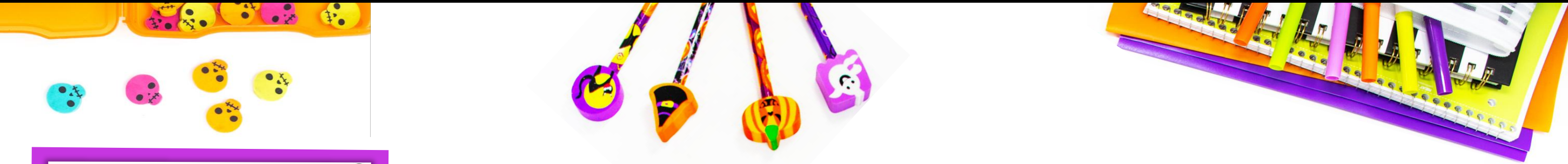


WHAT IS THIS?



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Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

Clue #2: Error Analysis
Does the picture match the word? Put a check or an X next to each answer.

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What word is shown in each picture?
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Clue #4: Word Hunt

Clue #5: Descrambler
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leg beg web ten jet yes hen fed gem vet

solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Candy

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Who Stole the Candy?

As you solve each clue, cross out the suspects who did not take the candy. The suspect left at the end is the culprit!

 I like green candy. Witch	 I like marshmallows! Ghost	 I like red candy. Vampire	 I don't like candy. Monster
 I like candy corn. Spooky Bones	 I like green candy. Frankenstein	 I like chocolate candy. Mummy	 I like chocolate candy. Pumpkin Head

Name: _____

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Students complete a series of clues to figure out who took the missing candy!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Oh no! You put down your trick-or-treat bag for a second and someone took it. It's your job to figure out who took the Halloween candy. Solve the clues to figure out the mystery!

1. Take a suspect list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering who the culprit (thief) is!
3. Cross out wrong suspects each time you find out new information. Good luck!



Clue #1: Find It!

Circle the boxes that have a middle sound of "o".
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

dot the	map red	pop thief	jam big
dig hat	box has	cup leg	hen fang
fox a	pin no	fan frown	hop smile

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

THE THIEF HAS A SMILE

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Witch	Ghost	Vampire	Monster
Spooky Bones	Frankenstein	Mummy	Pumpkin Head

Name: _____

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

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing candy 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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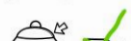






dot the
man red
pop thief
jam big

dig hat
fox a

Write the phrase

Clue #2: Error Analysis

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

		
 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fix	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dip	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rip
 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> kid	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sit	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lid
 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bit	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hip	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dig
 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> win	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wig	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mix

Cross out the suspect who has the most correct answers.

Clue #3: Color the Witch's House

What word is shown in each picture?
Circle the answer and color in the picture.

man - purple web
purple pot
d pot
en pot
low pot

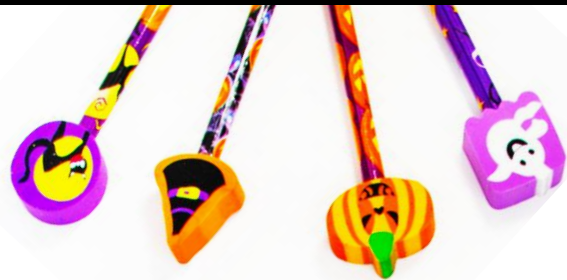
purple fire
red web
purple pot
purple slug
green book
yellow hat

The thief is NOT a boy if you see:

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

All clues focus on reviewing CVC words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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Clue #3: Color the Witch's House
What word is shown in each picture?
Circle the answer and color in the picture.

