

WHAT IS THIS?

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solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Astronaut

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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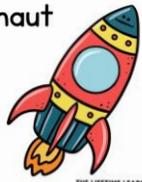
Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the missing astronaut is!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

The astronaut went on a secret mission to another planet, and it's your job to figure out which planet he traveled to. Solve each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which planet the astronaut landed on. Cross out the places the astronaut is not located each time you solve a clue. Good luck!



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82 rug	with fed	more web	79 dot
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what planet(s) to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing astronaut 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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MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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3 Clue Version

Tally up how many of each type of spelling you see.

-et	3
-en	5
-ed	4

What spelling do you see most?
-en: Letter M

The astronaut did not go to a place with:
-et: Letter U -ed: Letter V

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Print & Digital Forms

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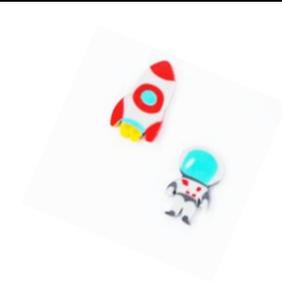
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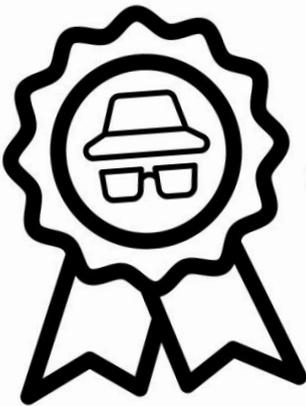
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Short & Long Options

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

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

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

LET'S DRAW...
an earth

1	2	3
4	5	6

Color It!



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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 #4: Word Hunt

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Cross out the pictures
at the bottom.
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the line.

hat jug hip pop hum lid vet S yes

Cross out the following pictures:
• hat • jug • pop • hip
• lid • yes • hum • vet

What word is left? Write it on the line.

The planet has a **letter S** in its name.

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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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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

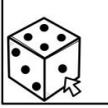
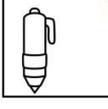
They have brand-new clues, focus on reading skills, and even feature a different conclusion to the mystery.

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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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.

8	9	3	6	4	5	1	7	2
8+13	6-3	-3=10	14-6	5+9	-2=7	8-2	-5=7	8+9

8 9 3 6 4 5 1 7 2
s: 5 3 7 8 4 9 6 2 1
s: O U R P L A N E T

The astronaut is not on...
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 = 	V = 
D = 	J = 	P = 	W = 	X = 
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.



**BUY A BUNDLE
TO SAVE BIG!**

