

WHAT IS THIS?

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hug	mud	cut	gum	rug
1. <input type="checkbox"/> U	2. <input type="checkbox"/> A	3. <input type="checkbox"/> N	4. <input type="checkbox"/> O	5. <input type="checkbox"/> R
bun	bus	jug	nut	sun

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solve the mystery

The Case of the Mysterious Package

What's in the Box?
Figure out what's in the mystery box by solving each clue.

Fried Chicken	Flowers	Basketball	Video Game
Dog	Books	Robot Game	Taco

Name: _____

Students complete a series of clues to figure out what's in the mystery box!

HOW TO PLAY

What Happened?

This morning, a mysterious box arrived on your doorstep. You don't know what's inside, but it's up to you to figure it out by completing a set of clues.

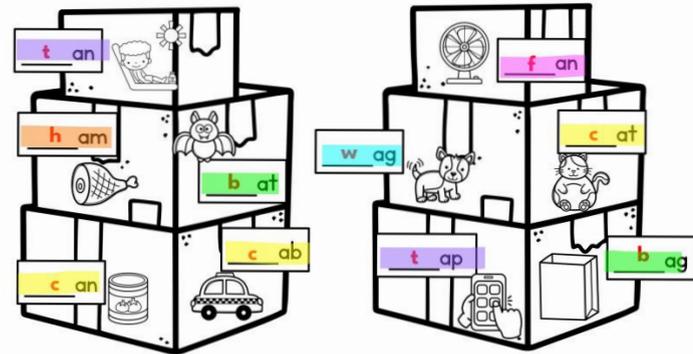
1. Take a list of mystery items and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering what is inside the mystery box.
3. Cross out wrong boxes each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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The item in the box does NOT have:

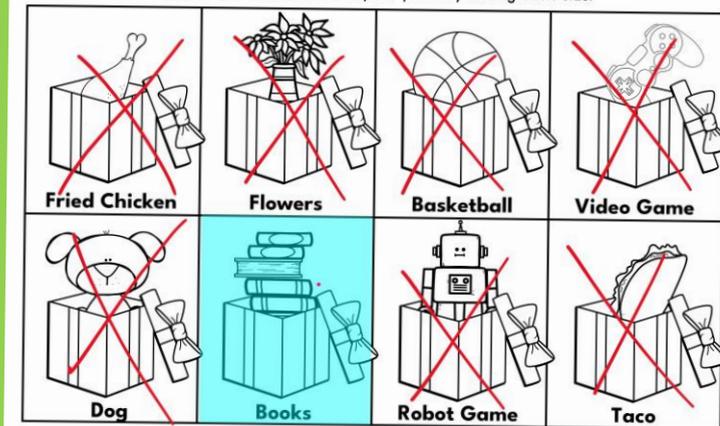
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Which letter did you see most often?

Use that answer to cross off wrong items.

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

SKILL PRACTICE

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Use that answer to cross off the letter in the boxes.

Choose the key below that matches how you colored the picture of the boxes.

Key:

The item is not a ball: if the picture has: • Box 1: red • Box 5: yellow • Box 2: green • Box 6: red • Box 3: yellow • Box 7: blue • Box 4: green • Box 8: green	The item is not a food: if the picture has: • Box 1: red • Box 5: blue • Box 2: blue • Box 6: red • Box 3: yellow • Box 7: blue • Box 4: green • Box 8: green	The item is not in a vase: if the picture has: • Box 1: red • Box 5: yellow • Box 2: blue • Box 6: red • Box 3: yellow • Box 7: blue • Box 4: green • Box 8: green	The item can not be read: if the picture has: • Box 1: yellow • Box 5: yellow • Box 2: blue • Box 6: red • Box 3: yellow • Box 7: blue • Box 4: green • Box 8: blue
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CVC Word Review!

- Short A
- Short E
- Short I
- Short O
- Short U
- Rhyming Words / Word Families
- Onset and Rime
- Blending Sounds

All clues focus on reviewing CVC words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

How many pictures were correct?

