

WHAT IS THIS?



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boss does not like the water

solve the mystery

The Case of the Video Game Boss

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

The Video Game World

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the video game boss is hiding!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

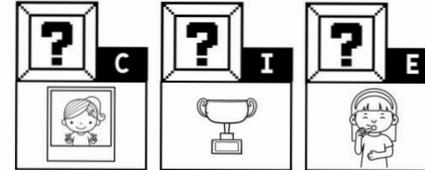
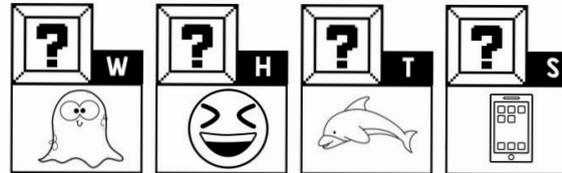
The final boss of the video game is on the run! He doesn't want you to find him because he knows you will defeat him in the last level. Help track down where he is hiding by solving the clues.

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



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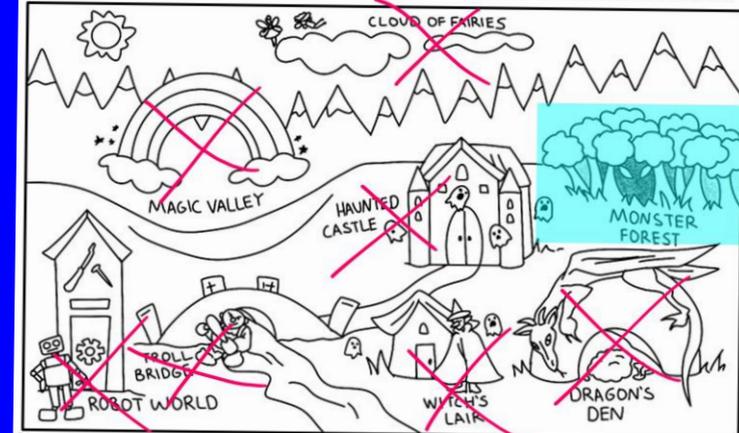
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W I T C H E S

ghost trophy dolphin photo laugh cough phone

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When all clues are completed, the mystery of the video game boss will be solved!

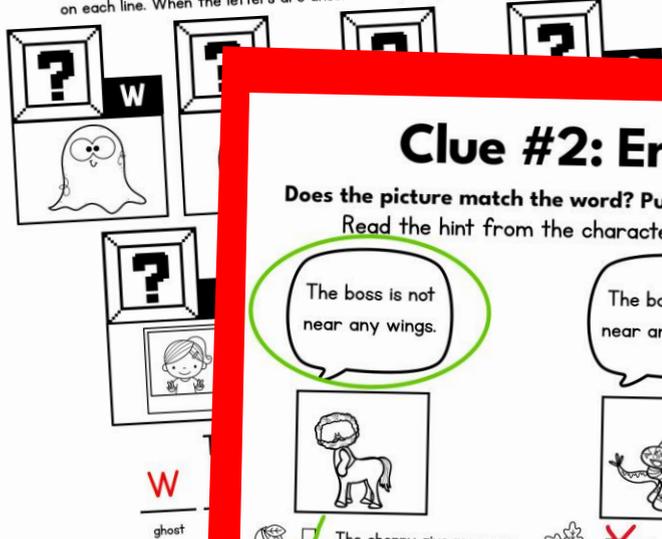
SKILL PRACTICE

Digraph Review:

