

# WHAT IS THIS?



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winner	longest	race	flag	the	hair
the	the	Andres	has	light	car

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

Word:	bun	net	kit
Word:	The	the	in
Word:	jug	winner	wig
Word:	the	shortest	mad
Word:	rat	has	nut
Word:	hair	pig	race

When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom in each row to figure out the clue.

## solve the mystery

The Case of the Big Race

### Who Won the Race?

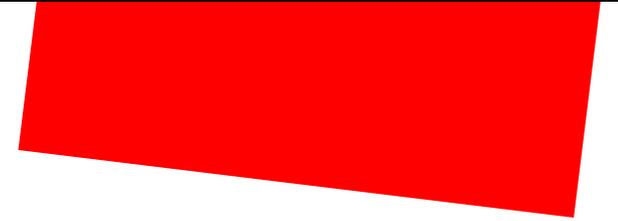
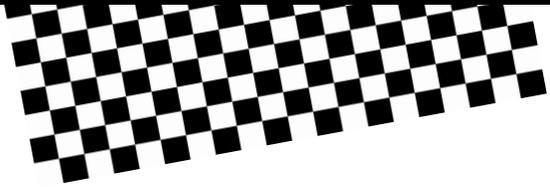
Figure out who won the big race by solving each clue.

 1 Ji My car is blue.	 2 Milo My car is green.	 3 Andres My car is red.	 4 Luna My car is blue.
 5 Leo My car is red.	 6 Jada My car is green.	 7 Eve My car is pink.	 8 Nobu My car is black.

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

Students complete a series of clues to figure out who won the race!

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

You forgot to watch the big race on TV last night. Now, you're going to need to solve some clues to figure out who won! Help figure out who came in 1<sup>st</sup> place so you'll be able to chat with friends about the winner.

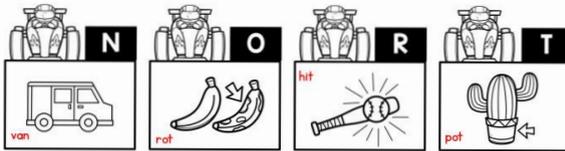
1. Take a list of racers and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering who won the race.
3. Cross out wrong race cars each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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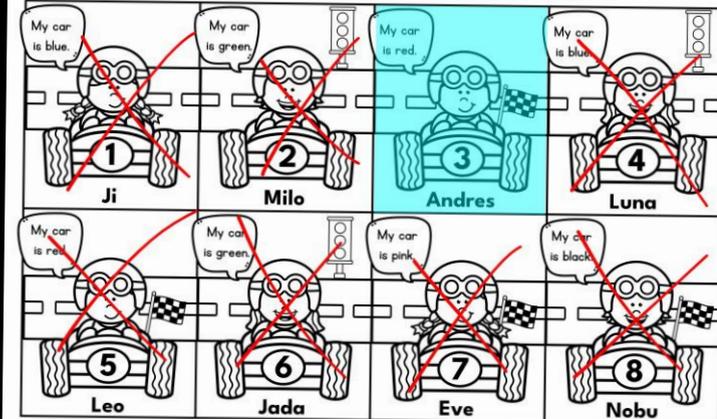
The winner's car is:

**N O T G R E E N**  
van rat pot mug hit wig fan wet

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## Who Won the Race?

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

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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal which racers to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the big race will be solved!

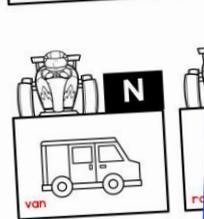
# SKILL PRACTICE

## 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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N O  
van rot

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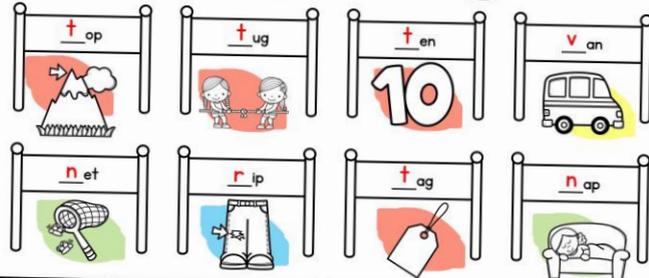
Are the words the same? Put a check or an X next to each answer. Use the hint from the car with the most correct answers.

The winner's name has more than 3 letters.



### Clue #2: Finish Line Sort

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|--|--|--|--|
| Cross out Car #1 if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 red</li><li>• 1 yellow</li><li>• 2 green</li><li>• 1 blue</li></ul> | Cross out Car #2 if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 red</li><li>• 1 yellow</li><li>• 1 green</li><li>• 2 blue</li></ul> | Cross out Car #3 if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 red</li><li>• 2 yellow</li><li>• 1 green</li><li>• 1 blue</li></ul> | Cross out Car #4 if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 red</li><li>• 1 yellow</li><li>• 2 green</li><li>• 2 blue</li></ul> |
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**All clues focus on reviewing CVC words!**

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



## Print & Digital Forms

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The winner's name has less than 3 letters.      The winner's name has 3 letters.      The winner's name has more than 3 letters.

