
• 2 red kernels
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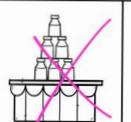
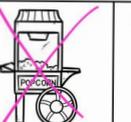
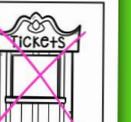
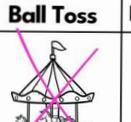
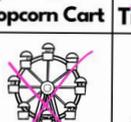
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Cross out Roller Coaster and Merry Go Round if there are:
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CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

Where's the Cotton Candy?

 Roller Coaster	 Ball Toss	 Popcorn Cart	 Ticket Booth
 Pirate Ship	 Merry-Go-Round	 Ferris Wheel	 Bumper Cars

Name: _____

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Do the words rhyme? Put a check or an X.
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 bag and pan	 box and fox
 fun and sun	 jug and rug
 box and box	 pen and pen

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It is not by a game. Ball Toss	It is close to a ride. Roller Coaster	It is not up high in the sky. Pirate Ship
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Starts with j j _ _ of	Starts with f _ _ _ ip	Starts with s _ _ _ an	Starts with b _ _ _ it
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Clue #4: Word Hunt
Fill in the first letter of each word.

What letter did you write the word? Circle it. Write the word on the line.

H = bumps	K = cars
S = yells	D = pals

Clue #5: Multiple Choice
Tell what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

A. hip B. zap C. zip D. tip	A. dip B. dig C. den D. dot	A. get B. gas C. gem D. gum	A. jam B. job C. jet D. jug
A. dip B. dam C. dig D. dad	A. hug B. hog C. hum D. ham	A. lip B. left C. leg D. log	A. pop B. pup C. pan D. pot

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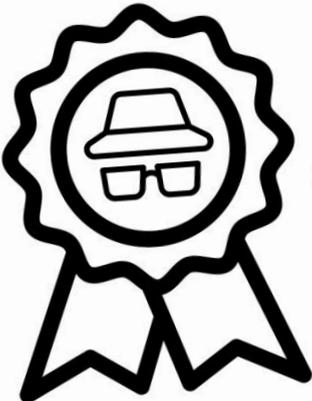
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

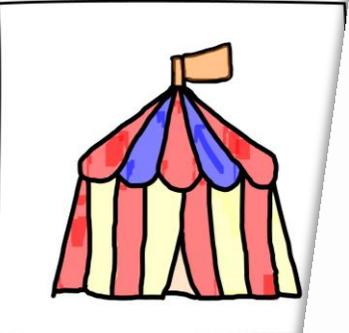
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LET'S DRAW...
a carnival tent

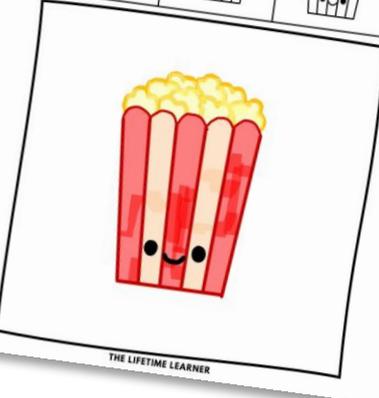
1	2	3
4	5	6



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popcorn

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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
Fill in the endings of each word with:

- tion
- sion
- sure
- ture

The illustration shows a roller coaster with several cars. Clues are placed around the ride: 'vul_ ture' near a person, 'trea_ sure' near a car, 'televi_ sion' near a TV, 'lo_ tion' near a hand sanitizer bottle, 'pic_ ture' near a person taking a photo, 'competi_ tion' near a group of people, 'addi_ tion' near a bear, and 'subtrac_ tion' near another bear. The words 'picture', 'competition', 'addition', and 'subtraction' are circled in green.

What ending did you write the most? Circle it. Write the word on the line.

- sure = bumps
- ture = cars
- sion = yells
- tion = pals

It is on a ride you go on with
pals

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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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The Case of the Missing Cotton Candy

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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 trea_s_ure	 man_s_ion	 and	 expl_o_s_ion		
 mix_t_ure	 frac_t_ion	 and	 subtrac_t_ion		
 adop_t_ion	 and	 televi_s_ion	 mea_s_ure	 and	 mix_t_ure
 permis_s_ion	 and	 competi_t_ion	 ques_t_ion	 and	 deci_s_ion

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.

								
15	9	18	12	4	8	11	19	17
12	11	4	15	17	18	19	9	8
10+2	5+6	3+1	7+8	3+4	9+9	2+7	4+5	6+2
N	O	A	N	I	M	A	L	S

The cotton candy is somewhere with:

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!**

