

WHAT IS THIS?

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

Clue #2: Word Hunt

Clue #3: Winter Animals

Clue #4: Error Analysis

Clue #5: Read It Like a Book

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the snowman has a round head

solve the mystery

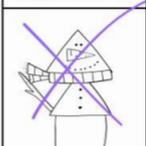
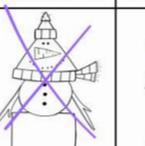
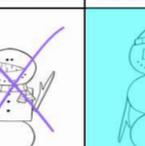
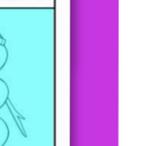


The Case of the Winter Snowman

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Name: _____

Students complete a series of clues to figure out which is the mystery snowman!

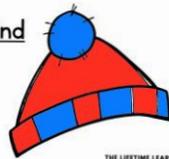
HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

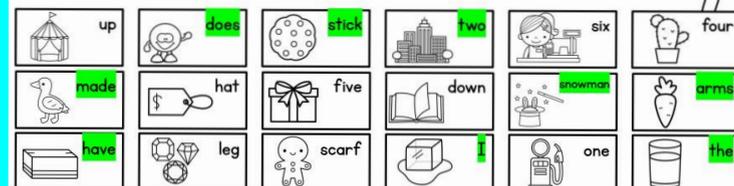
Lots of kids who live in the neighborhood built a snowman for everyone to see. Can you figure out which one I built? Solve the clues to figure out the mystery and reveal which snowman belongs to me!

1. Take a snowman list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which snowman is mine.
3. Cross out wrong snowmen each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

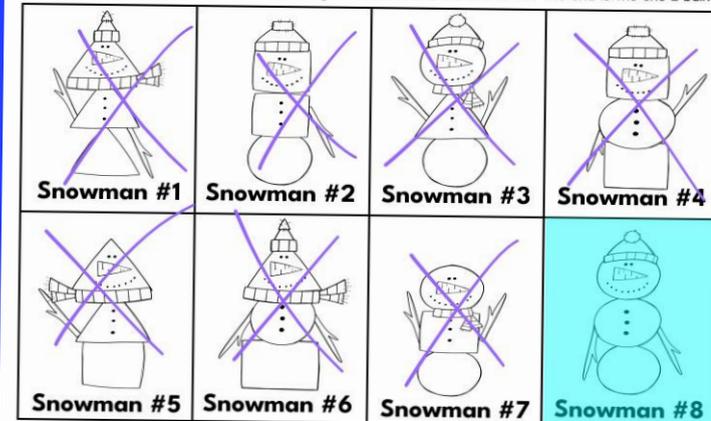
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magic  <input type="text" value="snowman"/>	circle  <input type="text" value="does"/>	cookie  <input type="text" value="stick"/>
ice  <input type="text" value="I"/>	package  <input type="text" value="have"/>	carrot  <input type="text" value="arms"/>

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

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the winter snowman will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

Winter Phonics Review:

- Soft and Hard C / G
- Trigraphs
- Diphthongs
- Vowel Teams
- Final E Syllable

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

up does stick two six four
made hat snowman arms
have leg

Read each word below. Find the correct word?

Word: glass **the**
magic **snowman**
ice **I**

When you are done, read the words.

Clue #3: Winter Animals

If the bunny has more correct, cross out the top row.
If the bird has more correct, cross out the bottom row.

The **plow** pushed snow.
The water will **boil** for cocoa.
The **soil** is cold in winter.
The **cowboy** rode his horse in the snow.
We felt **joy** on Christmas morning.

Clue #2: Word Hunt

Cross out the following pictures:

<input type="checkbox"/> bridge	<input type="checkbox"/> fetch
<input type="checkbox"/> fudge	<input type="checkbox"/> batch
<input type="checkbox"/> fridge	<input type="checkbox"/> match
<input type="checkbox"/> porridge	<input type="checkbox"/> kitchen
<input type="checkbox"/> edge	<input type="checkbox"/> sketch

The snowman is not made up of all **triangles**.

What picture is left? Draw it on the line.

All clues focus on reviewing 2nd grade phonics skills!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

5 Clue Version

Short & Long Options

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Does the picture match the sentence? Put a check or an X next to each answer.

Clue #5: Read It Like a Book

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no	the	arm	snowman
We made a peppermint	We sat by the campfire to warm	The airplane can not land on	They compete in ice skating races at the pond.
smile	smile	smile	smile
He wore a sunny costume in the winter play.	She wore a sunny costume in the winter play.	She wore a sunny costume in the winter play.	She wore a sunny costume in the winter play.

