

# WHAT IS THIS?

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

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the Valentine Party is!

# HOW TO PLAY

## What Happened?

Whoops! You lost the address of the place where the Valentine's Day party is being held. Help figure out where the party is by solving each clue so you can arrive on time!

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



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What color boxes do you see? Find the key that matches for your next hint!

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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place(s) to cross out.

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the Valentine Party will be solved!

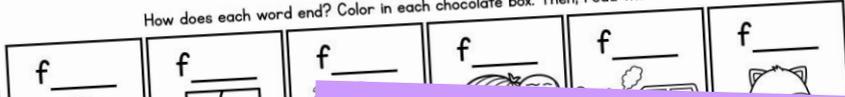
# SKILL PRACTICE

## 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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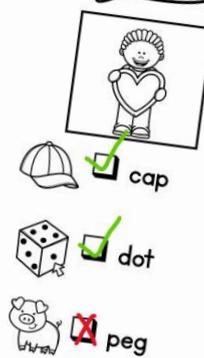
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- 1 pink box
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  - 3 red boxes
  - 1 blue box
- The party house does not have three windows.

### Clue #3: Error Analysis

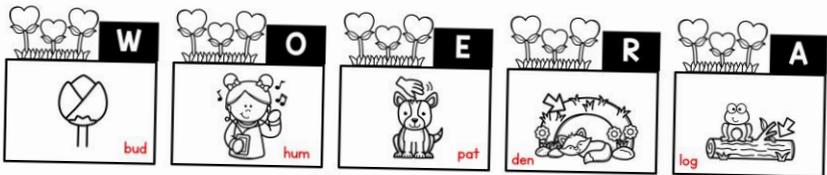
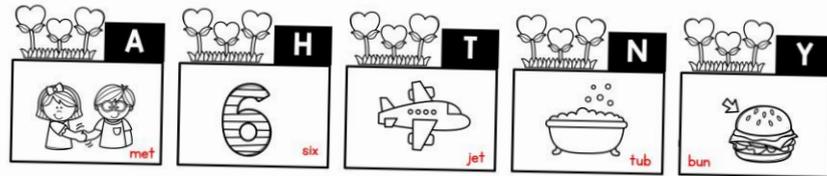
Are the words match the word? Put a check or an X next to each answer. Use the hint from the character with the most correct answers.

The party is in a house with hearts on the bush.



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The party is not

O N H E A R T W A Y  
hum tub six pat met den jet bud log bun

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

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



## Print & Digital Forms

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**3 Clue Version**

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**5 Clue Version**

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A. box B. bib C. run D. not  
A. bag B. bin C. bat D. big  
A. no B. roof C. back D. bush  
A. big B. heart C = front Ds = tree  
A = small Bs = circle Cs = green Ds = door  
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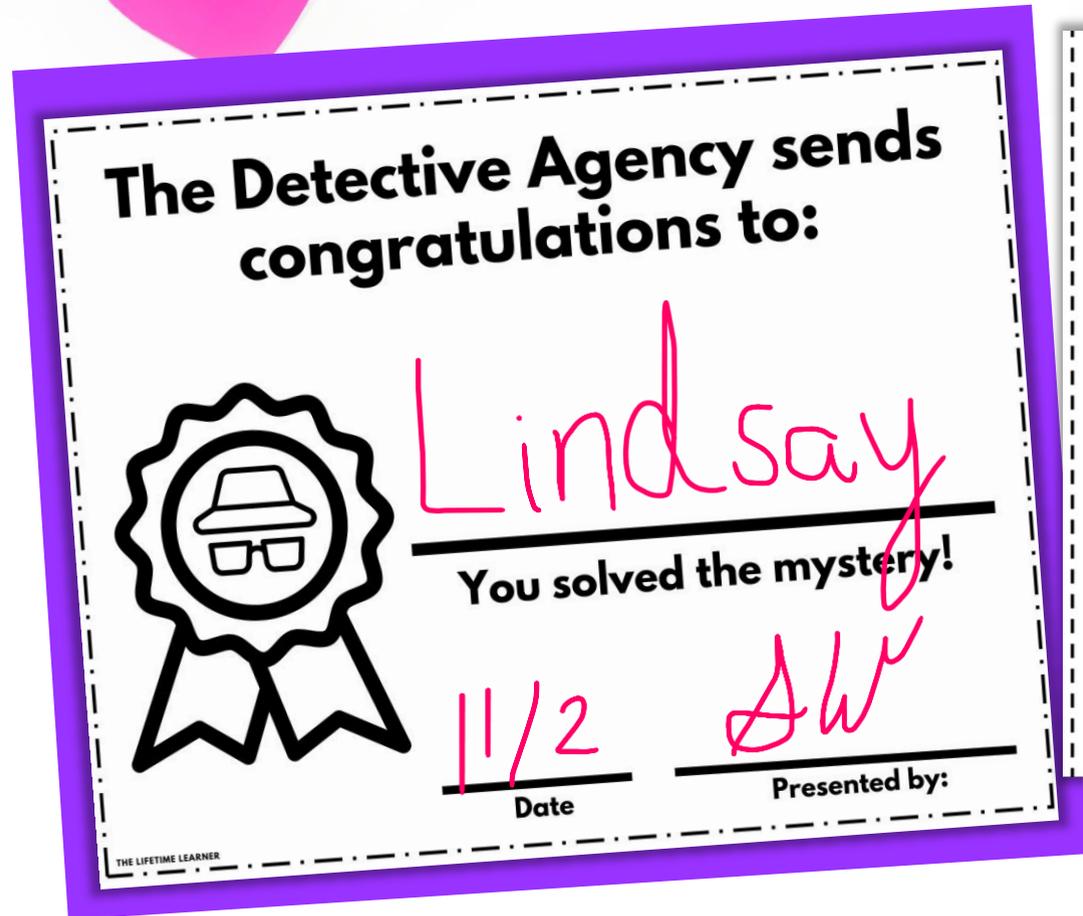
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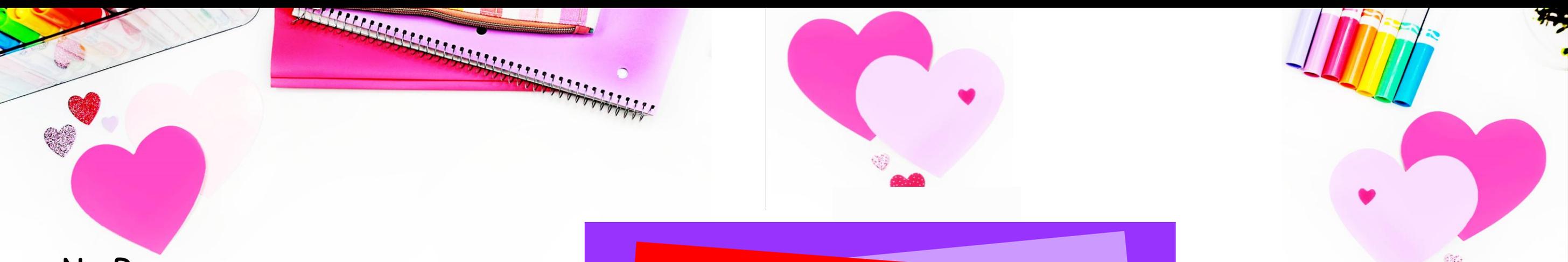
## Short & Long Options

