

WHAT IS THIS?



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solve the mystery

The Case of the Scuba Diver

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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Name: _____

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out what sea creature you saw!

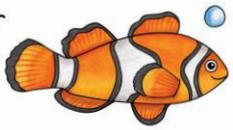
HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

On your scuba diving trip, you had a great time exploring the sea. The problem is that you don't know which type of ocean creature you saw! Now, you need to solve some clues to figure out which animal it was. Solve the mystery so you can tell your friends about your scuba adventure.

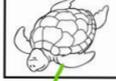
1. Take a list of sea animals and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which animal you saw.
3. Cross out the wrong animals each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what sea creature to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the scuba diver 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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Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

Rhymes green

Does Not Rhyme red

log and jog, big and pig, fox and mop, net and net, yum and gum, lid and lid, pan and fan, bed and leg, rat and rag

Cross out any blue creatures if there are:
• 6 green coral
• 4 red coral

Cross out any green creatures if there are:
• 4 green coral
• 6 red coral

Cross out any red creatures if there are:
• 5 green coral
• 5 red coral

Cross out any yellow creatures if there are:
• 7 green coral
• 3 red coral

Clue #3: Find It!
Circle the boxes that start or end with **n**.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

sun you sit fins nut did not pan see tail lid face

off your list.

All clues focus on reviewing CVC words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong animals off your list.
YOU DID NOT SEE A TAIL

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Rhymes (green fish) Does Not Rhyme (red fish)

Cross out any blue creatures if there are:
• 6 green coral
• 4 red coral

Cross out any green creatures if there are:
• 4 green coral
• 6 red coral

Cross out any red creatures if there are:
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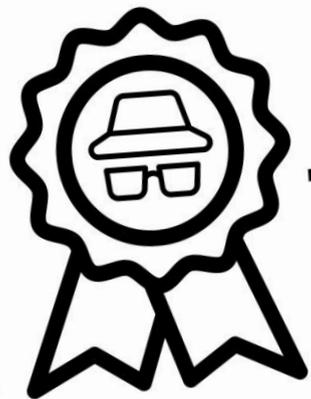
Cross out any yellow creatures if there are:
• 7 green coral
• 3 red coral

Short & Long Options

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

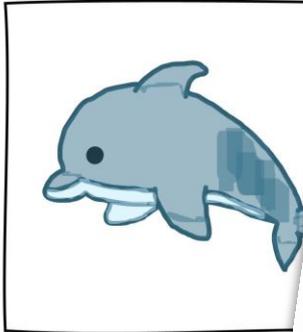
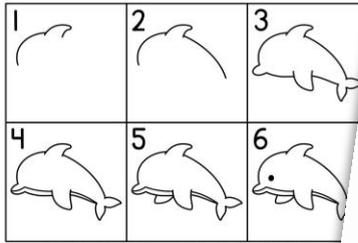
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11/2
Date

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Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...

a dolphin



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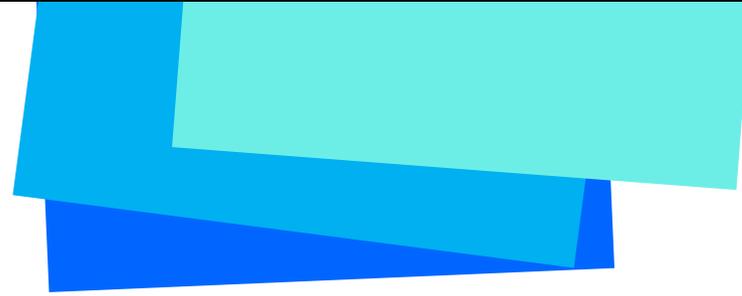
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If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

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

Cross out the following pictures:

- rat
- gas
- cut
- beg
- set
- bug
- fix
- job

What shark picture is left? Write that word on the line. _____ **nest** _____

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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 men	 wag	 bus	 jet	 lip
 T	 Q	 N	 I	 S
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4	5	6



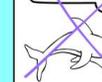
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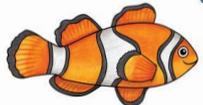
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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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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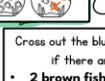
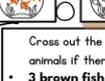
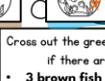
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Sea Turtle

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Clue #1: Sorting Fish

Solve each equation by crossing out the fish in the tanks. Color the fish the same color as the box they belong to.
Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

 5 brown	 10 purple	 12 green	 3 blue	
 10	 3	 5	 12	 10
 0	 5-2	 9-4	 18-6	 13-3
 5	 15-3	 16-6	 14-9	 11-8

Cross out the red animals if there are: • 2 brown fish • 3 purple fish • 2 green fish • 3 blue fish	Cross out the blue animals if there are: • 2 brown fish • 2 purple fish • 3 green fish • 3 blue fish	Cross out the yellow animals if there are: • 3 brown fish • 3 purple fish • 2 green fish • 2 blue fish	Cross out the green animals if there are: • 3 brown fish • 2 purple fish • 3 green fish • 2 blue fish
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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!**

