

WHAT IS THIS?

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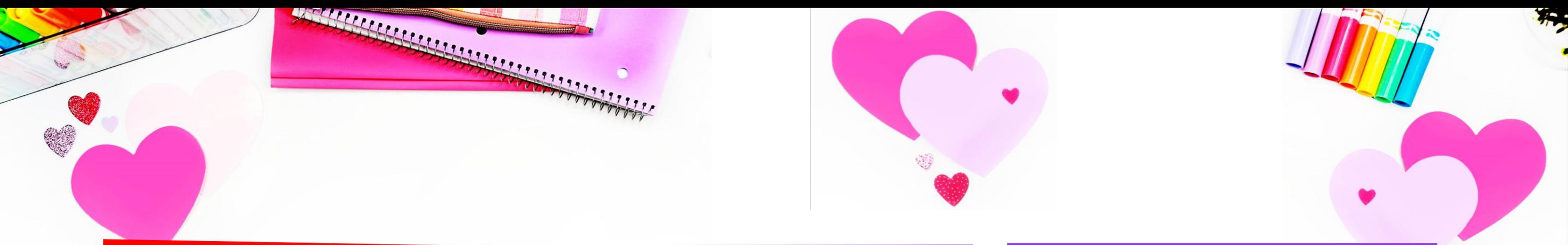
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Name: _____

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the Valentine Party is!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Whoops! You lost the address of the place where the Valentine's Day party is being held. Help figure out where the party is by solving each clue so you can arrive on time!

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 party is.
3. Cross out wrong places each time you find out new information. Good luck!

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What color boxes do you see? Find the key that matches for your next hint!

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When all clues are completed, the mystery of the Valentine Party will be solved!

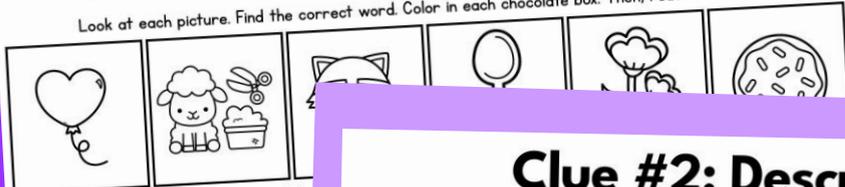
SKILL PRACTICE

Valentine Phonics Review:

- Short And Long OO
- Vowel Teams
- Comparative Endings
- Consonant -LE
- Compound Words

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- broom - color it purple
- balloon - color it red
- bamboo - color it blue
- wool - color it pink
- drool - color it purple
- pool - color it red
- wool - color it blue



What color boxes c

- 1 pink box
 - 1 purple box
 - 2 red boxes
 - 2 blue boxes
- The party house does not have three windows.
- The party house has four windows.

Clue #3: Error Analysis

Are the words the same? Put a check or an X next to each answer. Write the hint from the kid with the most correct answers.



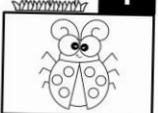
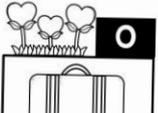
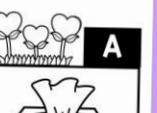
The party is in a house with hearts on the bush.



- I am the youngest.
- My cake is not as fancy as Tim's.
- I have cheaper candy than Kim.

Clue #2: Descrambler

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 A	 H	 T	 N	 Y
 W	 O	 E	 candy	 A

The party is not

O N H E A R T W A Y
suitcase painting teacup rainbow tissue candy ladybug peanut cheesecake beehive

All clues focus on reviewing 2nd grade phonics skills!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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The party house does not have four windows.

- 1 pink box
- 2 purple boxes
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The party house does not have five windows.

