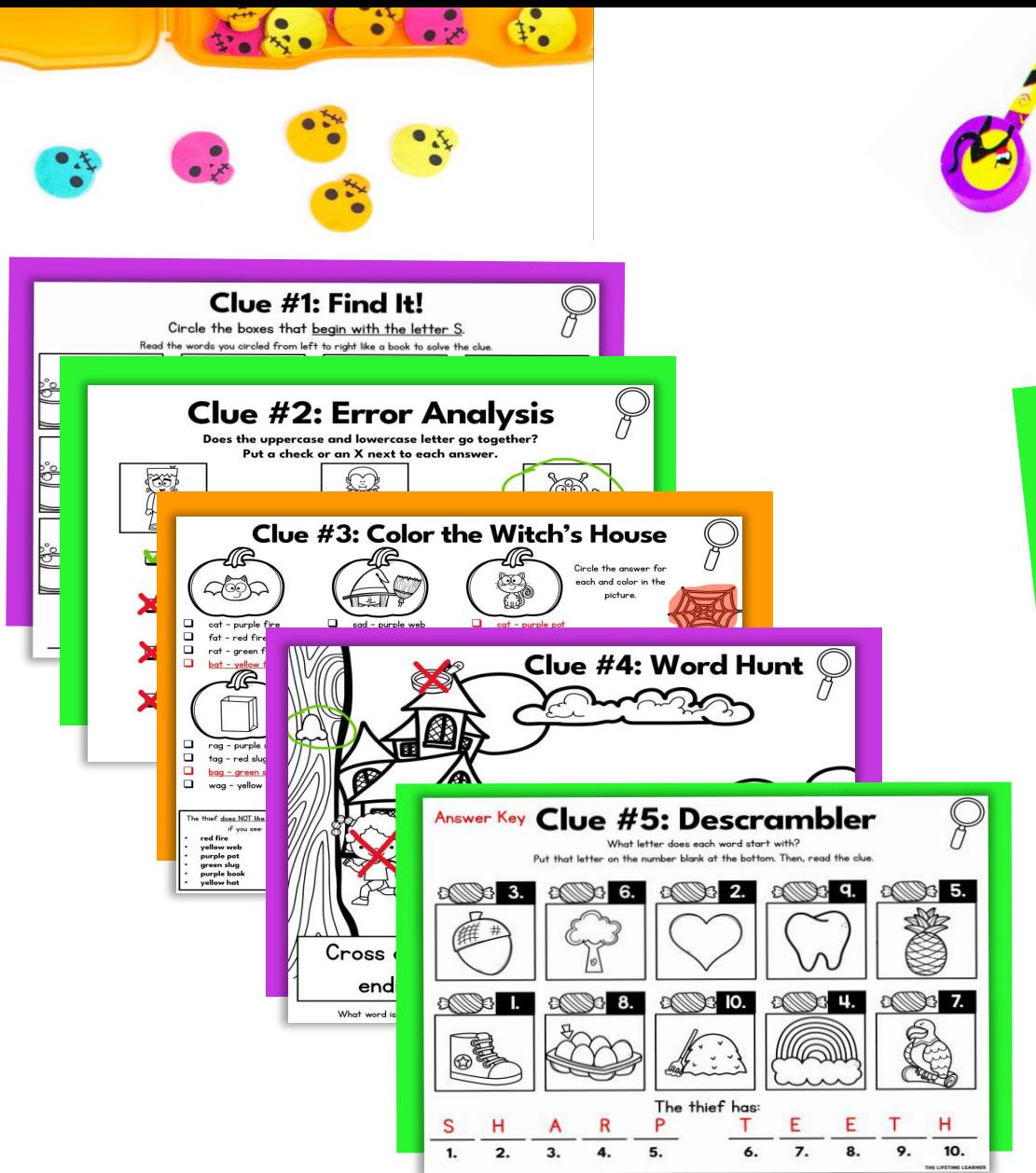


WHAT IS THIS?



