

What Are Reading Mysteries?

**solve the
mystery**



The Case of the Missing Wand

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The Suspect List

Read what the suspects had to say about where they were when the magic wand went missing.

| | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
|  I was flying in the forest. Dragon |  I was flying in the garden. Fairy |  I was at my house. Gnome |  I was in the forest. Unicorn |
|  I was at the shop. Wizard |  I was in the garden. Monster |  I was at my house. Witch |  I was at the shop. Troll |

Name: _____

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Clue #1: Descrambler

Look at the picture. Match it to a word below. Write the letter next to each vine on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

shrink splatter sprout squirrel stream throne

Clue #2: Color the Mushrooms

Answer each question. Color in each mushroom. Then, read the bottom.

Clue 3: Fill in the Blank

| | | | | | |
|--------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|
| shop | wings | fly | fairy | ship | look |
| dragon | the | word | horn | thief | fire |

Clue #4: Count Them

Fill in the blend at the beginning of each.

Circle all spl- words.

Cross out all squ- words.

Clue #5: Error Analysis

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

| | | |
|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I sit on a throne. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My throat hurts. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My hand throbs in pain. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Throw the ball. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have three dogs. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The ride gives me a thrill. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> He went through it. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> He thrust the ball. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I sew with the thread. |

The suspect with the most correct answers is the thief!

In every phonics mystery, students work through a series of fun, skill-based clues to crack the case!

Each clue builds reading skills while keeping engagement high—students don't even realize they're practicing, they're too busy solving!

What's Included?

Each bundle comes with:

- **30 unique phonics mysteries** (a \$180 value if purchased separately).
- **High-interest themes** kids love.
- **Ready-to-use activities** that save you time and keep your students on task.

Clue #1: Find It!
Circle the boxes where the picture matches the sentence.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

| | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| look The team met at the airport to catch a plane. | trophy Run up the staircase to warm up. | not Don't forget your bat! | water He plays basketball in a wheelchair. |
| track Her jersey number is thirteen. | Fireworks after they | a I got a letter saying I made the team. | They ate the game tro |

Write the phrase...

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?
Color each thumb in to show if you agree with each word. Color it green for yes. Color it red for no.

| | | |
|-------------|--------|------------|
| quarterback | award | score |
| runner | turf | jersey |
| soccer | sports | scoreboard |

How many words were correct?
More green answers = Cross out the places where you kick a ball.
More red answers = Cross out the places where you need a racket or glove.

Clue #3: Sports Shirts
same color as the whistle they go with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

red -er green -ur blue -ir

h ur t box er st ar t tw ir l t ar get

There is no ball in this sport if there are:
• 3 yellow shirts
• 2 red shirts
• 3 green shirts
• 2 blue shirts

Save big by grabbing the complete bundle instead of buying individually!

30 Phonics Skills for 2nd Grade

Every mystery focuses on a key phonics skill: covering everything from blends and digraphs to vowel teams, syllable types, and holiday-themed reviews.

Seasonal & Holidays

- Back to School Mystery: 1st Grade Phonics Review
- Halloween Mystery: Holiday Review
- Thanksgiving Mystery: Holiday Review
- Christmas Mystery: Holiday Review
- Winter Mystery: Mid-Year Review
- Valentine Review: Holiday Review
- St. Patrick's Day Mystery: Holiday Review
- Easter Mystery: Yearlong Review
- Spring Mystery: Yearlong Review
- Summer Mystery: Yearlong Review

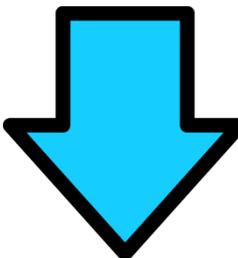
Every Day Fun

- New Pet Mystery: Consonant LE Words
- Ocean Mystery: Compound Words
- Restaurant Mystery: Phoneme Manipulation
- Rock Star Mystery: Diphthongs Review
- Video Game Mystery: Digraph Multi-Syllable Words
- Sports Mystery: R Controlled Multi-Syllable Words
- Camping Mystery: Review the 6 Syllable Types
- Donut Mystery: Open and Closed Syllable Words
- Mailman Mystery: Short and Long Vowel Sounds (Great for Beginning of Year)
- Box Mystery: Schwa Words

