

# WHAT IS THIS?



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blue -ub    purple -ug    green -un

**Clue #5: Fill in the Blank**

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have	eat	feet	swim	does	spots
not	hands	wings	claws	arms	dino

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

lip	The	dig	saw	win	have
dip	dino	rip	does	hit	sharp
fix	we	pin	not	zip	claws

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**solve the mystery**

**The Case of the Missing Dino Egg**

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

**Who Does the Egg Belong to?**  
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<del>I'm a carnivore.</del>  T-Rex	<del>I'm a carnivore.</del>  Spinosaurus	<del>I'm a herbivore.</del>  Brontosaurus	<del>I'm a herbivore.</del>  Triceratops

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Students complete a series of clues to figure out who the egg belongs to!

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

An egg fell out of its nest. Your mission is to figure out which dinosaur the egg belongs to so you can put the egg back in the correct nest. Solve the clues to figure out what dinosaur the egg belongs to and solve the mystery!

1. Take a dinosaur list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which dinosaur the egg belongs to.
3. Cross out wrong dinosaurs each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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 <b>the</b> je <u>t</u> _____	 <b>cute</b> re <u>d</u> _____	 <b>dino</b> pe <u>t</u> _____	 <b>egg</b> fe <u>d</u> _____
 <b>does</b> me <u>t</u> _____	 <b>wings</b> ge <u>m</u> _____	 <b>not</b> se <u>t</u> _____	 <b>have</b> ge <u>t</u> _____
 <b>a</b> ne <u>t</u> _____	 <b>short</b> be <u>d</u> _____	 <b>long</b> we <u>t</u> _____	 <b>neck</b> ve <u>t</u> _____

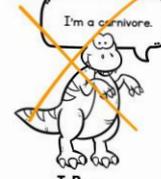
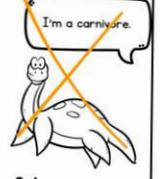
Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong dinosaur off your list.

THE DINO DOES NOT HAVE A LONG NECK

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THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what dinosaur to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the dinosaur egg 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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the cute dino egg

je **t** re **c**

does ge **a**

ne **t** be **s**

Write the phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

**Clue #2: Right or Wrong**  
Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

fox	hop	rob
		
fog	pot	mom
		
rod	pod	job
		

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 the meat eaters.	5 Correct = Cross out the longest dino name.
2 Correct = Cross out the veggie eaters.	6 Correct = Cross out the shortest dino name.
3 Correct = Cross out the swimming dinosaurs.	7 Correct = Cross out dino names with a P.
4 Correct = Cross out the land dinosaurs.	8 Correct = Cross out dino names with a T.

**Clue #3: Word Hunt**

nap bag

ham

does not have \_\_\_\_\_

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THE LIFETIME LEARNER

**All clues focus on reviewing CVC words!**

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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**Clue #3: Word Hunt**

**3 Clue Version**

Cross out the following pictures:  
• gas • bat • rat • cab • pan  
• nap • map • bag • ham

The dinosaur does not have **fin**.

What picture is left? Write that word on the line.

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dip [ ]  
fix [ we ] pin [ not ] zip [ claws ]

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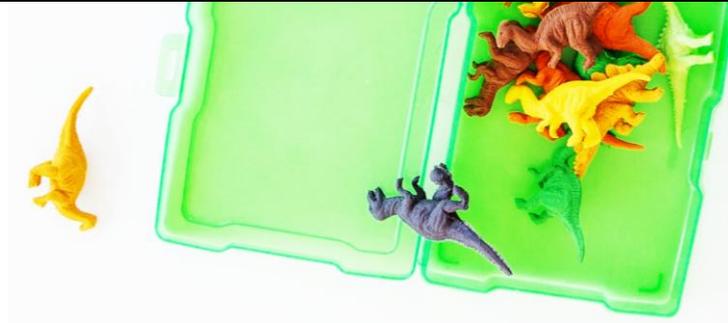
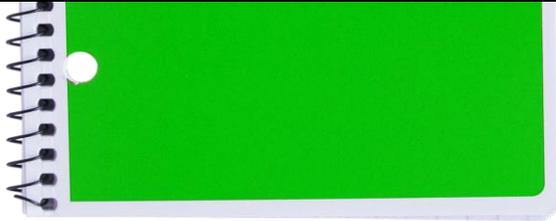
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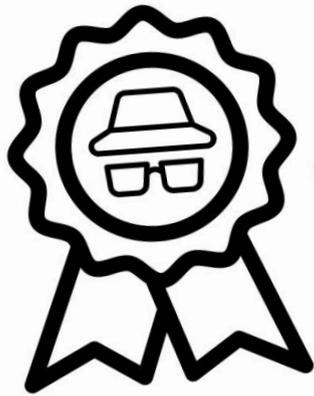
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Short & Long Options