3 Clue Version

<input type="checkbox"/> bad - purple fire	<input type="checkbox"/> man - purple web	<input type="checkbox"/> egg - purple pot
<input type="checkbox"/> bag - red fire	<input type="checkbox"/> map - red web	<input type="checkbox"/> ran - red pot
<input type="checkbox"/> bit - green fire	<input type="checkbox"/> mat - green web	<input type="checkbox"/> rat - green pot
<input type="checkbox"/> bat - yellow fire	<input type="checkbox"/> hat - yellow web	<input type="checkbox"/> hut - yellow pot

The thief does... if you see...
red fire, yellow web, purple pot, green slug, purple book, yellow hat
yellow fire, red web, red pot, purple slug, yellow book, purple hat
purple fire, red web, purple pot, purple slug, purple book, purple hat
purple fire, red web, purple pot, purple slug, green book, yellow hat

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Clue #4: Word Hunt
Cross out the following pictures:
• run • pup • mud • yum
• hut • bus • gum • cub

Clue #5: Descrambler
Look at the picture. Match it to a word below. Then, write the letter next to each character on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

5 Clue Version

The thief has: **S H A R P T E E T H**

leg beg web ten jet yes hen fed gem vet

Clue #4: Word Hunt

Cross out the following pictures:
• run • pup • mud • yum
• hut • bus • gum • cub

The thief does have a **nose**.

Clue #4: Word Hunt

Cross out the following pictures:
• run • pup • mud • yum
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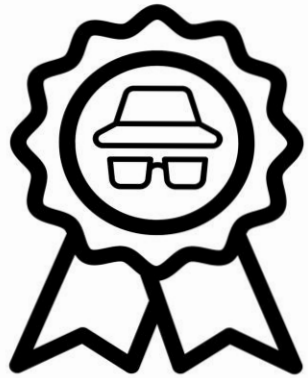
The thief does have a **nose**.

Short & Long Options

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends
congratulations to:



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

11/2

Date

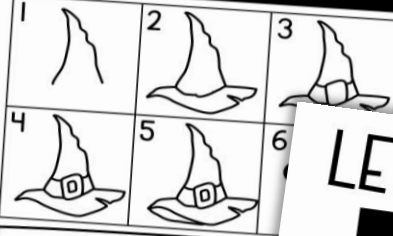
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Presented by:

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LET'S DRAW...

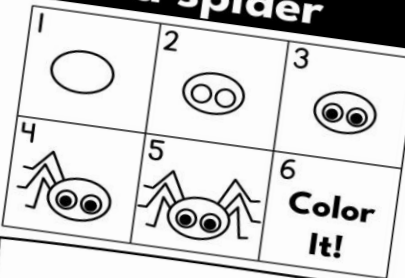
a witch hat



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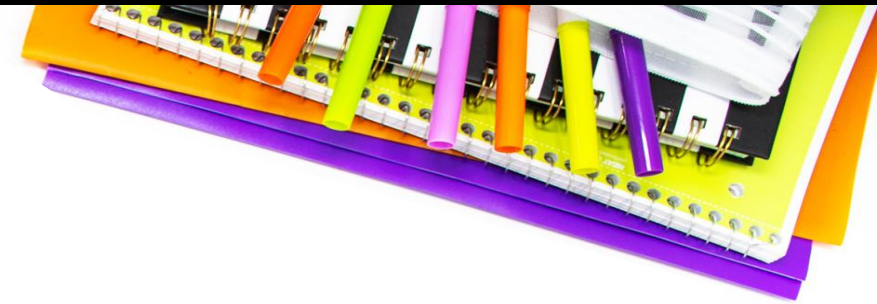
a spider



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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 #3: Color the Witch's House

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 <input type="checkbox"/> pal - purple slug <input type="checkbox"/> pat - red slug <input type="checkbox"/> <u>pan</u> - green slug <input type="checkbox"/> pad - yellow slug	 <input type="checkbox"/> <u>rat</u> - purple book <input type="checkbox"/> rag - red book <input type="checkbox"/> ran - green book <input type="checkbox"/> rap - yellow book	 <input type="checkbox"/> hit - purple hat <input type="checkbox"/> ham - red hat <input type="checkbox"/> him - green hat <input type="checkbox"/> <u>hat</u> - yellow hat

Choose the key below that matches how you colored the picture of the witch's house.