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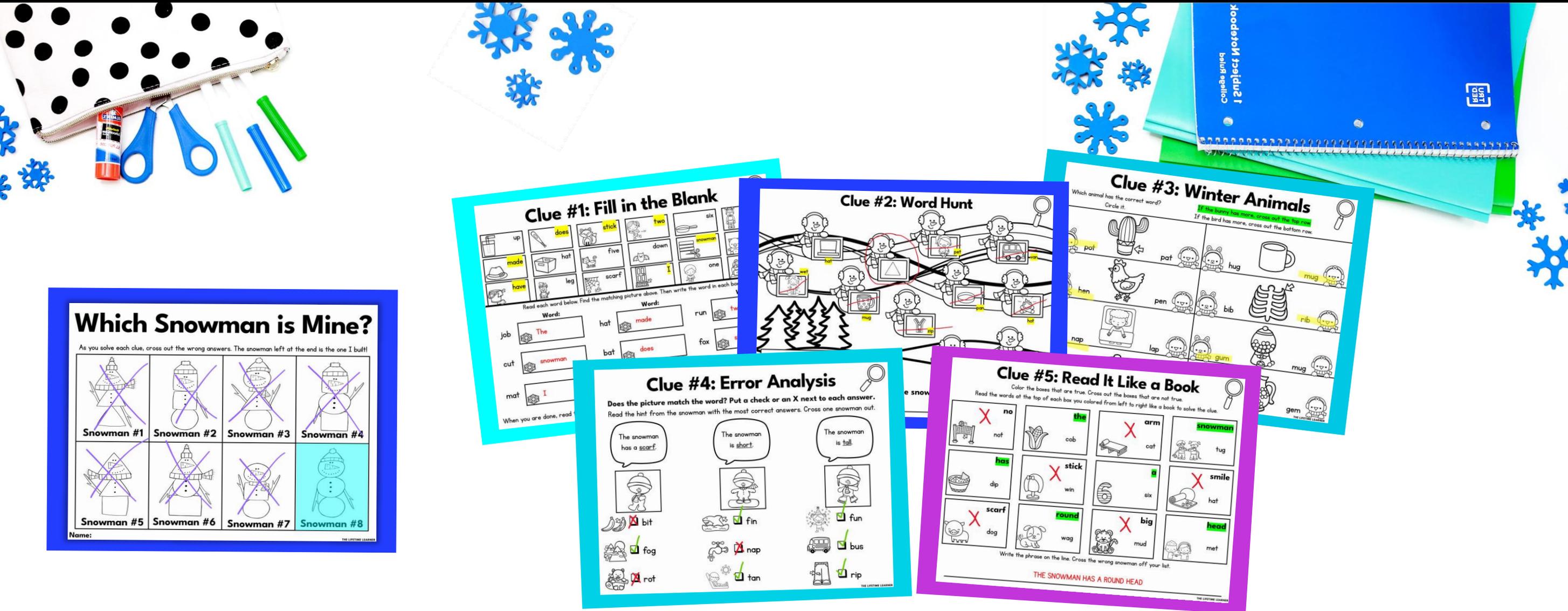
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I had a frown when my snowman fell.	The soil is cold in winter.
A cloud covered the winter sun.	The cowboy rode his horse in the snow.
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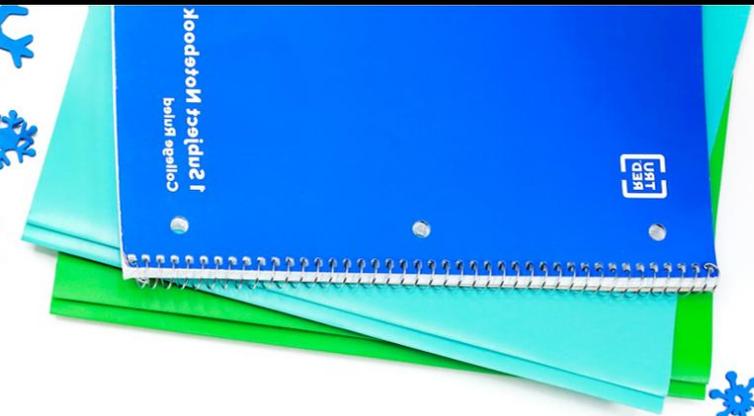
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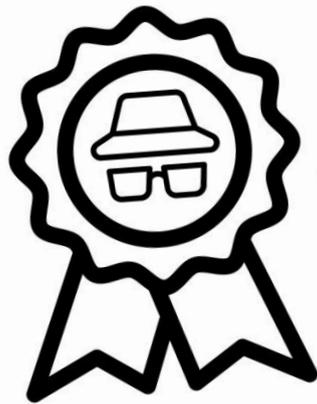
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