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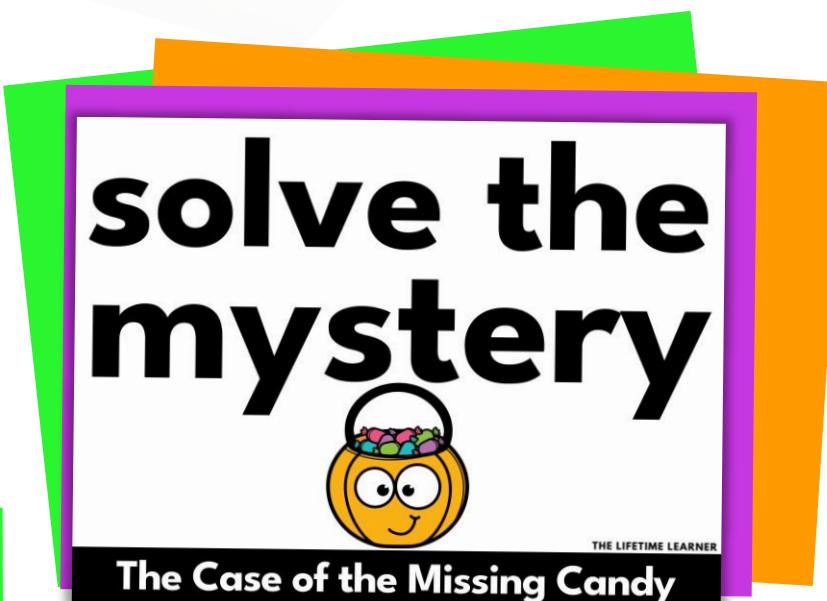
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The thief has:
1. S 2. H 3. A 4. R 5. P 6. T 7. E 8. T 9. H 10. E



solve the mystery

The Case of the Missing Candy



Who Stole the Candy?

As you solve each clue, cross out the suspects who did not take the candy. The suspect left at the end is the culprit!

Witch I like green candy. I like yellow web.	Ghost I like marshmallow.	Vampire I like red candy. I like candy corn.	Monster I don't like candy corn.
Spooky Bones I like candy corn.	Frankenstein I like green candy.	Mummy I like chocolate candy.	Pumpkin Head I like chocolate candy.

Name: _____

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

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Oh no! You put down your trick-or-treat bag for a second and someone took it. It's your job to figure out who took the Halloween candy. Solve the clues to figure out the mystery!

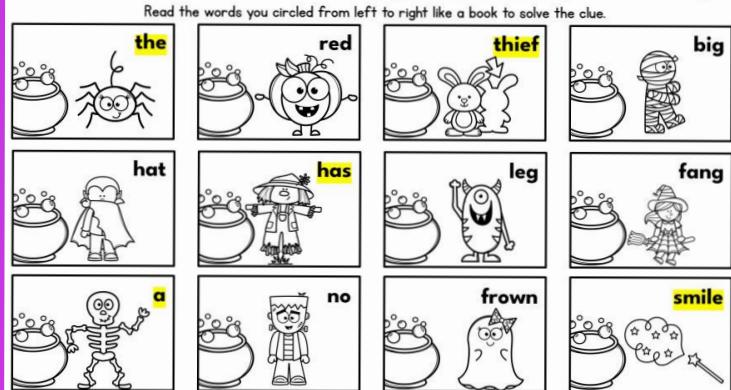
1. Take a suspect list and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering who the culprit (thief) is!
3. Cross out wrong suspects each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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Clue #1: Find It!

Circle the boxes that begin with the letter S.



