

# WHAT IS THIS?



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the	troll	water	green

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**BOSS DOES NOT LIKE THE WATER**

## solve the mystery

The Case of the Video Game Boss

### The Video Game World

As you solve each clue, cross out the places that the boss is not located at. The place left at the end will reveal the answer!

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

Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the video game boss is hiding!

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

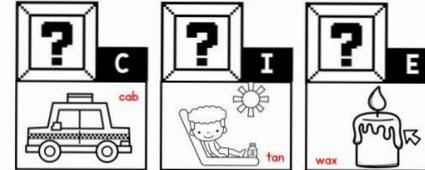
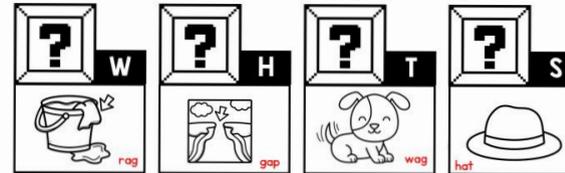
The final boss of the video game is on the run! He doesn't want you to find him because he knows you will defeat him in the last level. Help track down where he is hiding by solving the clues.

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



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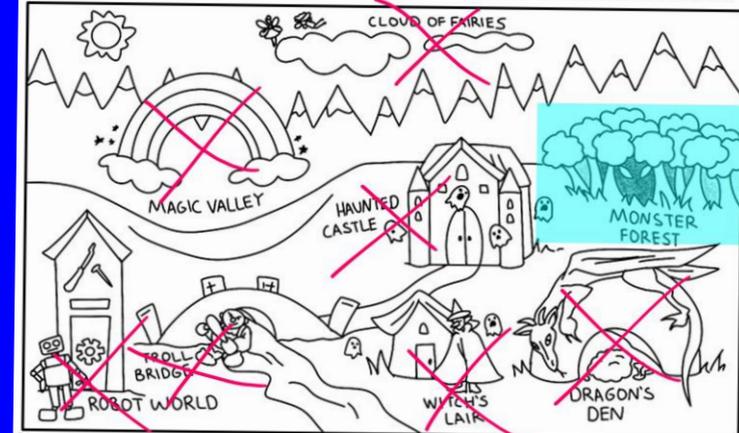
The final boss is scared of

**W I T C H E S**

rag fan wag cab gap wax hat

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

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the video game boss will be solved!

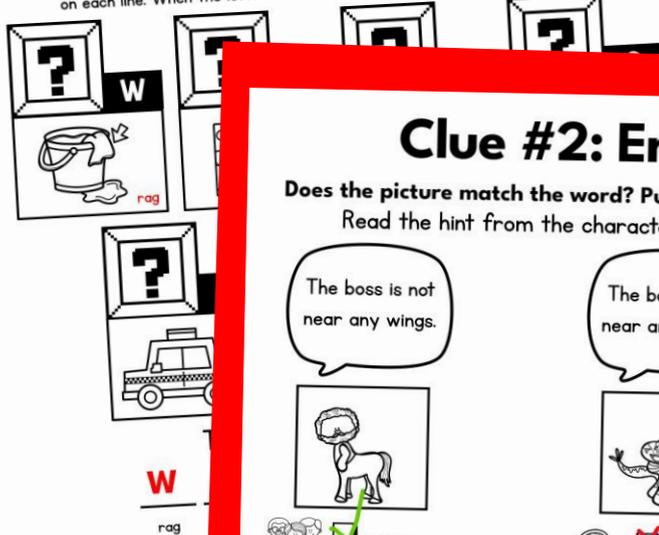
# SKILL PRACTICE

## 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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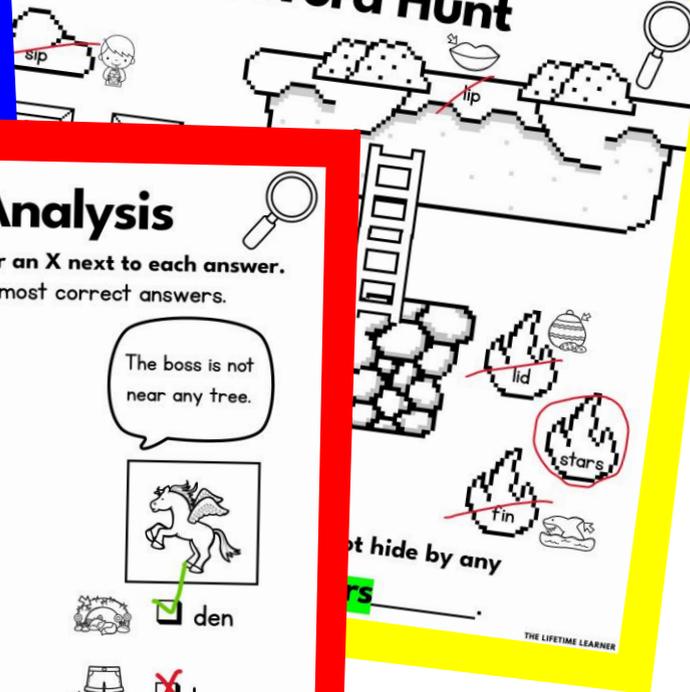


