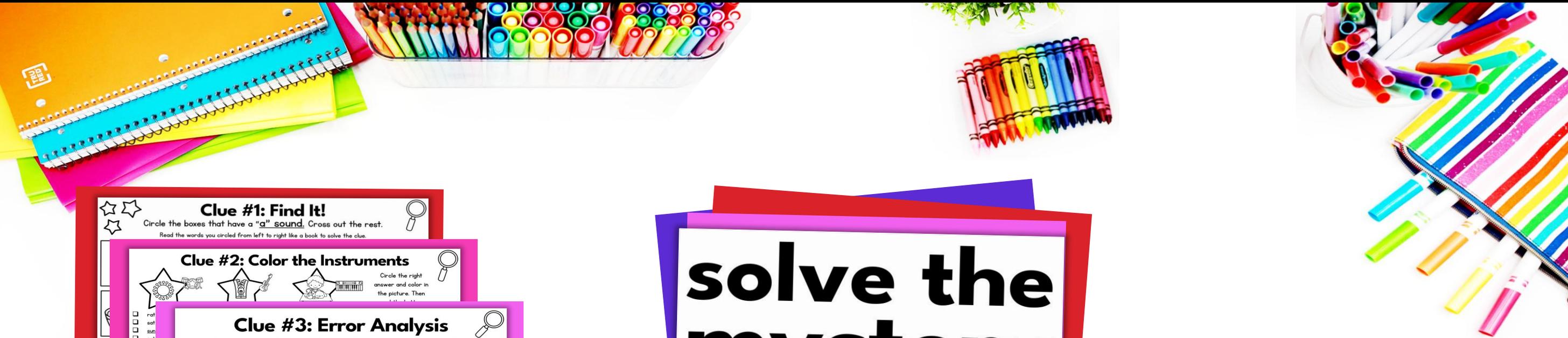


WHAT IS THIS?



solve the mystery



The Case of the Missing Instrument

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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hen	pop	pin	cob
nap	bun	pen	nut

You do not have to

P L U G I T I N

nap pop pin nut bun pen cob hen

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out what instrument is missing!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

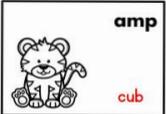
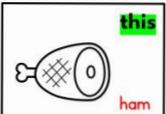
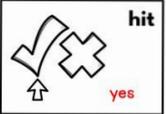
Last night, you went to a rock concert. But as the band was playing, one of their instruments suddenly went missing! Now you have to figure out which instrument disappeared based on the clues.

1. Take a list of instruments and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which instrument went missing.
3. Cross out wrong instruments each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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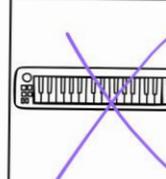
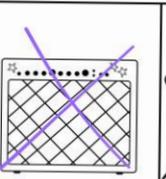
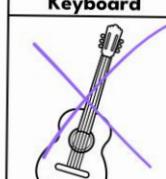
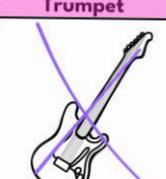
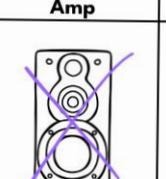
 no bag	 yes top	 amp cub	 stars wax
 play dip	 on can	 drum mop	 this ham
 hit yes	 instrument	 hands rod	 slam dig

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

NO STARS ON THIS INSTRUMENT

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Figure out what musical instrument went missing by solving each clue.

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

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing instrument 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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Clue #1: Find It! (Red border)
Words: bag, play, hit, yes, amp, stars.
Circled words: bag, stars.

Clue #2: Color the Instruments (Pink border)
Instruments: guitar, piano, drum set, trumpet, microphone, pin, jug, jam, jog, jot, men, mud, mad, mat, pin, pat, pan, pin, jog, jot, jam, jog, jot, men, mud, mad, mat.
Coloring key:
- 2 yellow, 2 red, 2 blue, 1 green
- 2 yellow, 1 red, 2 blue, 1 green
- 2 yellow, 2 red, 1 blue, 1 green
- 2 yellow, 1 red, 1 blue, 2 green

Clue #3: Error Analysis (Purple border)
Hint: Cross out the instruments you turn on.
Answers: bag (checked), pat (X), web (checked).