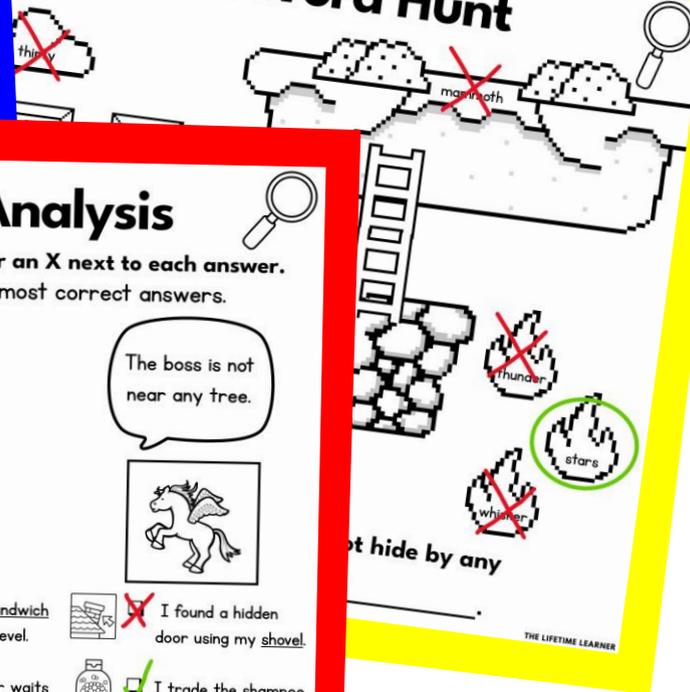
- 2 Syllable Words
- QU WR WH TH PH GH CH SH
- Error Analysis
- Match Picture to Word
- Multiple Choice
- Fill in the Blank
- Differentiate Between Digraphs

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<p>The boss is not near any wings.</p> 	<p>The boss is not near any bridge.</p> 	<p>The boss is not near any tree.</p> 
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The <u>cherry</u> give me more points in the game.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have to make a <u>sandwich</u> to pass the cooking level.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I found a hidden door using my <u>shovel</u>.</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I found a secret key hidden in the <u>chimney</u>.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The <u>shadow</u> monster waits for me at the gate.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I trade the <u>shampoo</u> for a secret code.</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I feed the <u>chipmunk</u> to get a magic coin.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My player jumps in the water with a big <u>splash</u>.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I pick a <u>radish</u> from the farm for points.</p>

All clues focus on reviewing digraphs!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

Cross out the following words:
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The boss did not hide by any stars

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boss does not like the water

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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dog	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dog	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dog

Clue #3: Word Hunt

Search out the following pictures:

		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dog	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dog	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dog

Clue #4: Color the Coins

Answer each question. Then, read the bottom.

					
<input type="checkbox"/> has - color it red					

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

<input type="checkbox"/> 3 red coins	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 red coins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 red coins	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 red coins
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The final boss likes being in the sky.
The final boss likes being in a home.
The final boss likes being in a home.
The final boss likes being by the water.

Clue #5: Find It!

Circle the boxes that have a middle sound of "u". Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

			
<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> boss	<input type="checkbox"/> runs	<input type="checkbox"/> does
			
<input type="checkbox"/> jet	<input type="checkbox"/> yum	<input type="checkbox"/> jam	<input type="checkbox"/> jug
			
<input type="checkbox"/> hat	<input type="checkbox"/> hate	<input type="checkbox"/> like	<input type="checkbox"/> tree
			
<input type="checkbox"/> rub	<input type="checkbox"/> nap	<input type="checkbox"/> tug	<input type="checkbox"/> log
			
<input type="checkbox"/> the	<input type="checkbox"/> troll	<input type="checkbox"/> water	<input type="checkbox"/> green
			
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BOSS DOES NOT LIKE THE WATER

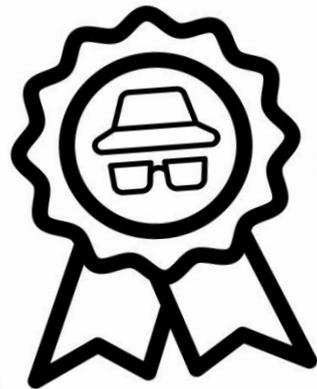
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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:

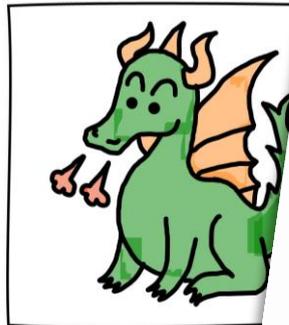
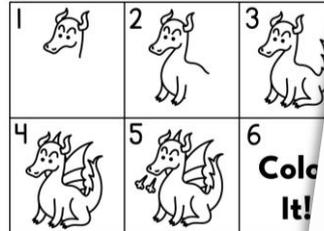


Lindsay
You solved the mystery!

11/2 AW
Date Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...