High-Interest Adventures

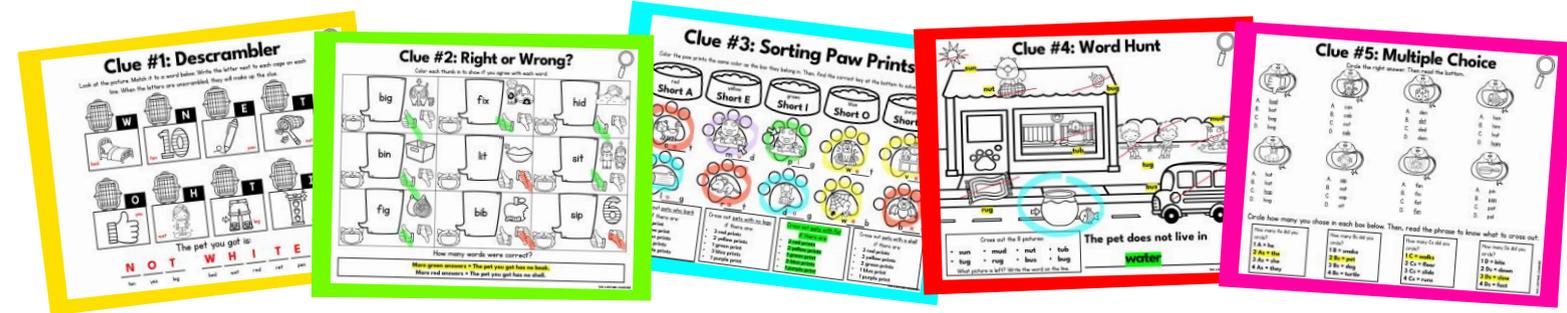
- Dinosaur Mystery: Final E Multi-Syllable Words
- Theme Park Mystery: TURE SURE SION TION
- Pirate Mystery: Hard and Soft C / G
- Race Car Mystery: Trigraph Review
- Safari Mystery: Silent Letters (GN KN MB WR)
- Space Mystery: Comparative Endings ER & EST
- Travel Mystery: Prefix and Suffix Review
- Magic Mystery: 3 Letter Blends Multi-Syllables
- Missing Princess Mystery: 2 Letter Blends
- Zoo Mystery: Vowel Team Multi-Syllable Words

plus...



30 CVC Word Mysteries!

Themes Included:



- Back to School Mystery: CVC Words
- Box Mystery: CVC Words
- Camping Mystery: CVC Words
- Christmas Mystery: CVC Words
- Dinosaur Mystery: CVC Words
- Donut Mystery: CVC Words
- Easter Mystery: CVC Words
- Halloween Mystery: CVC Words
- Magic Wand Mystery: CVC Words
- Missing Princess Mystery: CVC Words
- Mailman Mystery: CVC Words
- New Pet Mystery: CVC Words
- Ocean Mystery: CVC Words
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- Spring Mystery: CVC Words
- St. Patrick's Day Mystery: CVC Words
- Summer Mystery: CVC Words
- Thanksgiving Mystery: CVC Words
- Theme Park Mystery: CVC Words
- Travel Mystery: CVC Words
- Valentine Review: CVC Words
- Video Game Mystery: CVC Words
- Winter Mystery: CVC Words
- Zoo Mystery: CVC Words

Along with the thirty 2nd grade phonics skills, you'll also receive a **CVC version of every single mystery.**