All clues focus on reviewing CVC words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

hid bat pat mud nut web

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5 Clue Version

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P L U G I T I N
nap pop pin nut bun pen cob hen

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hen pop pin cob

N L U I

You do not have to
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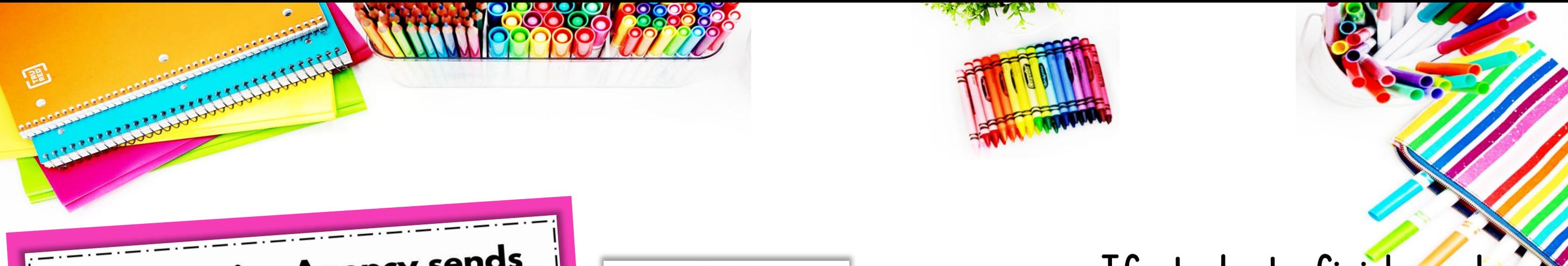
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P I T G

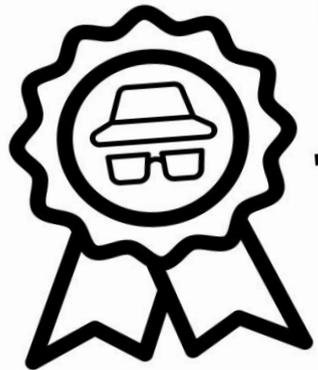
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Short & Long Options

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends
congratulations to:



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

11/2

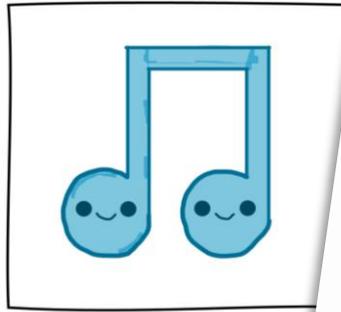
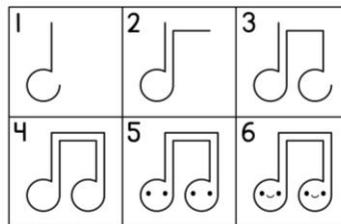
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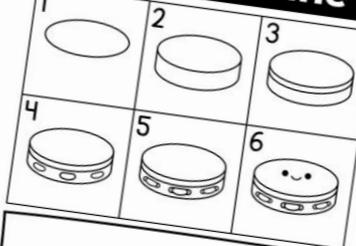
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LET'S DRAW...

a tambourine



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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 first letter of each word.

<u> </u> ug 	<u> </u> ip 	<u> </u> in 	<u> </u> ub 
<u> </u> op 	<u> </u> et 	<u> </u> ap 	<u> </u> et 

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

• J = drum	• H = box
• M = floor	• B = hand

It does not sit on the floor.

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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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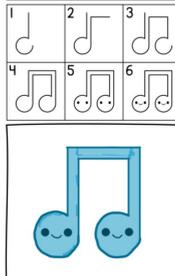
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You solved the mystery!

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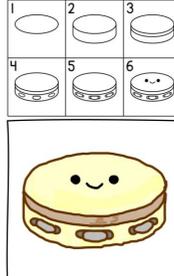
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4 5 6

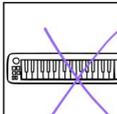
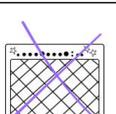
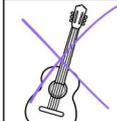


LET'S DRAW...
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4 5 6



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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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

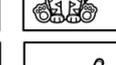
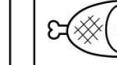
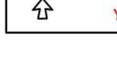
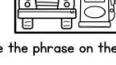
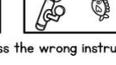
They have brand-new clues, focus on reading skills, and even feature a different conclusion to the mystery.

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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 top	 cub	 wax	
 on	 drum	 mop	 this
 can	 ham		
 hit	 instrument	 hands	 slam
 yes	 gas	 rod	 dig

Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong instruments off your list.
NO STARS ON THIS INSTRUMENT

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.

Answers: Circle cut in halves, Rectangle cut in fourths, Square cut in halves, Rectangle cut in halves, Circle cut in fourths, Square cut in fourths

ers: G U I T A R

The missing instrument is not a...

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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