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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Lindsay

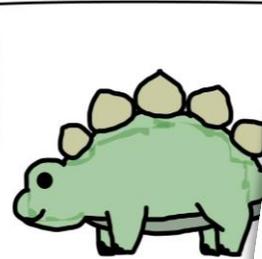
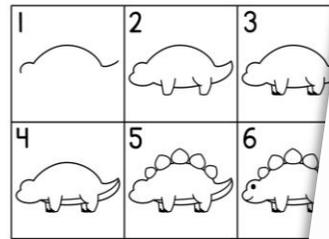
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11/2  
Date

AW  
Presented by:

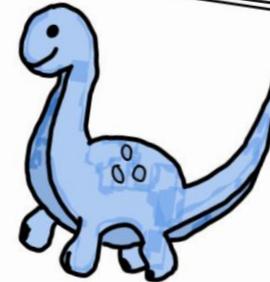
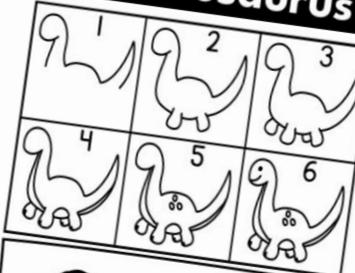
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a stegosaurus



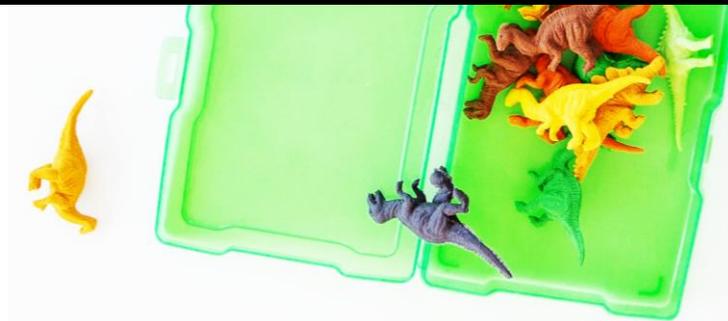
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brachiosaurus



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: Dino Notes**

Color each dinosaur the same color as the footprint it goes with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

blue -ub      purple -ug      green -un

sun      tug      rub      bug      run

rug      mug      bun      hug      fun

Cross out the meat-eaters if there are:

- 1 blue dino
- 5 purple dinos
- 4 green dinos

Cross out the smallest dinosaur if there are:

- 1 blue dino
- 4 purple dinos
- 5 green dinos

Cross out the veggie-eaters if there are:

- 2 blue dinos
- 5 purple dinos
- 3 green dinos

Cross out the largest dinosaur if there are:

- 2 blue dinos
- 6 purple dinos
- 2 green dinos

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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

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the	cute	<b>dino</b>	egg
re d	pe t	fe d	
wings	<b>not</b>	<b>have</b>	
ge m	se t	ge t	
a	short	<b>long</b>	<b>neck</b>
ne t	be d	we t	ve t

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong dinosaur off your list.  
**THE DINO DOES NOT HAVE A LONG NECK**

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.

58	92	29	43	42	73	48	63	23
<del>42</del>	<del>29</del>	<del>63</del>	<del>48</del>	<del>92</del>	<del>58</del>	<del>43</del>	<del>23</del>	<del>73</del>
35+7	26+3	54+4	42+6	87+5	52+6	34+9	16+7	69+4

**OMNIVORES**

The egg does not belong to any:

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 =	

# 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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