**3 Clue Version**

lid      jam      bad  
vet      leg      fox

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op      ug      en      an  
et      ip      ag

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• 2 green  
• 1 blue

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## Short & Long Options

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

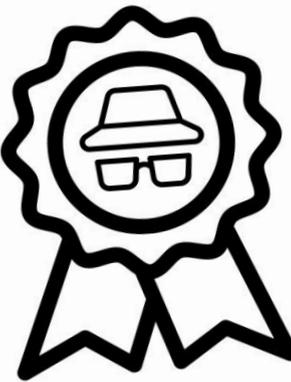


The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

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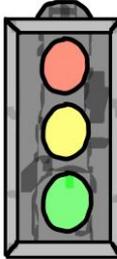
**11/2** Date **AW** Presented by:



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LET'S DRAW...  
a traffic light

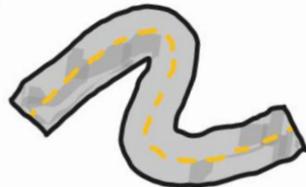
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4	5	6



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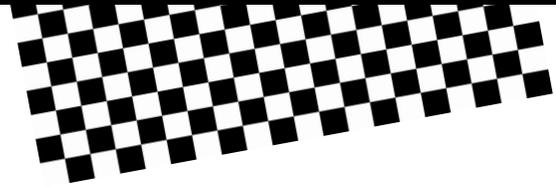
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If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

# 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**  
Fill in the last letter of each word.

hu g \_      bi t \_      tu b \_

pe n \_      ba g \_

ru b \_      ro b \_      we b \_

zi p \_

What letter did you write the most? Circle it. Write word on line.

- P = boy
- G = red color
- B = girl
- T = black color

The winner was not a **girl**.

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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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**Who Won the Race?**  
Figure out who won the big race by solving each clue.

My car is blue.	My car is green.	My car is red.	My car is black.
1	2	3	4
Ji	Milo	Andres	Luna
My car is red.	My car is green.	My car is pink.	My car is black.
5	6	7	8
Leo	Jada	Eve	Nobu

Name:

**solve the mystery**

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# WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

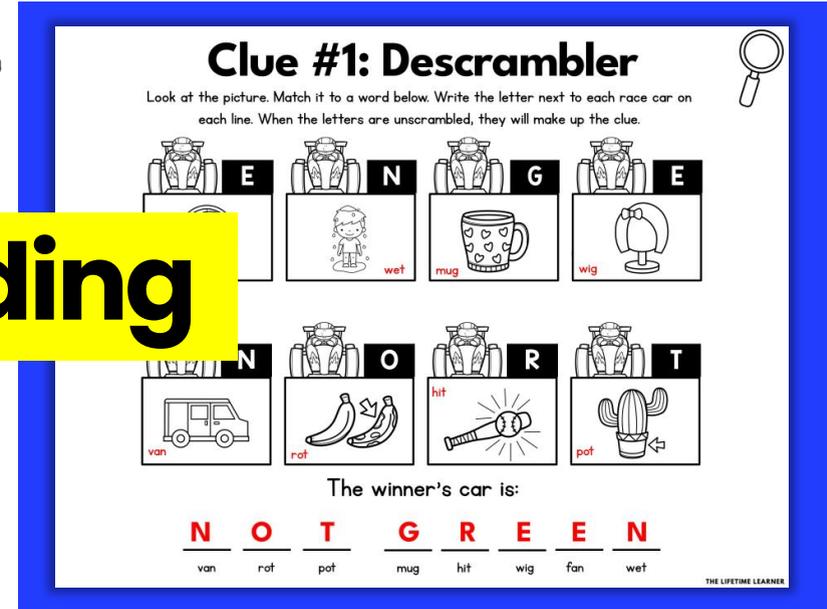
Reading Mysteries aren't just a copy of Math Mysteries!

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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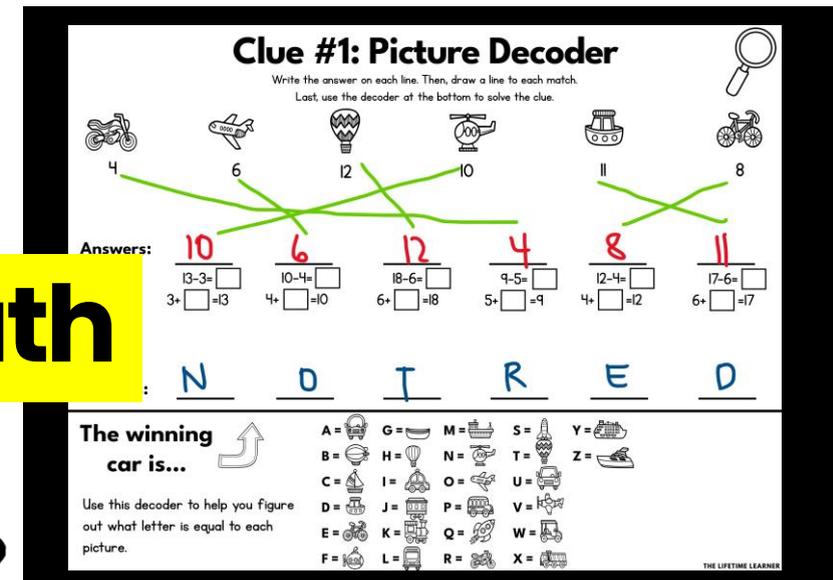
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**N O T G R E E N**

van pot hit mug wig fan wet

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.

					
4	6	12	10	11	8

Answers:

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**N O T R E D**

The winning car is...

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 = 	
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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!**

