

WHAT IS THIS?



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solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Sunglasses

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Who Took My Sunglasses?

Figure out who took the sunglasses by solving each clue.

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Name: _____

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out who took the sunglasses!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Uh oh! On your vacation to the beach, your new sunglasses went missing. Now, it is up to you to complete a set of clues to figure out which kid on the beach accidentally took them. Good luck!



1. Take a list of kids on the beach and then start solving each clue.
 2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering who took the sunglasses.
 3. Cross out wrong kids each time you find out new information.
- Good luck!

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B E A C H C H A I R
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what suspect(s) to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing sunglasses 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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Write the word in each box.

Circle how many you chose in each box below. Then, read the phrase to know what to cross out.

How many As did you circle?
1 A = does not
2 As = does
3 As = water
4 As = waves

How many Bs did you circle?
1 B = hate
2 Bs = like
3 Bs = glasses
4 Bs = feet

How many Cs did you circle?
1 C = flip flops
2 Cs = pool
3 Cs = pick
4 Cs = surf

How many Ds did you circle?
1 D = sand
2 Ds = shells
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All clues focus on reviewing CVC words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Print & Digital Forms

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3 Clue Version

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|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|
| like | shade | to | pail | does | play |
| all | chair | thief | at | waves | sun |
| the | sky | hot | surf | foot | not |

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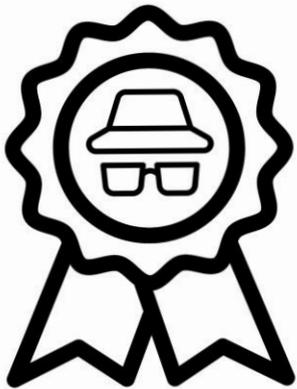
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Short & Long Options

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

11/2

Date

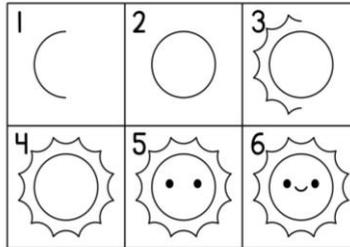
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Presented by:

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

LET'S DRAW...

a sun



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LET'S DRAW...

an ice cream



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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 Pairs
Circle each set of words that rhyme.

Hug and jug
Run and bun
Cup and pup
Cub and tub
Bug and nun
Bus and dig
Tug and rug
Hum and gum
Mud and cut
Nut and sun

How many rhyming matches did you circle? Write the word on the line.

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| • 6 = sand | • 8 = surf |
| • 7 = water | • 9 = floats |

The thief likes to play in the **sand**

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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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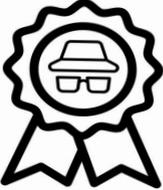
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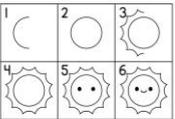


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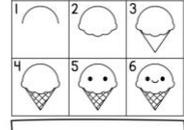
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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

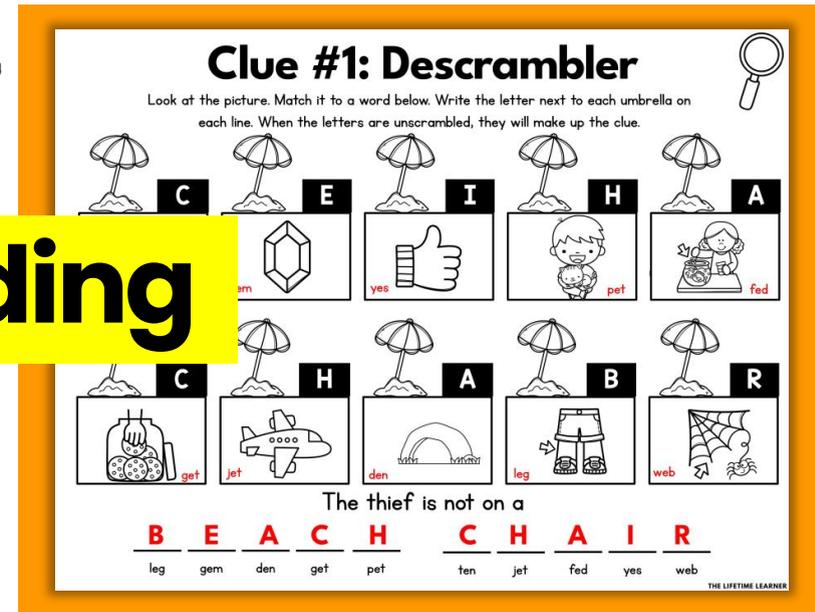
Reading Mysteries aren't just a copy of Math Mysteries!

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



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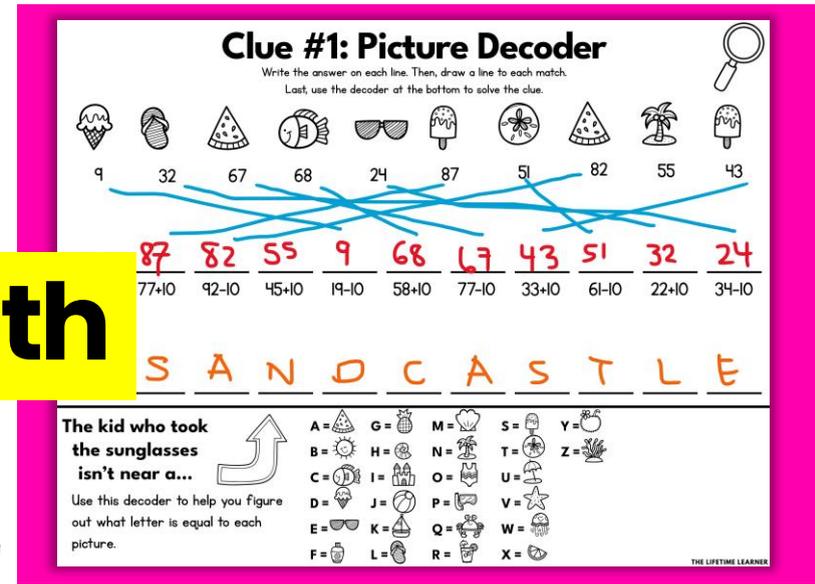
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Example of Clue 1

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.

9 32 67 68 24 87 51 82 55 43

~~87 82 55 9 68 67 43 51 32 24~~

77+10 92-10 45+10 19-10 58+10 77-10 33+10 61-10 22+10 34-10

S A N D C A S T L E

The kid who took the sunglasses isn't near 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.



**BUY A BUNDLE
TO SAVE BIG!**