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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**  
Read the bottom.

mad box mug  
mop mix  
pan tree

Cross out these pictures above:  
What word is left? Write it on the line.

There are no trees  
in the front yard.

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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D. dog	D. bit	D. rat	D. net

A. bag	A. sub	A. tub	A. sum
B. bin	B. cab	B. tip	B. sip
C. bat	C. cut	C. top	C. sun
D. big	D. cat	D. tap	D. sat

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 = no 2 As = big 3 As = small 4 As = yes	How many Bs did you circle? 1 B = roof 2 Bs = heart 3 Bs = circle 4 Bs = house	How many Cs did you circle? 1 C = back 2 Cs = front 3 Cs = green 4 Cs = red	How many Ds did you circle? 1 D = bush 2 Ds = tree 3 Ds = door 4 Ds = window
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The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

**Lindsay**

You solved the mystery!

11/2 Date      SW Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...  
a cupcake

1 2 3

4 5 6 Color It!

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an envelope

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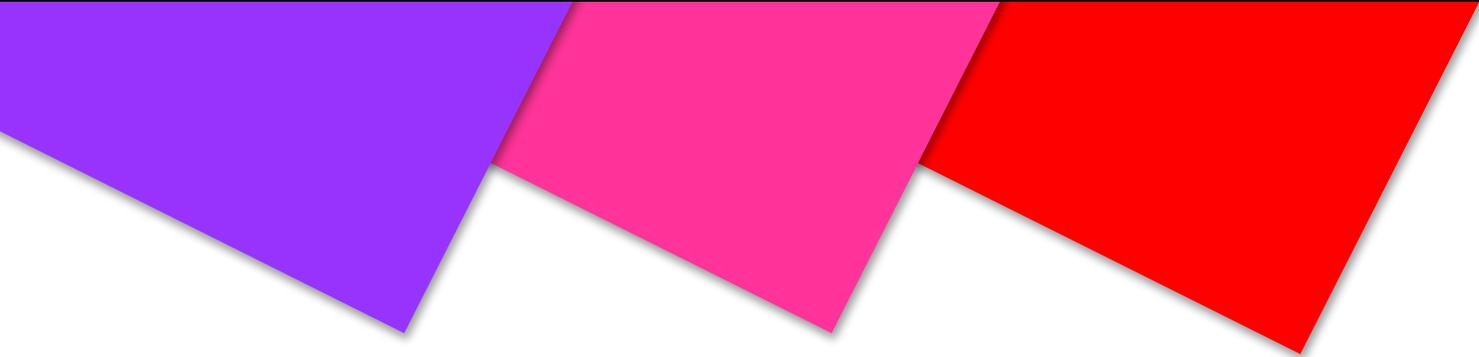
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The Case of the Valentine Party

# WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?



Reading

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.

Example of Clue 1

Math

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### Clue #1: Sorting Cupcakes

Find each answer. Color the cupcakes the same color as the box they belong in. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

 7 pink	 8 purple	 9 red	 10 blue
 7 =10	 9 4 + _ = 13	 9 _ + 10 = 19	 7 13 - _ = 6
 10 _ - 3 = 13	 8 19 - _ = 11	 7 5 + _ = 12	 9 15 - _ = 6
 10 18 - _ = 8			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3 pink cupcakes</li><li>1 purple cupcake</li><li>4 red cupcakes</li><li>2 blue cupcakes</li></ul> <p>Cross out houses with 1 tree in the front yard.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3 pink cupcakes</li><li>2 purple cupcakes</li><li>3 red cupcakes</li><li>2 blue cupcakes</li></ul> <p>Cross out houses with 2 trees in the front yard.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3 pink cupcakes</li><li>3 purple cupcakes</li><li>2 red cupcakes</li><li>2 blue cupcakes</li></ul> <p>Cross out houses with any bushes in the front yard.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2 pink cupcakes</li><li>3 purple cupcakes</li><li>2 red cupcakes</li><li>3 blue cupcakes</li></ul> <p>Cross out houses with windows.</p>
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# 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!**