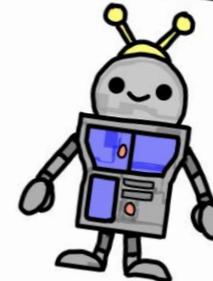
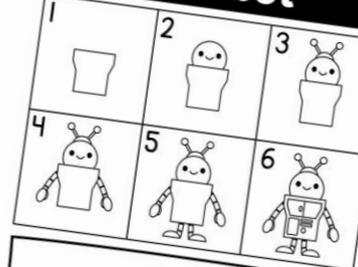
a dragon



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LET'S DRAW...

a robot



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: Color the Coins

Figure out what word is shown in each picture. Circle your answer. Then, read the bottom.

<input type="checkbox"/> quarter - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> wreath - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> queen - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> quilt - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> write - color it red	<input type="checkbox"/> wrist - color it red
<input type="checkbox"/> quack - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> wrinkle - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> quick - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> quassy - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> wreck - color it green	<input type="checkbox"/> wrong - color it green
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<input type="checkbox"/> quake - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> wrap - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> question - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> quiz - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> wrong - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> wring - color it blue

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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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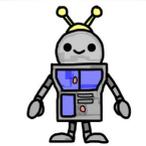
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4	5	6

Color It!



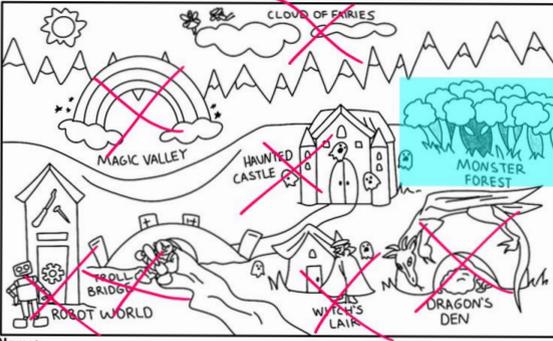
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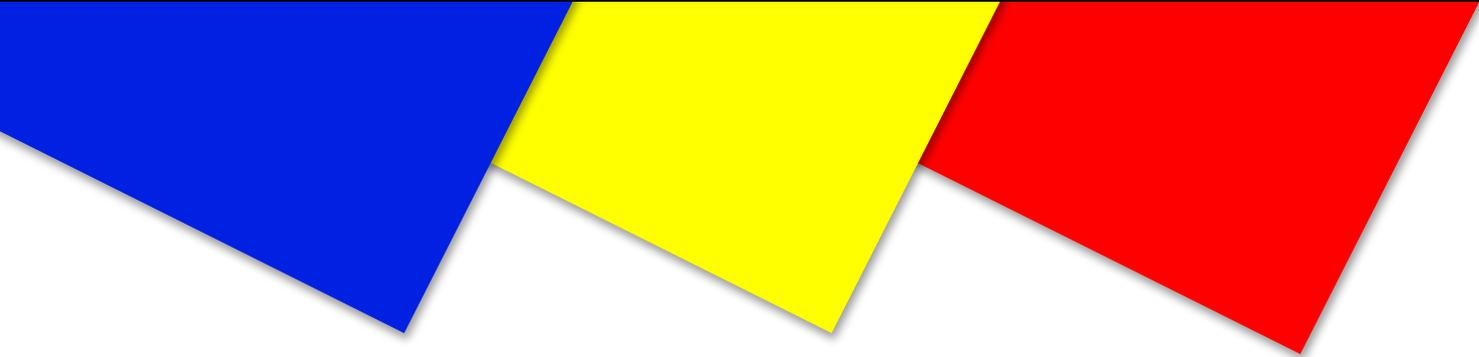
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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?



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

Example of Clue 1

Math

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?	C	?	I	?	E		

The final boss is scared of
W I T C H E S
ghost trophy dolphin photo laugh cough phone

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.

69	80	76	71	72	48	

Answers: 69 72 71 76 48 80

Jerry has 54 video games and then gets 18 more. How many video games does he have now?
The princess in the video game has 48 jewels and the hero gives her 23 more. How many jewels does she have now?
The game maker gets \$47 after selling his first game and \$24 after the second. How much money did he make in all?
The video game hero defeated 12 monsters in the first game and 36 in the second game. How many monsters did he defeat in all?
The final boss has 23 swords and he steals 57 more. How many swords does he have now?

C	L	O	U	D	S
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The final boss is not hiding in the...

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!



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