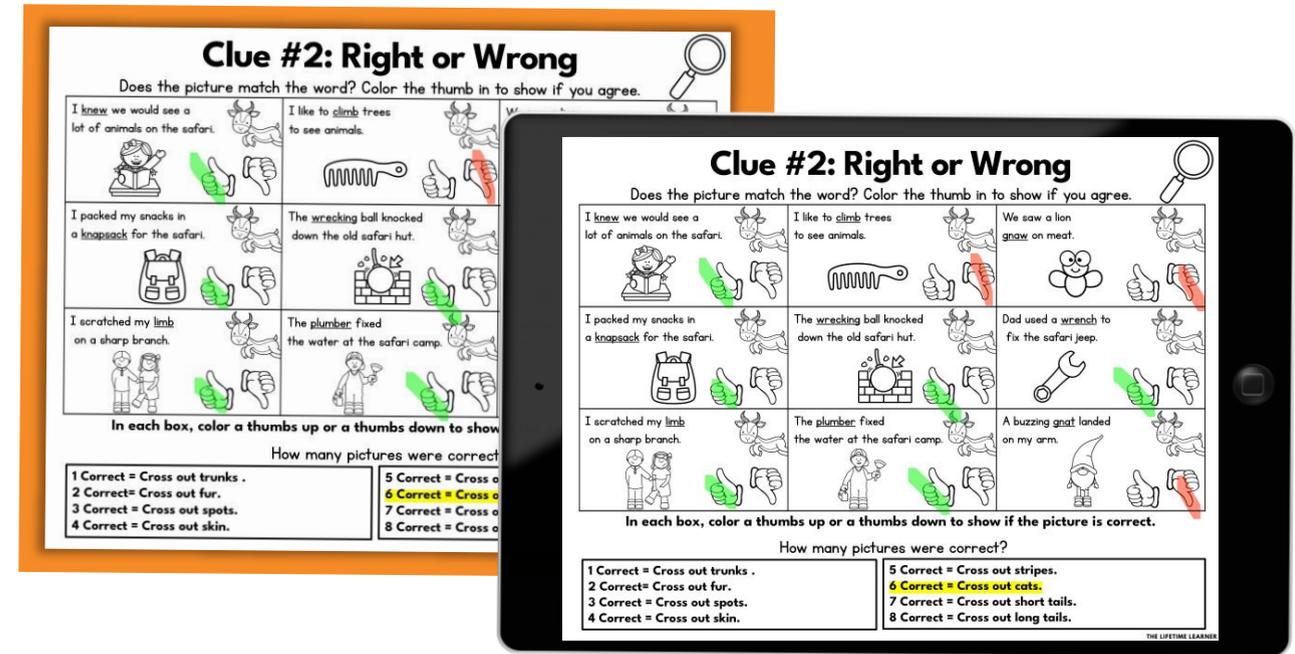
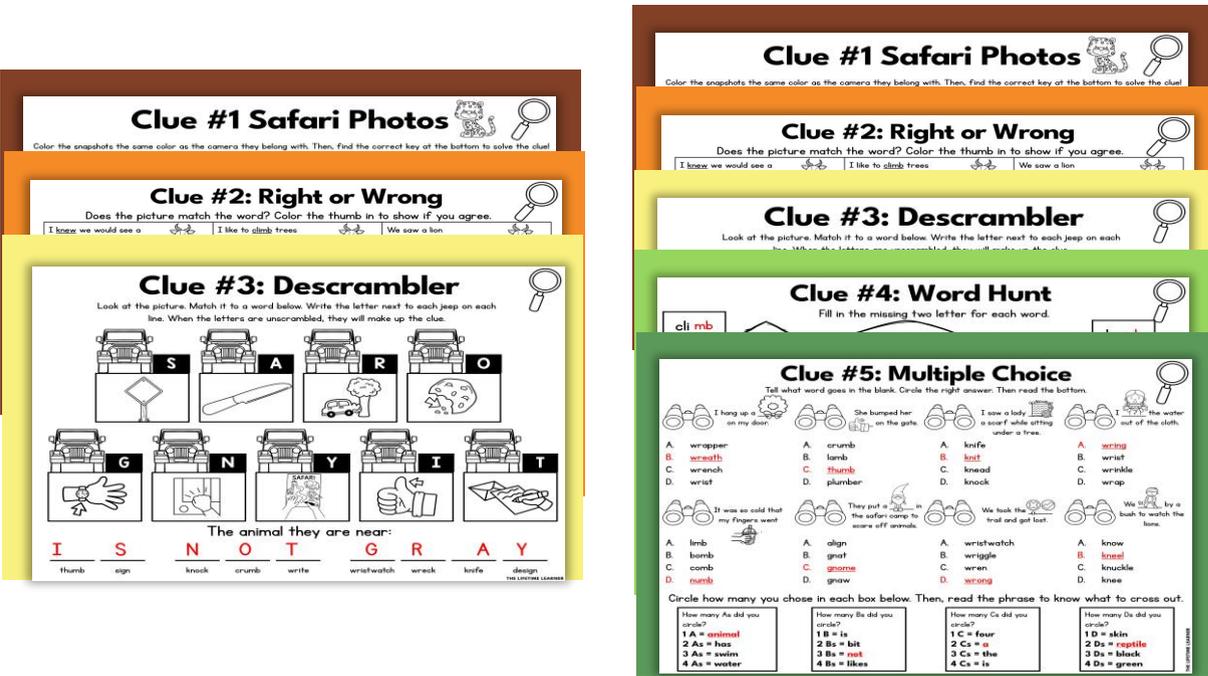
- Perfect for beginning readers or small groups needing extra support.
- Built-in differentiation—without any extra prep.