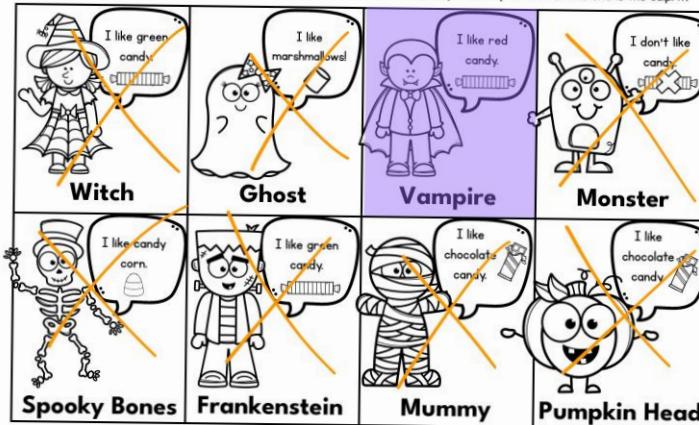
Write the phrase on the line. Cross the wrong suspect off your list.

THE THIEF HAS A SMILE

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Name:

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

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the missing candy will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

Clue #2: Error Analysis

Does the uppercase and lowercase letter go together?
Put a check or an X next to each answer.

A a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E e <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I i <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B p <input type="checkbox"/>	F f <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	G q <input type="checkbox"/>
C e <input type="checkbox"/>	H t <input type="checkbox"/>	J g <input type="checkbox"/>
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Cross out the suspect who has the most correct answers.

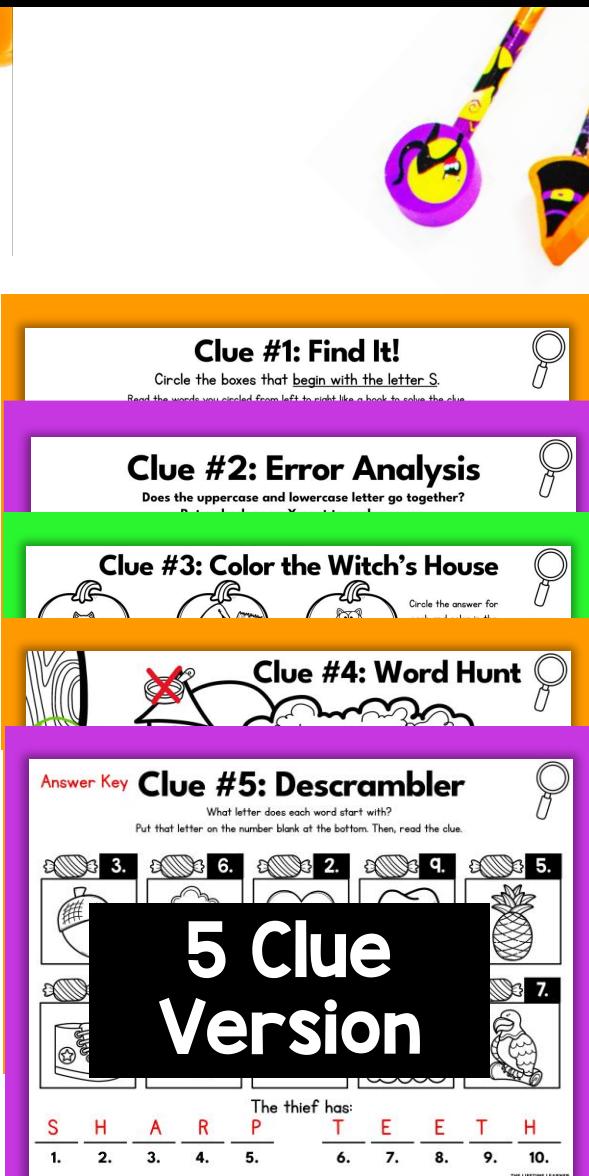
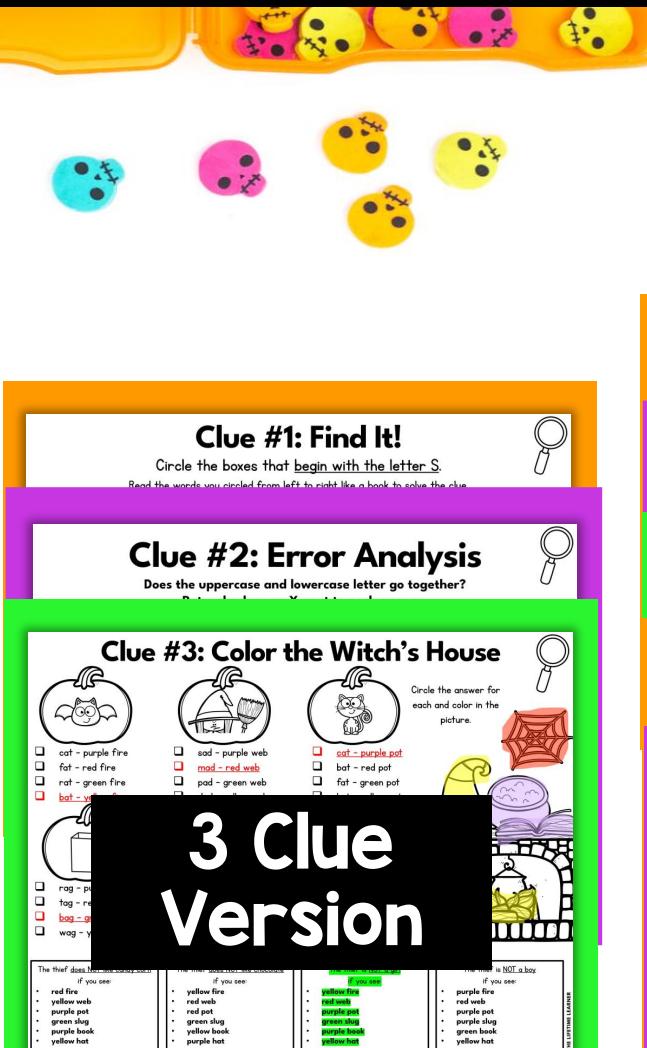
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Kinder Halloween Phonics Review:

