

# WHAT IS THIS?



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 Restaurant  
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C. ran	C. rap	C. jog	C. pad
D. rsd	D. red	D. jot	D. pat

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**solve the mystery**

**The Case of the Missing Dinner**

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out whose dinner is missing!

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

Uh oh! Everyone ordered something for dinner at the restaurant...but one person's food is missing! Help describe to the waiter what the person was missing so they know what food to bring out.

1. Take a food list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering whose food is missing.
3. Cross out wrong foods each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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## Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

fork	the	with	loaf	not	burger
green	salad	plate	ice	a	crust
order	meat	come	missing	sweet	did

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

Word:	Word:	Word:
pop <input type="text" value="The"/>	cub <input type="text" value="did"/>	mat <input type="text" value="with"/>
hit <input type="text" value="missing"/>	sun <input type="text" value="not"/>	tan <input type="text" value="a"/>
tag <input type="text" value="order"/>	cup <input type="text" value="come"/>	bed <input type="text" value="burger"/>

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

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing dinner 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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hit **missing**  
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When you are done, read the words.

**Clue #2: Right or Wrong**

Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

cat	dog	dot
ten	fan	men
web	pom	sun

In each box, color a thumbs up or a thumbs down to show if the picture is correct.

How many pictures were correct? Read the right hint below. Cross two people out.

1 Correct = It did not come with a sundae.	5 Correct = It did not come with ice.
2 Correct = It did not come with a milkshake.	6 Correct = It did not come with salad.
3 Correct = It did not come with a drink.	7 Correct = It did not come with a fork.
4 Correct = It did not come in a bowl.	8 Correct = It did not come with a glass.

**Clue #3: Sorting Tables**

Sort the pictures into the same color as the cup they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

red yellow blue

ham bug cat sad

Cross out anyone with pasta if there are:  
red tables  
yellow tables  
blue tables

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

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



## Print & Digital Forms

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**3 Clue Version**

Cross out anyone with ice if there are:  
 • 3 red tables  
 • 4 yellow tables  
 • 3 blue tables

Cross out anyone with lettuce if there are:  
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 • 3 yellow tables  
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B. wet  
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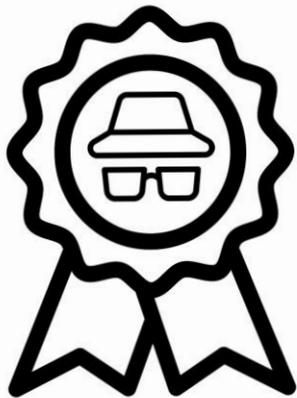
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## Short & Long Options

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

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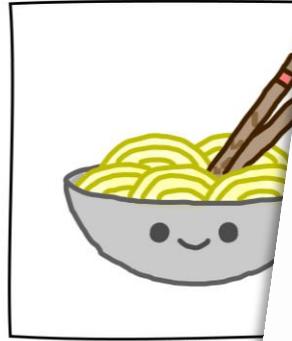
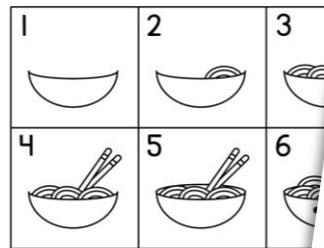
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Presented by:

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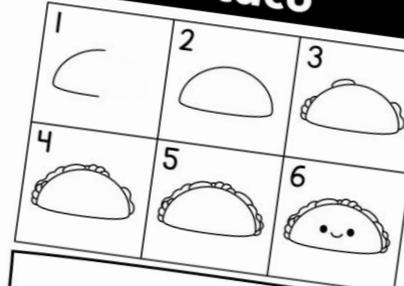
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a taco



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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: Rhyming Restaurant**

Circle all the pairs that rhyme.

pen hen  
hot dot  
map gap  
beg leg  
cat cab  
lip hip  
fib bib  
fog nod  
fun bun

How many rhyming pairs are there in the picture?  
Circle the answer below. Then, write the word on the line.

- 6 = pizza
- 7 = **sweet treat**
- 8 = sandwich
- 9 = water

The missing order comes with a **sweet treat**.

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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.

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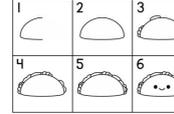
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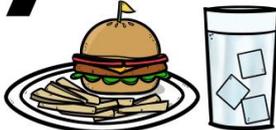


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# WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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

### Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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Example of Clue 1

Math

### Clue #1: Picture Decoder

Which number is bigger in each pair? Write it on the line. Then, draw a line to each match. Last, use the decoder at the bottom to solve the clue.

54	63	28	39	89	48	46	21	99
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
s: 63	89	54	39	48	99	28	21	46
Sixty-three or thirty-nine	seventy-nine or eighty-eight	Fifty-four or forty-six	thirty-nine or twenty-eight	Twenty-one or forty-eight	Ninety-seven or ninety-nine	Twenty-eight or fifteen	Nineteen or twenty-one	Eleven or forty-six
s: M	I	L	K	S	H	A	K	E

The person did not order a:

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 = 🍌	

Use this decoder to help you figure out what letter is equal to each picture.

# 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!**