That means you're *really* getting **two mysteries in one for every theme** (a 2nd grade phonics skill AND a CVC skill) so you can easily differentiate for every student!

Every Mystery Comes in Multiple Formats

3 & 5 Clue Options

Print & Digital Forms



Each mystery is designed to fit **your** specific classroom needs:

- **3- or 5-clue options** so you can go short and quick or extend the challenge.
- **Print or Digital (Google Slides)** so you can use them on paper or screens.

No matter your schedule, setup, or student level, you'll always have a version that works!

BENEFITS OF READING MYSTERIES:

- No prep required
- Print & digital versions included
- Fun, engaging, and standards-based learning activities
- Encourages critical thinking
- Easy to differentiate
- Perfect for review days, small groups, or partner work
- Mix & match clues for even more flexibility

Clue #4: The Tent
Read what to do at the bottom.

Cross out the following words:
• campfire • garbage • harvest • target
• backyard • forest • carpet

Which letters are left? Write them on the line.

Another camper tells you your friend is not in a place with **WALLS**.

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Ideas for use: whole group lessons, small group instruction, partner or table groups, or fast finishers.

What Makes Reading Mysteries Unique?

Reading Mysteries aren't just a copy of Math Mysteries! *They are completely different!*

- Brand-new clues
- A focus on reading skills
- A different conclusion to solve

The only thing that stays the same is the fun suspect list.

If you own both, students can solve mysteries in both reading and math for double the engagement.

Reading

Clue #1: The Theme Park

DIRECTIONS: Put an S or a T in each blank. Then, circle a check or X to show if they are the same letter or different.

If there are more checks, cross out any rides. If there are more Xs, cross out any places near food.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|------------|--|
|  |  |  |  |  |  | | |
| 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 | decl_s_ion | |

Example of Clue 1

Math

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 = | |

Why Teachers Love These (and Why You Will Too!)

Phonics Mysteries aren't just engaging; they're practical!

You'll save hours of planning time while giving your students activities they'll beg to do.

With this huge bundle, you're getting:

- 30 unique phonics mysteries
- 30 matching CVC word mysteries
- Multiple formats (print & digital, 3- or 5-clue options)
- Built-in differentiation for every learner
- Fast finisher activities, certificates, and answer keys
- That's 60 ready-to-use mysteries you can use all year!
- Individually, these mysteries would cost **\$180**—but you'll save big when you grab the complete bundle.



✓ Grab the 1st grade phonics bundle today and make reading time something your class look forward to!