- Beginning Sounds
- Upper And Lowercase Letters
- CVC Words Short A
- Short A Word Family Endings
- Letters A-Z

All clues focus on reviewing beginning of year phonics skills!

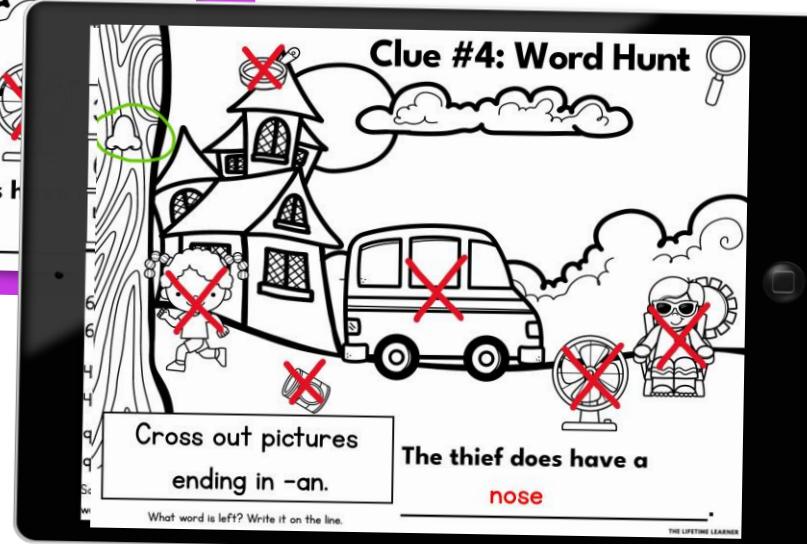
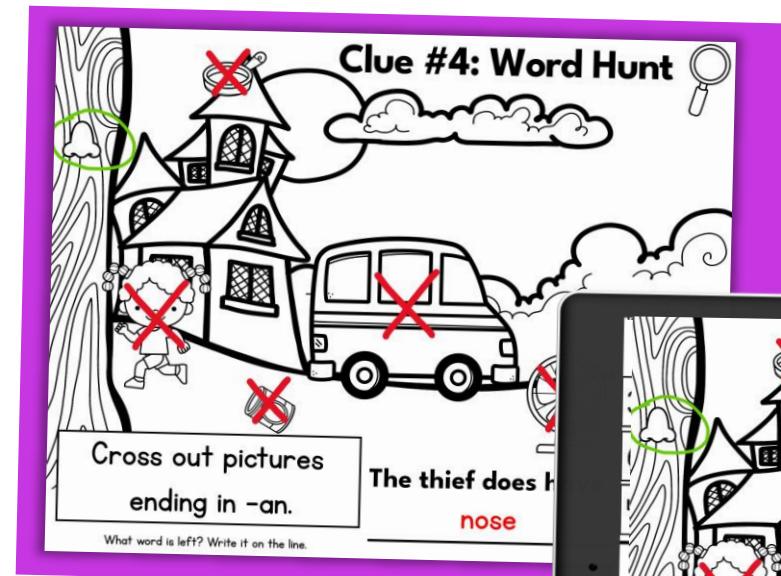
MULTIPLE VERSIONS