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<p>The boss is not near any wings.</p> 	<p>The boss is not near any bridge.</p> 	<p>The boss is not near any tree.</p> 
 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> men	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> den
 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> six	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pet	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> log
 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> met	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fan

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

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



## Print & Digital Forms

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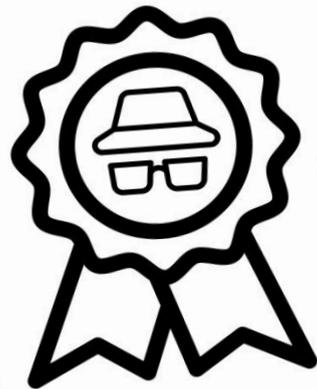
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## Short & Long Options

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:

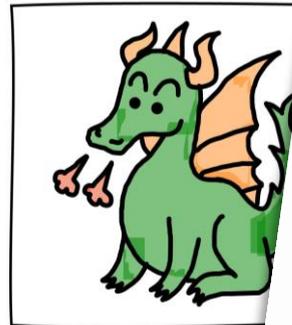
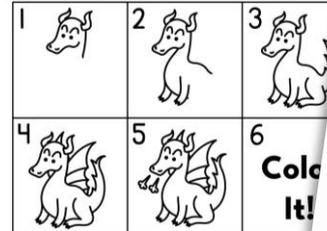


Lindsay  
You solved the mystery!

11/2      AW  
Date      Presented by:

LET'S DRAW...

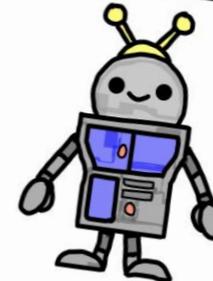
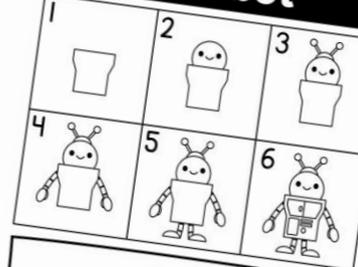
a dragon



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

LET'S DRAW...

a robot



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: Color the Coins** 

Answer each question. Then, read the bottom.

					
<input type="checkbox"/> hop - color it red <input type="checkbox"/> hip - color it green <input type="checkbox"/> hat - color it yellow <input type="checkbox"/> hut - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> pat - color it red <input type="checkbox"/> pan - color it green <input type="checkbox"/> pot - color it yellow <input type="checkbox"/> pit - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> hat - color it red <input type="checkbox"/> hit - color it green <input type="checkbox"/> ham - color it yellow <input type="checkbox"/> hip - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> dam - color it red <input type="checkbox"/> dot - color it green <input type="checkbox"/> dog - color it yellow <input type="checkbox"/> dig - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> pan - color it red <input type="checkbox"/> pat - color it green <input type="checkbox"/> pop - color it yellow <input type="checkbox"/> pin - color it blue	<input type="checkbox"/> fog - color it red <input type="checkbox"/> fig - color it green <input type="checkbox"/> fan - color it yellow <input type="checkbox"/> fat - color it blue

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 red coins</li><li>• 2 yellow coins</li><li>• 0 green coins</li><li>• 1 blue coin</li></ul> <p>The final boss likes being in the sky.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 red coins</li><li>• 3 yellow coins</li><li>• 1 green coin</li><li>• 0 blue coins</li></ul> <p>The final boss likes being in a home.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 red coins</li><li>• 2 yellow coins</li><li>• 1 green coin</li><li>• 0 blue coins</li></ul> <p>The final boss likes being out in nature.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 red coins</li><li>• 1 yellow coin</li><li>• 2 green coins</li><li>• 0 blue coins</li></ul> <p>The final boss likes being by the water.</p>
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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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?	C	?	I	?	E		
							

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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.

					
Answers: <b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>
You catch 8 monsters. Then you catch 11 more. How many monsters did you catch in all?	Jerry has 5 video games. He gets 8 more. How many video games does Jerry have now?	The princess has 4 crowns. She gets 3 more. How many crowns does she have now?	You have \$7 to buy video games. You get \$5 more. How much money do you have now?	The hero stops 12 monsters. Then he stops 6 more. How many monsters did he stop?	The villain has 5 coins. He takes 15 more. How many coins does he have now?

**C L O U D S**

The final boss is not hiding in the...

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 = 	

Use this decoder to help you figure out what letter is equal to each picture.

# 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!**

