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DEPARTURES →

careful, faster, unhappy, unhelpful, undo, preheat, replay, overcook, dislike, kindness

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The Case of the Missing Luggage

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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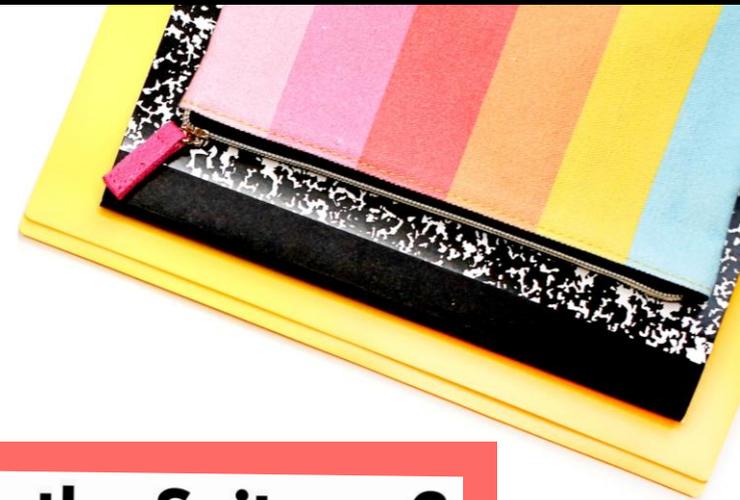
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Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the missing suitcase is!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

You were so excited to be on vacation that you accidentally left your suitcase somewhere! Now, you have no idea where it is. Solve the clues to figure out which country your suitcase is in.

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



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Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong places off your list.

not where you eat pretzels

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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what country to cross out.

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

SKILL PRACTICE

Prefixes & Suffixes Review:

- Prefixes: RE-, UN-, PRE-, DIS-, OVER-
- Suffixes: -FUL, -NESS, -LESS, -ER,
- Reading Prefixes in Sentences
- Differentiating Between Prefixes and Suffixes
- Match Word to Picture
- Onset and Rime

The image shows three overlapping worksheets. The top-left worksheet, titled 'Clue #1: Find It!', has a blue border and asks to circle boxes with prefixes. The top-right worksheet, titled 'Clue #3: Suffix Suitcases', has an orange border and asks to color suitcases by color and find keys. The bottom worksheet, titled 'Clue #2: Descrambler', has a pink border and asks to match pictures to unscrambled words. The unscrambled words are: neatness, unzip, recycle, useless, dishonest, unlock, preheat, helpful, repair.

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The suitcase is not near something

T H A T G R O W S

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MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

blue red
-ful -less

hope_-ful care_-ful
power_-ful sea_-less pain_-ful fear_-ful sea_-less

The suitcase is not near a plane if there are:
• 4 blue
• 3 red

The suitcase is not near a plane if there are:
• 5 blue
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The suitcase is not near a plane if there are:
• 4 blue
• 6 red

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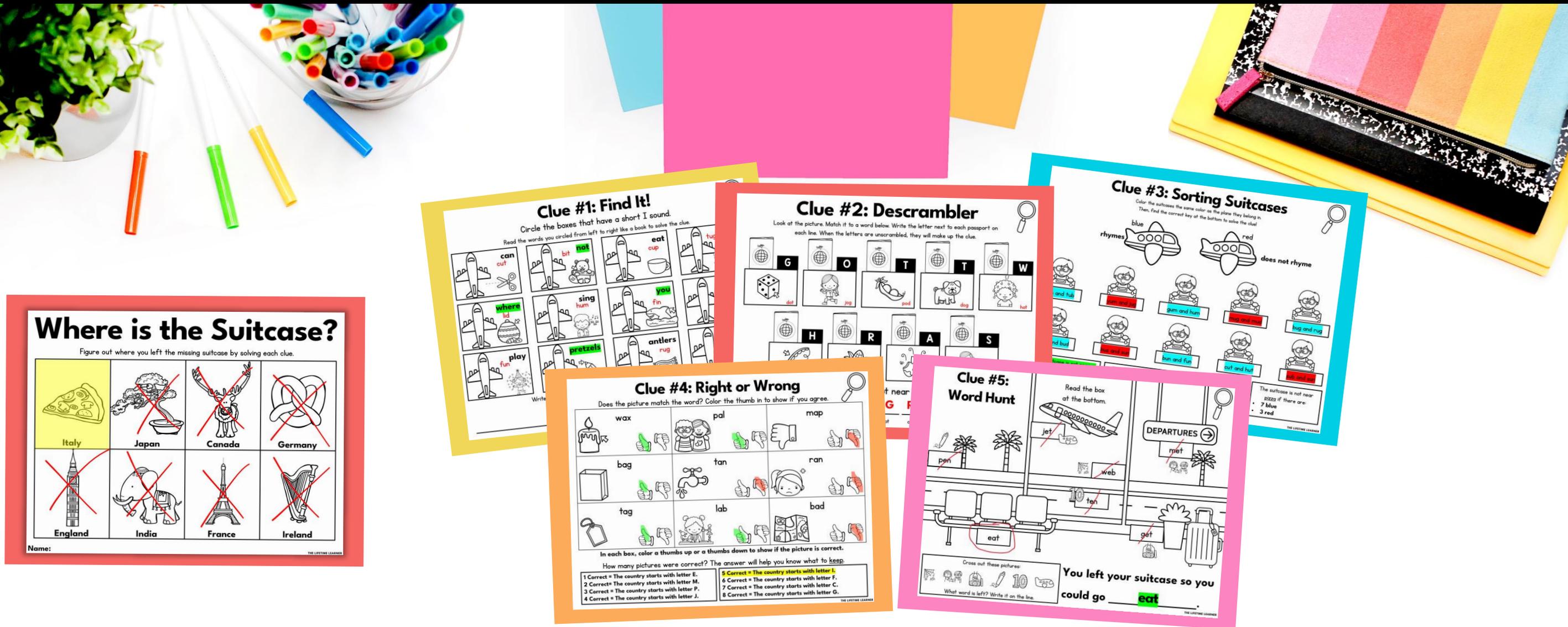
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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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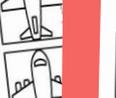
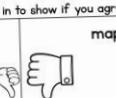
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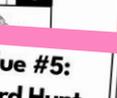
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Circle the boxes that have a short I sound.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

