

WHAT IS THIS?

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solve the mystery
THE LIFETIME LEARNER
The Case of the Missing Camper

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Where is Your Friend? (Detailed view):

Map labels: COUNSELOR CABIN, MESS HALL, CANOE RENTAL, THE LAKE, NATURE TRAIL, THE CAMPING GROUND, S'MORE PIT, ATHLETIC FIELD.

Name: _____

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the missing camper is!

HOW TO PLAY

What Happened?

You and your best friend are finally at summer camp, but now, you don't know where your friend went. It's up to you to solve a set of clues to figure out where they are and solve the mystery!

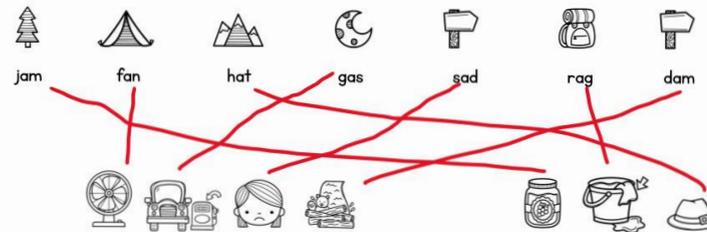
1. Take a map of locations and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where your friend is.
3. Cross out wrong locations each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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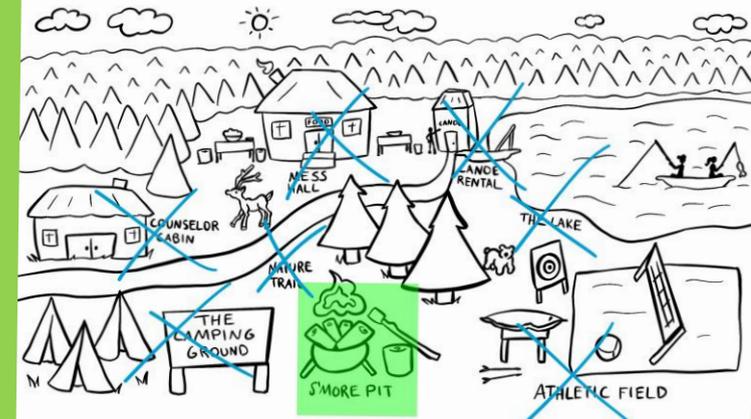
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place to cross out.

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

SKILL PRACTICE

CVC Word Review!

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

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short e yellow

short e red

Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

Cross out places at camp where you eat if there are: • 5 yellow eggs • 5 red eggs	Cross out places at camp with a canoe if there are: • 7 yellow eggs • 5 red eggs	Cross out places at camp by water if there are: • 5 yellow eggs • 7 red eggs	Cross out places at camp with a trail if there are: • 7 yellow eggs • 7 red eggs
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Clue #3: Error Analysis
Are the words a match for the picture? Put a check or an X next to each answer.

SMORE PIT

wig

rib

pig

Should be crossed out:

All clues focus on reviewing CVC words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS

Print & Digital Forms

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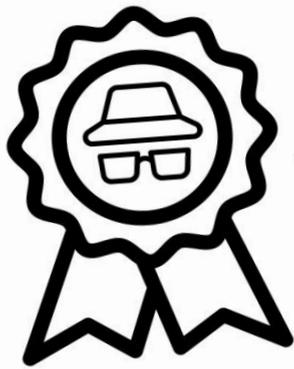
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Short & Long Options

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

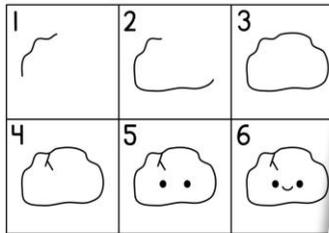
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Date

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Presented by:

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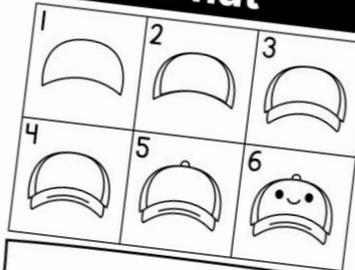
a rock



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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: The Tent
Read what to do at the bottom.