Short & Long Options



Print & Digital Forms

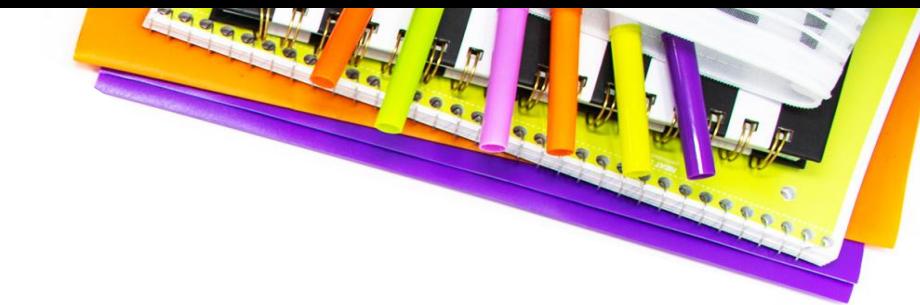
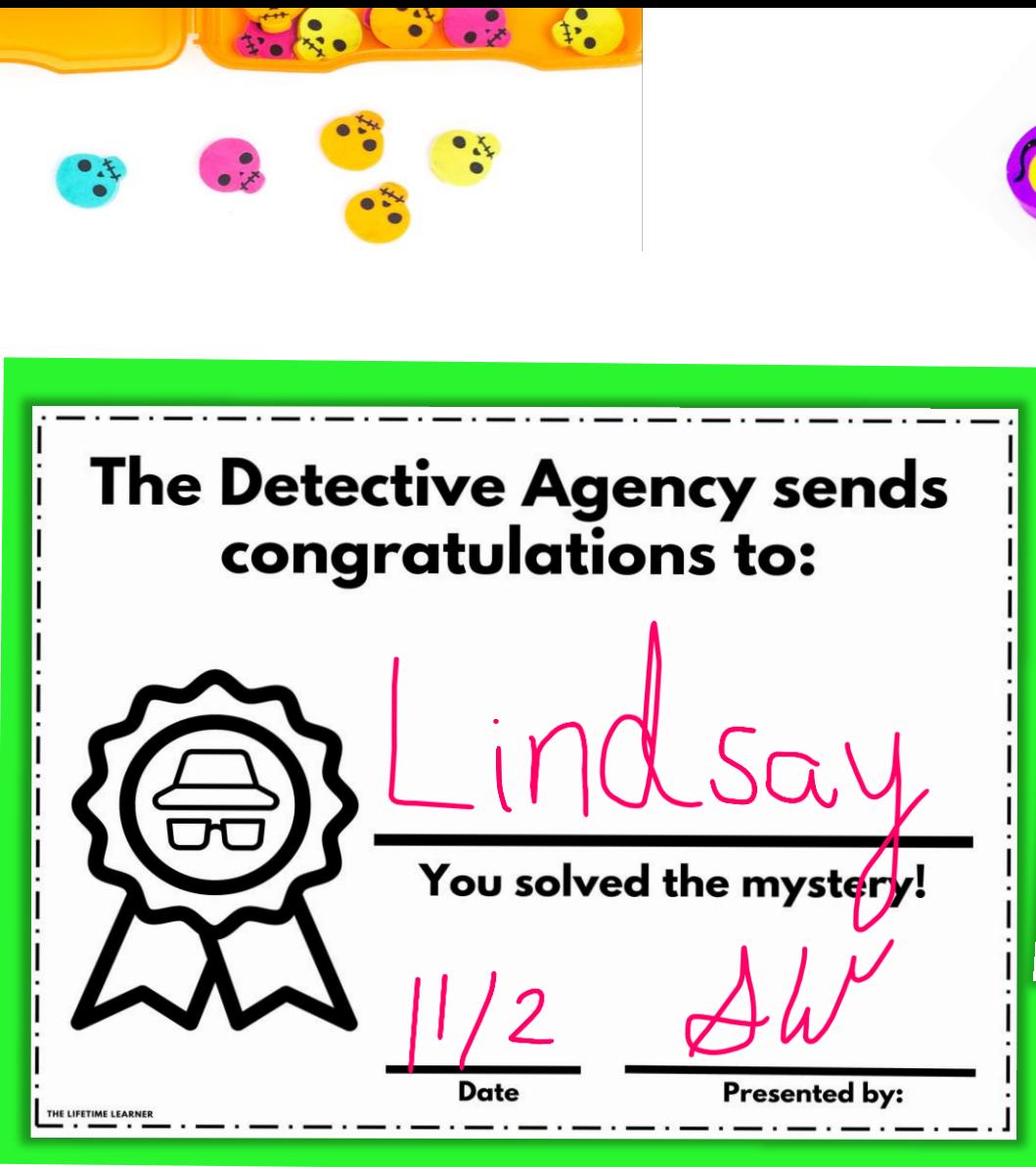


CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

There is a version of the mystery included that reviews CVC Words (Short A, E, I, O, U).

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
- 2 Versions: Phonics Review OR CVC Words. You can even mix/match clues to combine the 2 skills together.

Clue #3: Color the Witch's House

Circle the answer for each and color in the picture.

Top Row:

- Pumpkin 1:** cat - purple fire, fat - red fire, rat - green fire, bat - yellow fire
- Pumpkin 2:** sad - purple web, mad - red web, pad - green web, dad - yellow web
- Pumpkin 3:** cat - purple pot, bat - red pot, fat - green pot, hat - yellow pot

Middle Row:

- Pumpkin 4:** rag - purple slug, tag - red slug, bag - green slug, wag - yellow slug
- Pumpkin 5:** rat - purple book, mat - red book, sat - green book, pat - yellow book
- Pumpkin 6:** bat - purple hat, cat - red hat, mat - green hat, hat - yellow hat

Bottom Row:

- Pumpkin 7:** The thief does NOT like candy corn if you see:
 - red fire
 - yellow web
 - purple pot
 - green slug
 - purple book
 - yellow hat
- Pumpkin 8:** The thief does NOT like chocolate if you see:
 - yellow fire
 - red web
 - red pot
 - green slug
 - yellow book
 - purple hat
- Pumpkin 9:** The thief is NOT a girl if you see:
 - yellow fire
 - red web
 - purple pot
 - green slug
 - purple book
 - yellow hat
- Pumpkin 10:** The thief is NOT a boy if you see:
 - purple fire
 - red web
 - purple pot
 - purple slug
 - green book
 - yellow hat

Choose the key below that matches how you colored the picture of the witch's house.