 can	 bit	 not	 eat	 cup	 tu
 where	 ld	 sing	 hum	 you	 fin
 fun	 play	 pretzels	 antlers	 rug	 tu

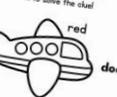
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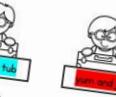
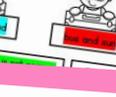
 G	 O	 T	 T	 W
 H	 R	 A	 S	 S

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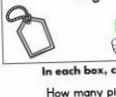
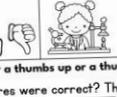
rhymes  blue  red

does not rhyme

 and hat	 hat and hat	 hat and hat	 hat and hat
 hat and hat	 hat and hat	 hat and hat	 hat and hat

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wax 	pal 	map 
bag 	tan 	ran 
tag 	lab 	bad 

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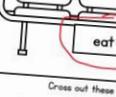
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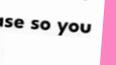
Read the box at the bottom.

 jet

 pen  palm tree  web

 eat  get

DEPARTURES 

Cross out these pictures:
    10

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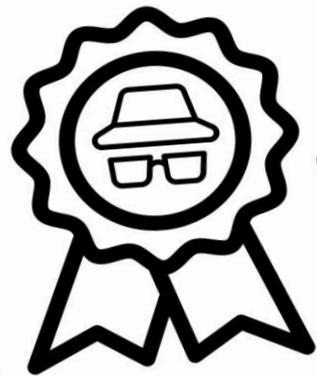
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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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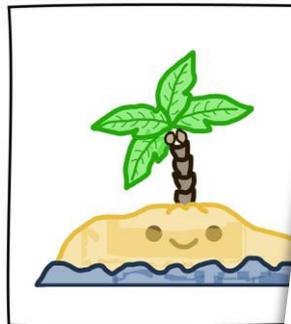
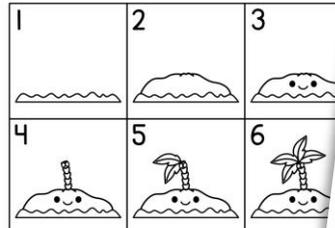
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Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...

an island



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

LET'S DRAW...

a volcano



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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The workers on the plane clean a lot to make it <u>spotless</u> for us. 	I think I got my <u>illness</u> from our trip last week. 	It was <u>hurtful</u> when my brother broke my toy on our trip. 
I see my shoes are <u>untied</u> as we walk through the airport. 	The cat showed <u>distrust</u> about getting in a crate to go on the plane. 	We pick up my sister from <u>preschool</u> and go to the airport. 

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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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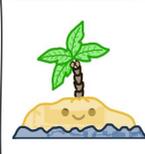
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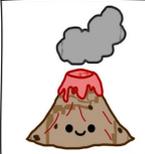
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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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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Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

25	was	11	suitcase	5	was	15	I	7	tall	21	my	
6	wasn't	19	pizza		when	Canada	60	am	10	animal	16	with
22	music		lost	England	50	food	17	deer		eating	52	building

Answer: Word: 15 I

How many more people voted for Canada than Germany? Answer: Word: 50 food

How many more people voted for Canada than Germany? Answer: Word: 11 suitcase

Which country got the most votes? Answer: Word: 6 wasn't Canada when

How many people voted for Germany and Ireland? Answer: Word: 25 was

Which country had the 2nd most votes? Answer: Word: Ireland eating

How many people voted for Canada? Answer: Word: 21 my

Which country got the least votes? Answer: Word: England lost

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 row 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!**