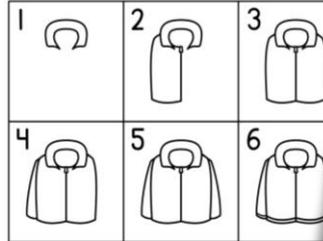
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Date

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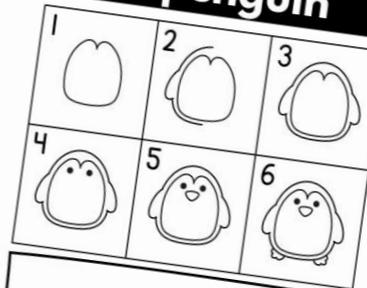
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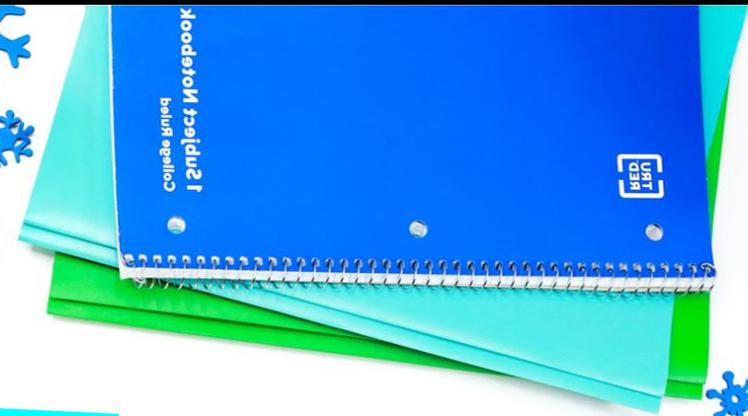
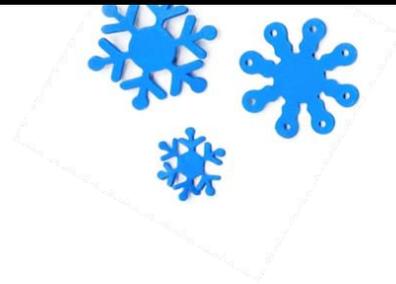
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If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

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 

Does the picture match the sentence? Put a check or an X next to each answer.
Read the hint from the snowman with the most correct answers. Cross one snowman out.

Clue	Answer	Match
The snowman has a <u>scarf</u> .		<input type="checkbox"/>
The snowman is <u>short</u> .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The snowman is <u>tall</u> .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 I put on my <u>raincoat</u> to play in the snow.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
 Winter is the best <u>season</u> .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
 It is <u>freezing</u> out in the cold.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
 She fell <u>asleep</u> on the chair.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
 Smoke goes up the <u>chimney</u> .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
 I make a <u>snowman</u> in the yard.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
 I need a <u>flashlight</u> to see in the dark.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
 It is very <u>windy</u> today.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
 We make hot <u>cocoa</u> to warm up.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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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.

PHONICS MYSTERIES ARE EXACTLY WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

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has He walked alone on the winter path.	stick Pancakes are perfect in winter.	a She got a new lampshade for the winter season.	smile She wore a bunny costume in the winter play.
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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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the	goose	made	city	two	
magic	snowman	circle	does	cookie	stick
ice	I	package	have	carrot	arms

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Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Descrambler

Solve each question. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

$\begin{array}{r} 16 \\ + 45 \\ \hline 61 \end{array}$	L	$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ + 72 \\ \hline 87 \end{array}$	R	$\begin{array}{r} 58 \\ + 26 \\ \hline 84 \end{array}$	E
$\begin{array}{r} 37 \\ + 28 \\ \hline 65 \end{array}$	C	$\begin{array}{r} 29 \\ + 29 \\ \hline 58 \end{array}$	I	$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ + 68 \\ \hline 92 \end{array}$	C

Place the correct letter on top of each matching answer.

My snowman's body has at least one:

C	I	R	C	L	E
65	58	87	92	61	84

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!**