1 Correct = A meat is not in the box.
2 Correct = A sport is not in the box.
3 Correct = A food is not in the box.
4 Correct = A pet that barks is in not in the box.

5 Correct = An animal is not in the box.
6 Correct = A game is not in the box.
7 Correct = A toy is not in the box.
8 Correct = A book is not in the box.

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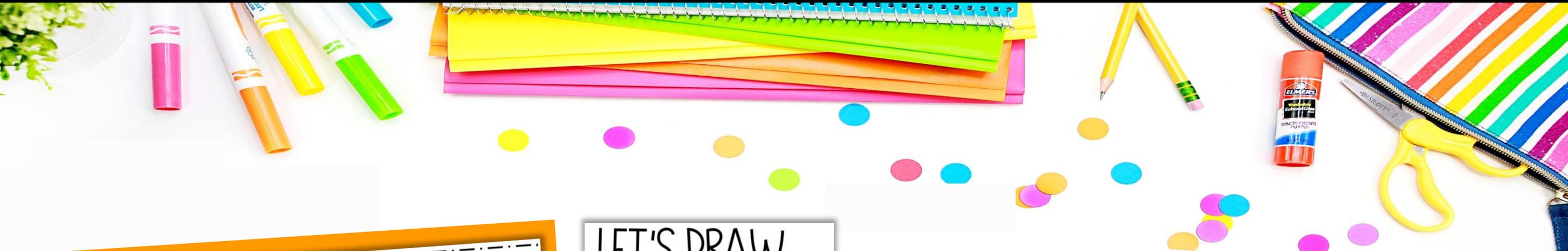
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Short & Long Options

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

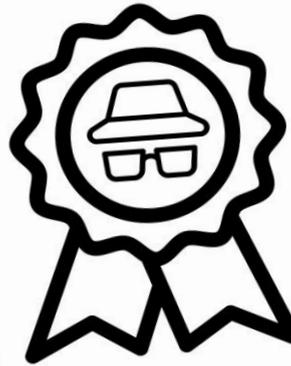


The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

11/2 Date *AW* Presented by:



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LET'S DRAW...
a puppy

1	2	3
4	5	6



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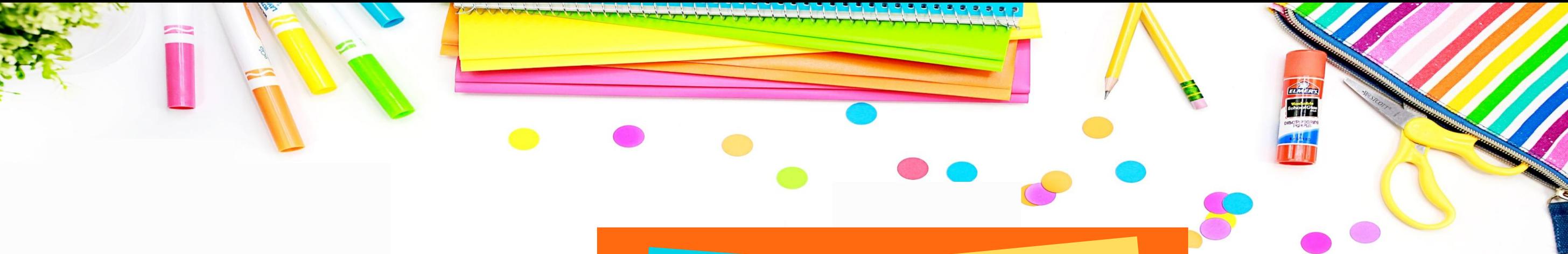
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If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

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

Clue #4: Word Hunt

What pair did you not cross out?
Write that word on the line.

Cross out the item that goes in a
hoop _____.

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In K-1, this works well as a whole group lesson or in small groups at the teacher table.

Students will need teacher support to read & understand the clues/directions.

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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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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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.

The item in the box is...

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!



MORE READING MYSTERIES:

Explore other grade levels to differentiate and keep every student engaged.



**BUY A BUNDLE
TO SAVE BIG!**

