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wax pal map

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jet

DEPARTURES →

met

pen

web

ten

eat

get

Cross out these pictures:



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The Case of the Missing Luggage

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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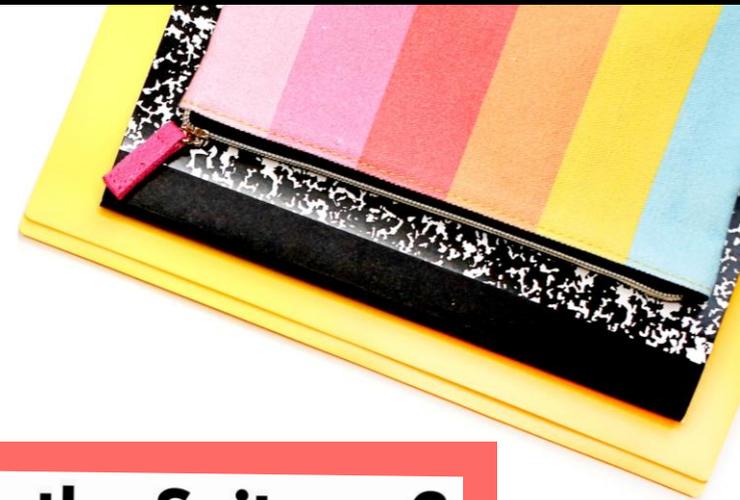
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Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the missing suitcase is!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

You were so excited to be on vacation that you accidentally left your suitcase somewhere! Now, you have no idea where it is. Solve the clues to figure out which country your suitcase is in.

1. Take a list of countries and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where your suitcase is.
3. Cross out wrong countries each time you find out new information. Good luck!

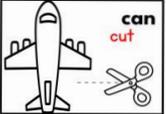


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 where lid	 sing hum	 you fin	 eat mix
 fun play	 pretzels tip	 antlers rug	 tusks rub

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When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing suitcase 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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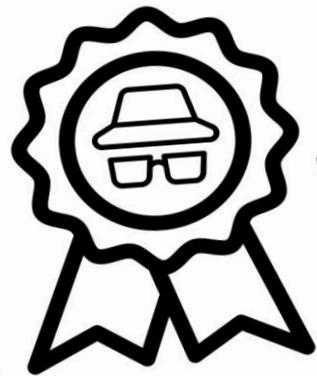
The suitcase is not near something
T H A T G R O W S
dog rod rot pod dot cob jog hot mom

All clues focus on reviewing CVC words!

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:



Lindsay

You solved the mystery!

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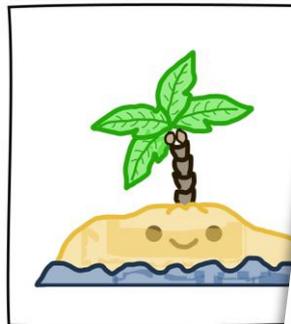
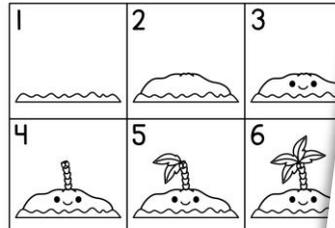
Date

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Presented by:

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an island



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

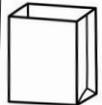
PHONICS MYSTERY BENEFITS



- 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: Right or Wrong 

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

 wax  	 pal  	 map   
 bag  	 fan  	 ran  
 tag  	 lab  	 bad  

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

How many pictures were correct? The answer will help you know what to keep.

1 Correct = The country starts with letter E. 2 Correct = The country starts with letter M. 3 Correct = The country starts with letter P. 4 Correct = The country starts with letter J.	5 Correct = The country starts with letter I. 6 Correct = The country starts with letter F. 7 Correct = The country starts with letter C. 8 Correct = The country starts with letter G.
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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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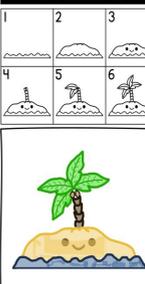
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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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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sing hum	you fin	eat mix	
play fun	pretzels tip	antlers rug	tusks rub

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Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

8	was	2	suitcase	4	was	10	I	India	tall	5	my
12	wasn't	13	pizza		when	1	am	9	animal		with
7	music		Germany	3	food	6	deer		eating	11	building

Answer: Word: 10 I

How many more people voted for Ireland than England? Answer: Word: 7 food

How many people like England the best? Answer: Word: 2 suitcase

What country had the least number of votes? Answer: Word: England when

How many more people voted for Germany than England? Answer: Word: 8 was

What country had 5 votes? Answer: Word: Ireland eating

How many people like Ireland the best? Answer: Word: 5 my

What country had the most votes? Answer: Word: Germany lost

Solve each problem. Write the answer. Then, write the word that goes with it. When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom in each row to figure out the clue.

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!**