The worksheet features a large illustration of a tent. Below the tent is a grid of words and illustrations. The words are: pop, hot, pot, fox, log, nod, fog, and walls. The letters of these words are placed in a grid, and some are crossed out with a red line. The letters left are: A, F, L, D, O, L, F, S.

Cross out the following words:
• pop • nod • pot • fox
• fog • hot • log

Which letters are left? Write them on the line.

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

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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 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.

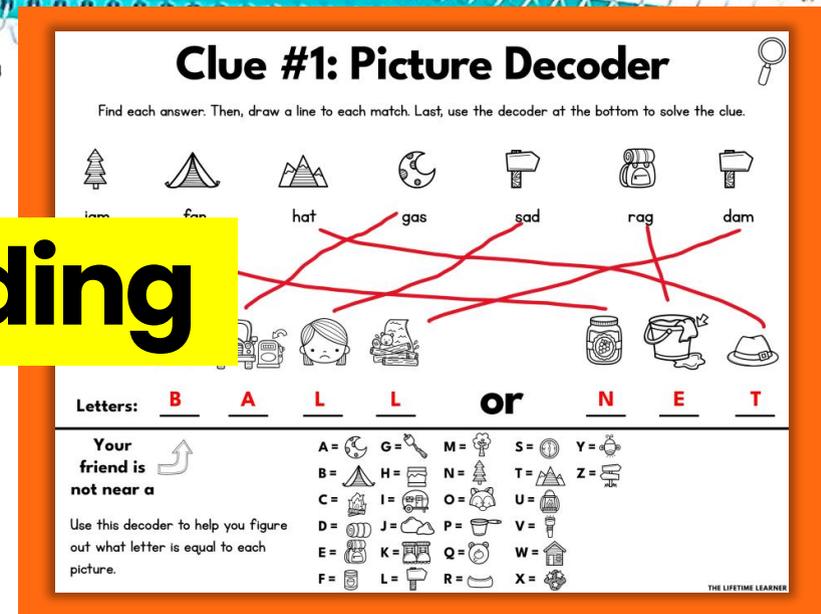
The only thing that stays the same is the list of suspects students start with!

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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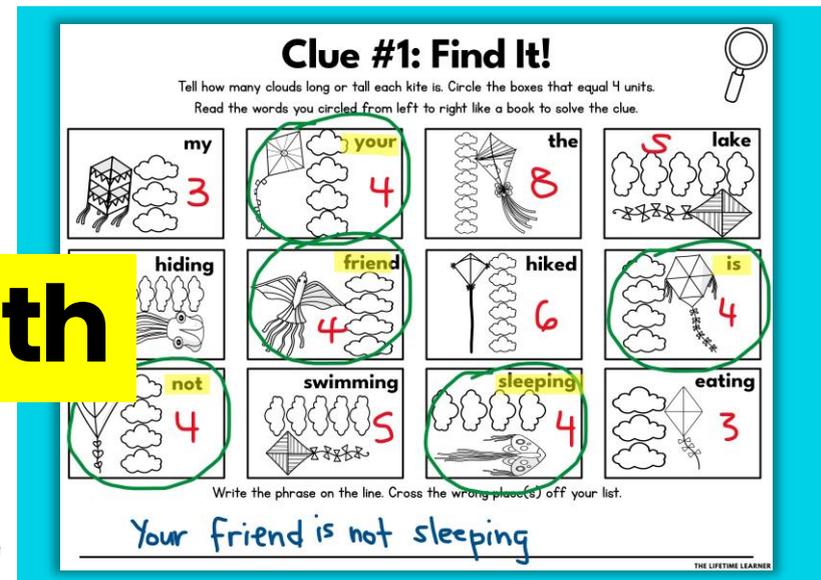
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F =	jar	L =	leaf	R =	moon	X =	fish		



Clue #1: Find It!

Tell how many clouds long or tall each kite is. Circle the boxes that equal 4 units. Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

my 3	your 4	the 8	lake 5
hiding	friend 4	hiked 6	is 4
not 4	swimming 5	sleeping 4	eating 3

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong piece(s) off your list.

Your friend is not sleeping

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!**