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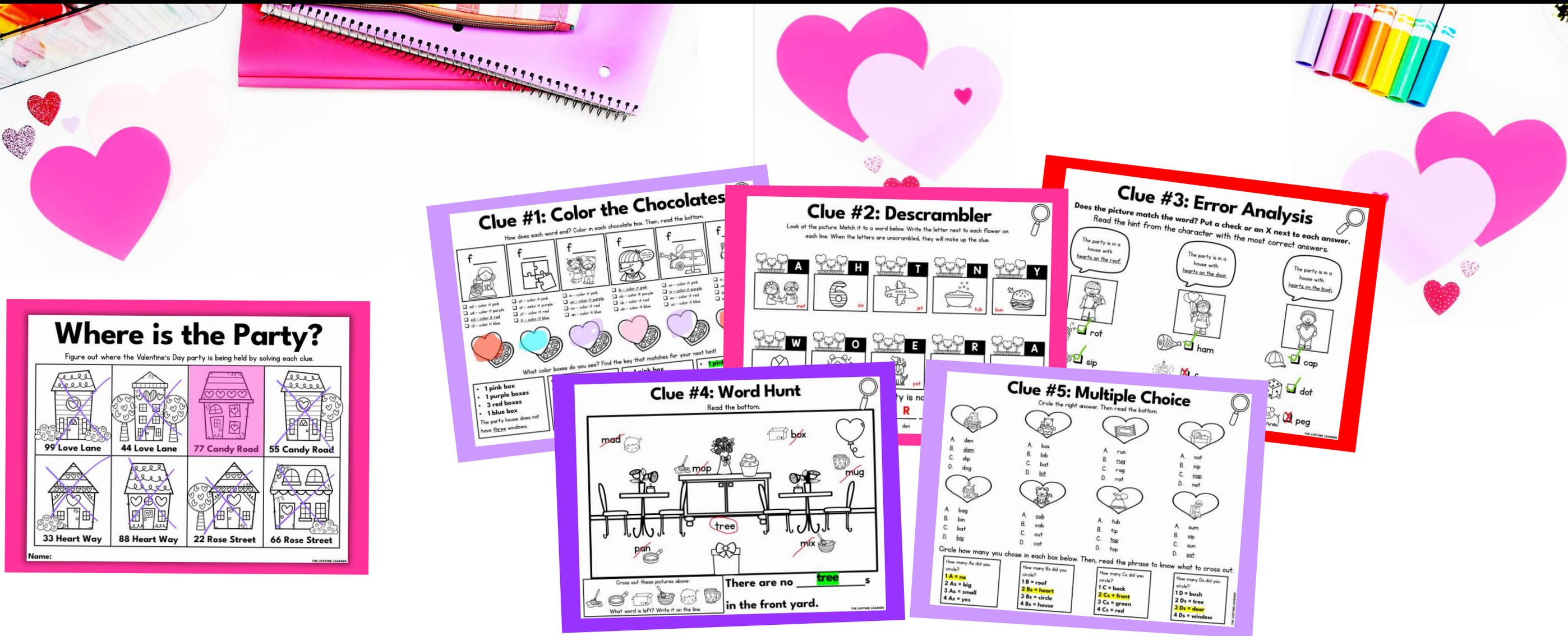
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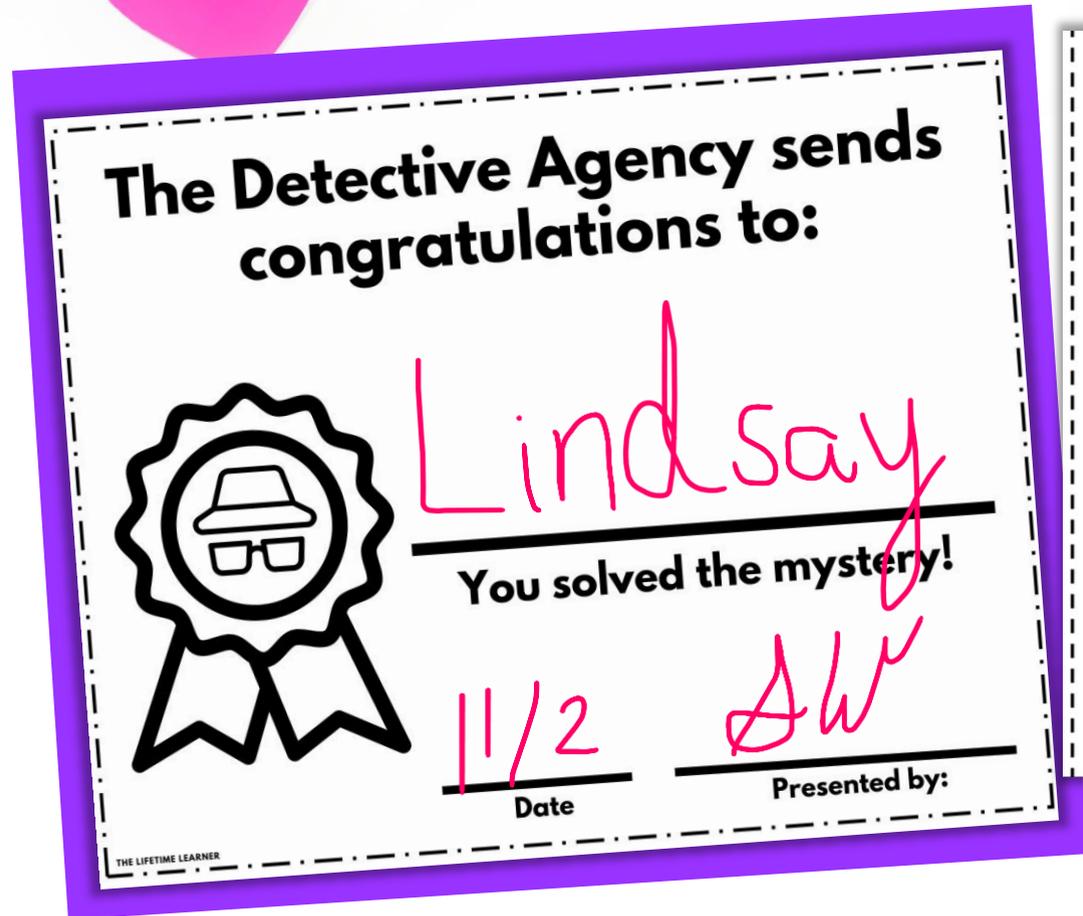
CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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