Top Key: The thief does NOT like candy corn if you see:

- red fire
- yellow web
- purple pot
- green slug
- purple book
- yellow hat

Middle Key: The thief does NOT like chocolate if you see:

- yellow fire
- red web
- red pot
- green slug
- yellow book
- purple hat

Bottom Keys: The thief is NOT a girl if you see:

- yellow fire
- red web
- purple pot
- green slug
- purple book
- yellow hat

 The thief is NOT a boy if you see:

- purple fire
- red web
- purple pot
- purple slug
- green book
- yellow hat

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.

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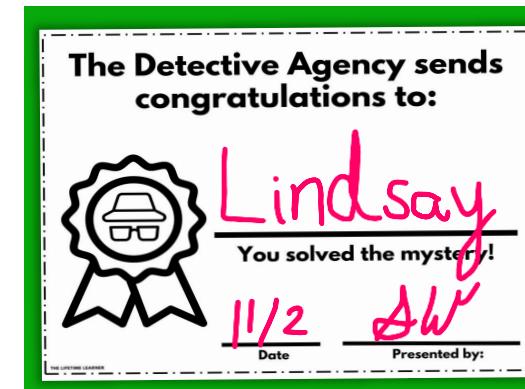
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□ and - purple web
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3.	6.	2.	9.	5.
1.	8.	10.	4.	7.
S	H	A	R	P
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
T	E	E	T	H
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

The thief has: **S H A R P**



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I like green candy.
I like marshmallow.
I like red candy.
I don't like candy.
I like candy corn.
I like green candy.
I like chocolate candy.
I like chocolate candy.

Name: _____

LET'S DRAW...

a witch hat

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6. Color It!

LET'S DRAW...

a spider

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6. Color It!

solve the mystery

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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

Example of Clue 1

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Math



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank
Write the number. Then write the word under it.

Whoever took the candy....

How many?	How many?	How many?
4	9	2
does	not	have

How many? How many? How many?

7= green 8= hat 9= not 10= leg

6 8

b hat

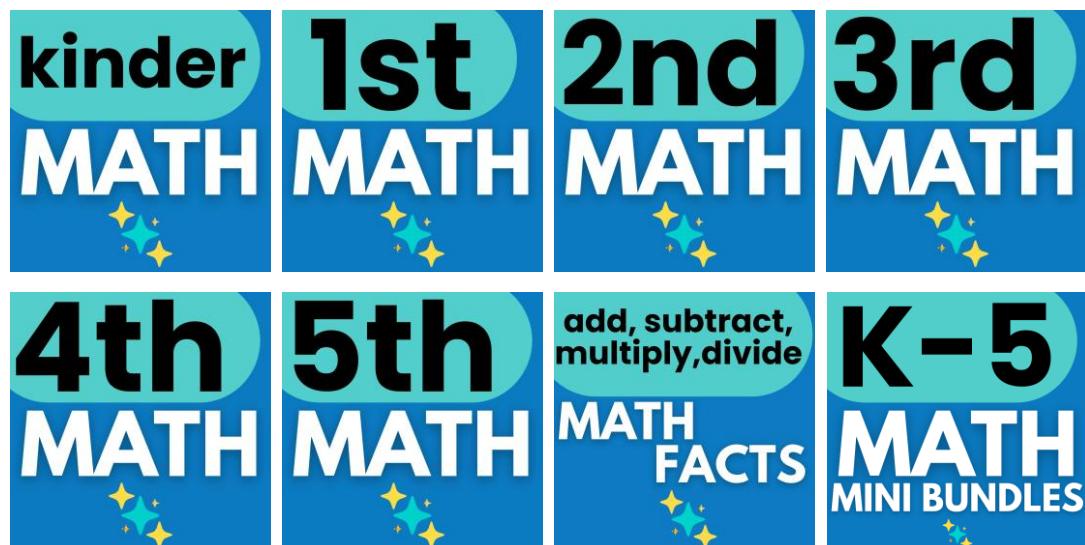
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KEEP THE FUN GOING!

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.



BUY A BUNDLE
TO SAVE BIG!