The thief does <u>NOT</u> like candy corn if you see: • red fire • yellow web • purple pot • green slug • purple book • yellow hat	The thief does <u>NOT</u> like chocolate if you see: • yellow fire • red web • red pot • green slug • yellow book • purple hat	<u>The thief is NOT a girl</u> if you see: • yellow fire • red web • purple pot • green slug • purple book • yellow hat	The thief is <u>NOT</u> a boy if you see: • purple fire • red web • purple pot • purple slug • green book • yellow hat
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THE LITTLE 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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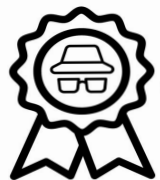
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 S	 E	 H	 R	 E

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11/2 **AW**
Date Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...
a witch hat

1	2	3
4	5	6

Color It!



LET'S DRAW...
a spider

1	2	3
4	5	6

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The Case of the Missing Candy

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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

Clue #1: Find It!

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dot	the	map	red	pop	thief	jam	big
box	has	cup	leg	hen	fang	fox	a
pin	no	fan	frown	hop	smile		

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

THE THIEF HAS A SMILE

Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

30	is	118	eyes	96	the	71	green	73	bow	58	a
60	likes	69	wearing	59	red	87	hat	67	whoever	117	candy
40	took	80	marshmallow	55	eyes	44	candy	86	monster	114	not

Tell what number comes next. Some count up. Some count down.

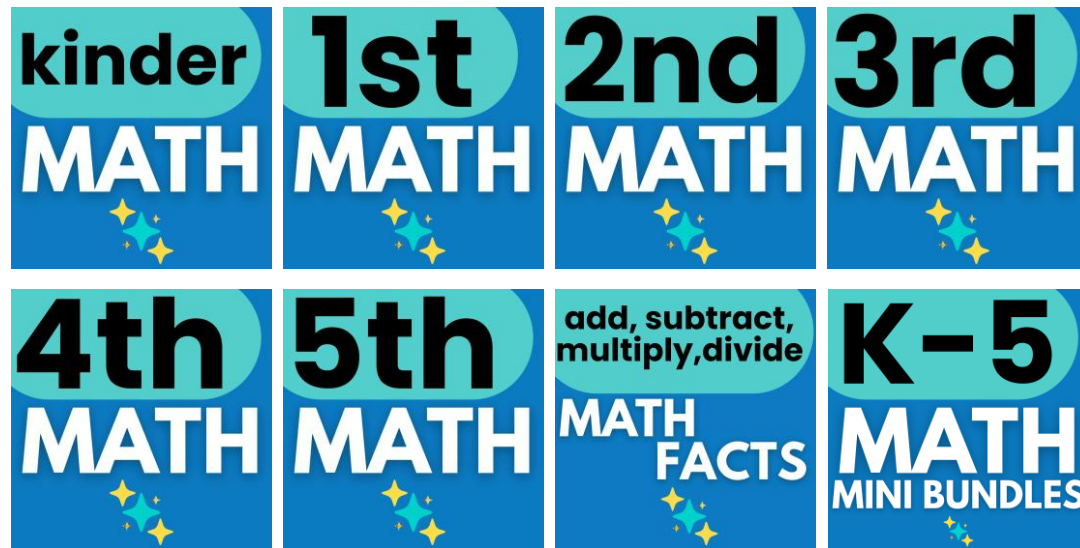
Answer: 67	Word: whoever	120, 119, 118, _____	Answer: 117	Word: candy	72, 71, 70, _____	Answer: 69	Word: wearing	
13, 12, 11, _____	40	took	27, 28, 29, _____	30	is	55, 56, 57, _____	58	a
93, 94, 95, _____	96	the	111, 112, 113, _____	114	not	90, 89, 88, _____	87	hat

Solve each problem. Write the answer. Then, write the word that goes with it. When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom in each row to figure out the clue.

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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