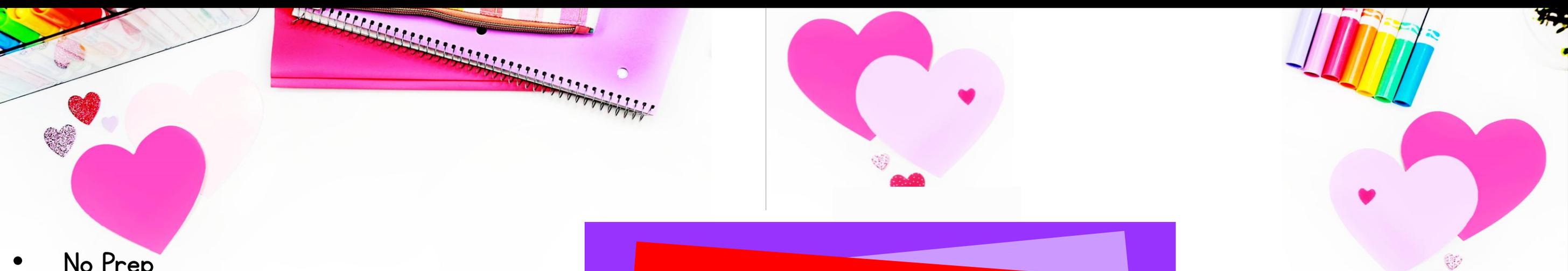
There is a version of the mystery included that reviews CVC Words (Short A, E, I, O, U).

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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
Read the bottom.

There are no trees
in the front yard.

Cross out these pictures above:
What word is left? Write it on the line.

