

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

Clue #2: Color the Mushrooms

What MIDDLE sound do the pictures have? Color in each mushroom. Then, read the bottom.



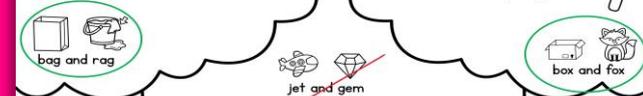
A - color
E - color
I - color
O - color

Clue #3: Fill in the Blank



Clue #4: Count Them

Color in all of the rhyming pairs.



Clue #5: Error Analysis

Do the words rhyme? Put a check or an X next to each answer.

		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> map and nap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> slip and tip	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hen and men
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bib and big	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rat and mat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> nut and nun
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> van and tan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cub and tub	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cop and top

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 that end in **-mp**.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

trophy	not	water
look	track	a

Write the p...

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.

desk	cast	crust
fast	mask	tusk
list	fist	crust

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!

ends with -lk	blue	ends with -lt
go lf	sa lt	e lf
ta lk	ta lk	e lf

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 Kindergarten

Every mystery focuses on a key kindergarten phonics skill—covering everything from beginning sounds and CVC words to digraphs, blends, and seasonal reviews.

Seasonal & Holidays

- Back to School Mystery: Alphabet Letter Intro
- Christmas Mystery: Holiday Review
- Easter Mystery: Yearlong Review
- Halloween Mystery: Holiday Review
- Spring Mystery: Yearlong Review
- St. Patrick's Day Mystery: Holiday Review
- Summer Mystery: Yearlong Review
- Thanksgiving Mystery: Holiday Review
- Valentine Review: Holiday Review
- Winter Mystery: Mid-Year Review

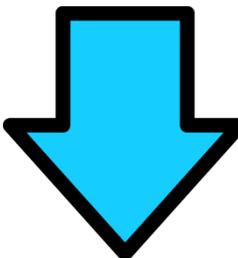
Every Day Fun

- Box Mystery: Phoneme Manipulation
- Donut Mystery: Digraph Review
- Sports Mystery: Final Blends
- Camping Mystery: Beginning Blends Review
- Mailman Mystery: Alphabet Letters
- New Pet Mystery: CVC Short E Words
- Ocean Mystery: Beginning Middle Ending Sounds
- Video Game Mystery: Ending Digraphs CH SH TH CK
- Zoo Mystery: Digraph NG (Glued Sounds)

High-Interest Adventures

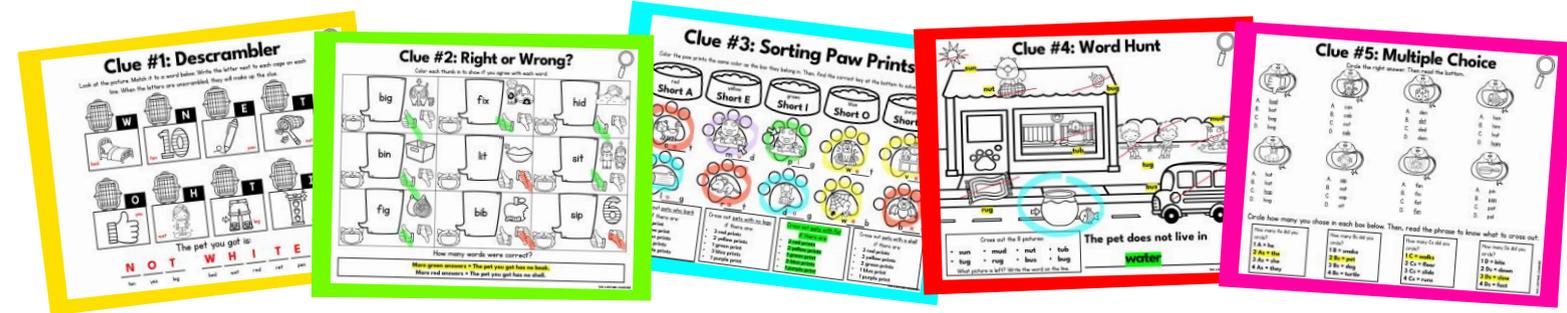
- Dinosaur Mystery: Beginning L Blends
- Magic Wand Mystery: Rhyming CVC Words
- Missing Princess Mystery: Beginning S Blends
- Pirate Mystery: CVC Short U Words
- Race Car Mystery: CVC Short O Words
- Restaurant Mystery: CVC Short A Words
- Rock Star Mystery: CVC Review
- Safari Mystery: CVC Short I Words
- Space Mystery: CVCe Words
- Theme Park Mystery: Beginning R Blends
- Travel Mystery: Beginning Digraphs CH SH WH TH

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
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- Zoo Mystery: CVC Words

Along with the thirty kindergarten 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 kindergarten phonics skill AND a CVC skill) so you can easily differentiate for every kid!

Every Mystery Comes in Multiple Formats

3 & 5 Clue Options

Clue #1 Safari Photos
Color the snapshots the same color as the camera they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

Clue #2: Right or Wrong
Do the words rhyme? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

Clue #3: Descrambler
Look at the picture. Match it to a word below. Write the letter next to each jeep on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

Clue #4: Word Hunt
Fill in the first letter of each word.

Clue #5: Multiple Choice
Tall what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

Print & Digital Forms

Clue #2: Right or Wrong
Do the words rhyme? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

pig	dip	him
wig	bib	hid
six	big	hip
mix	dig	lip
zip	fin	tin
rip	win	tip

In each box, color a thumbs up or a thumbs down to show if the picture is correct.

How many pictures were correct?

1 Correct = Cross out trunks.
2 Correct = Cross out fur.
3 Correct = Cross out spots.
4 Correct = Cross out skin.

5 Correct = Cross out stripes.
6 Correct = Cross out cats.
7 Correct = Cross out short tails.
8 Correct = Cross out long tails.

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:
• plum • slip • frog • flag
• flip • snap • plant
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 even sub days.

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: Fill in the Blank

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

you	jam	to	lap	that	
rag	don't	can	bring	nap	is
ham	need	pan	something	mat	poured

When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom ↓ in each row to figure out the clue.

Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

Write the answer. Then write the word under it to find the clue.

1= bringing	3 + 3 = 6	4 + 4 = 8	5 + 2 = 7
2= vegetable	someone	else	is
7= is	10 - 9 = 1	8 - 4 = 4	6 - 3 = 3
8= else	bringing	the	dessert
9= not			
10= peas			

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

Kinder 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 kinder phonics bundle today and make reading time something your class look forward to!