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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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I put my card in the _____ on her _____ She put a candy heart _____ She knit a _____ for her cat.
A. daydream B. mailbox C. cupcake D. bluebird
A. notebook B. daydream C. bluebird D. cupcake
A. handmade B. lipstick C. jellybean D. mailbox
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She drew hearts in her _____ He will _____ about what gift he gets. We saw a _____ sing a song. The two of us shared a bag of _____.

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Circle how many you chose in each box below. Then, read the phrase to know what to cross out.

How many As did you circle? 1 A = no 2 As = big 3 As = small 4 As = yes	How many Bs did you circle? 1 B = roof 2 Bs = heart 3 Bs = circle 4 Bs = house	How many Cs did you circle? 1 C = back 2 Cs = front 3 Cs = green 4 Cs = red	How many Ds did you circle? 1 D = bush 2 Ds = tree 3 Ds = door 4 Ds = window
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The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

11/2 Date Presented by: **AW**

LET'S DRAW...
a cupcake

LET'S DRAW...
an envelope

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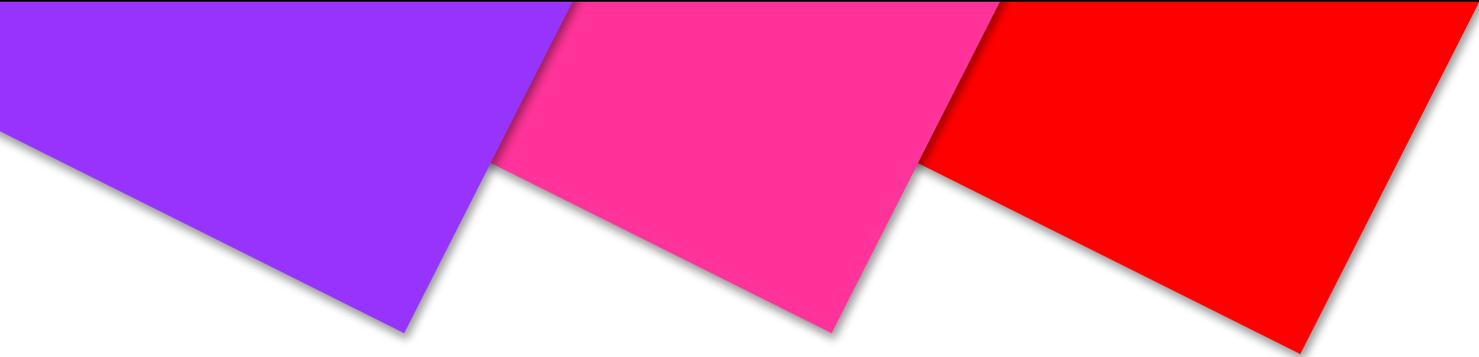
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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?



Reading

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.

Example of Clue 1

Math



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color it pink	roof - color it pink	spoon - color it pink	room - color it pink	coop - color it pink
color it purple	cassoon - color it purple	hook - color it purple	bloom - color it purple	wood - color it purple
color it red	room - color it red	shampoo - color it red	bamboo - color it red	socks - color it red
color it blue	roof - color it blue	toal - color it blue	boat - color it blue	root - color it blue

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Clue #1: Sorting Cupcakes

Find each answer. Color the cupcakes the same color as the box they belong in. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

24 pink	25 purple	26 red	27 blue	
58 =	55 - 29 =	100 - 74 =	61 - 37 =	49 - 24 =
27	25	24	26	27
78 - 53 =	96 - 72 =	38 - 12 =	80 - 53 =	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">3 pink cupcakes1 purple cupcake4 red cupcakes2 blue cupcakes <p>Cross out houses with 1 tree in the front yard.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3 pink cupcakes2 purple cupcakes3 red cupcakes2 blue cupcakes <p>Cross out houses with 2 trees in the front yard.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3 pink cupcakes3 purple cupcakes2 red cupcakes2 blue cupcakes <p>Cross out houses with any bushes in the front yard.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2 pink cupcakes3 purple cupcakes2 red cupcakes3 blue cupcakes <p>Cross out houses with windows.</p>
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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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