

WHAT IS THIS?

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map	dam	tap	pot	bin

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• 3 yellow clouds
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• 3 blue clouds

The princess did not go see any beans if:
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• 3 yellow clouds
• 2 green clouds
• 2 blue clouds

The princess did not go see any kid with a sage if:
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• 3 green clouds
• 3 blue clouds

The princess did not go see any animals if you see:
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solve the mystery



The Case of the Missing Princess

Where is the Princess Hiding?

Figure out whose house the princess is hiding at right now by solving each clue.

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 Jack and the Beanstalk	 Gingerbread Man	 Mary Had a Little Lamb	 Humpty Dumpty

Name: _____

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

HOW TO PLAY

What Happened?

The princess has disappeared! You need to figure out which fairytale character in the kingdom she is hiding with. Help figure out which character the princess is hiding with by solving clues.

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

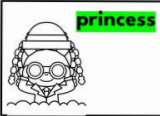
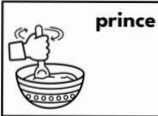
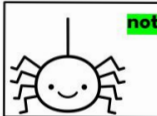
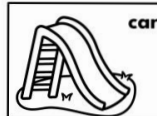


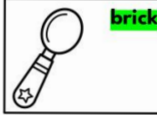

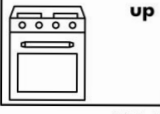

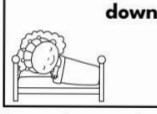



THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Clue #1: Find It!

Circle the boxes that start with sp-

Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

 princess	 prince	 not	 can
 near	 has	 brick	 stick
 up	 straw	 down	 egg



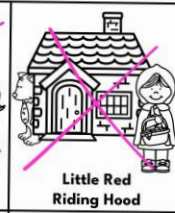




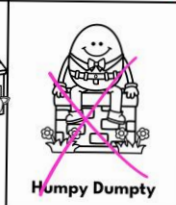
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princess not near brick stick straw

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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 missing princess will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

S Blends Review:

- Onset And Rime
- Error Analysis
- Blending Words
- Beginning Blend Identification
- Ending Letters
- Rhyming Words
- Only words appropriate for K

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princess prince not can

Clue #2: Right or Wrong
Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

spot	stand	stump
skin	swim	stick
stop	snip	scab

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

How many pictures were correct?

1 Correct = Cross out any places with eggs.	5 Correct = Cross out any places with girls.
2 Correct = Cross out any places with hens.	6 Correct = Cross out any places with boys.
3 Correct = Cross out any places with beans.	7 Correct = Cross out any places with bears.
4 Correct = Cross out any places with a lamb.	8 Correct = Cross out any places with a wolf.

Clue #3: Multiple Choice
Tell what blend each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

A. sc B. sm C. sl D. sn

A. sw B. sc C. sl D. sp

How many Ds did you circle?
1 D = treats
2 Ds = door
3 Ds = girls
4 Ds = boys

All clues focus on reviewing beginning S blends!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS

Print & Digital Forms

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5 Clue Version

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Fill in the last letter(s) of each word.

Clue #5: Rhyming Words
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Short & Long Options

Clue #4: Word Hunt
Fill in the last letter(s) of each word.

sme _ll
spi _n
slu _g
ski _p

The princess went to visit a **kid**.

What letter did you write the most? Circle it. Write word on line.

- G = boy
- N = girl
- LL = animal
- P = kid

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CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

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Circle the boxes that have the "i" sound.
Read the words you circled from left to right like a book to solve the clue.

princess	prince	not
pig	run	mix
near	has	brick
bit	fox	sip
up	straw	down
jot		

Write the phrase: _____

Clue #2: Right or Wrong
Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb in to show if you agree.

pod	rob	box
cup	mop	dot
mad	hot	fog

Clue #3: Multiple Choice
Tell what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

 A. hen B. ham C. bug D. hat	 A. ham B. hog C. hut D. hop	 A. get B. gas C. gem D. gum
 A. mad B. mud C. map D. mop	 A. pan B. pet C. pup D. pat	 A. sun B. sat C. six D. set

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

How many As did you choose? _____
How many Bs did you choose? _____
How many Cs did you choose? _____
How many Ds did you choose? _____

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ma f	pa n	ta p	ja m
fa n	fa t	ra n	ra m
la p	ba t	la p	la p

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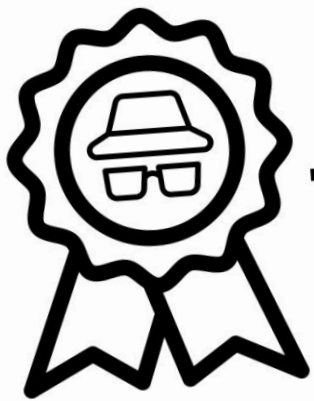
The princess did not go see any kids with a cape if:
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The princess did not go see any clouds if:
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Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!
There is a version of the mystery included that reviews CVC Words (Short A, E, I, O, U).

FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

The Detective Agency sends
congratulations to:



Lindsay

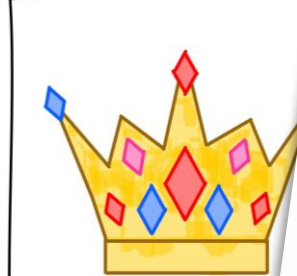
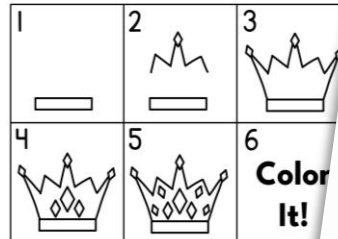
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Date

Presented by: AW

LET'S DRAW...

a crown



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a queen

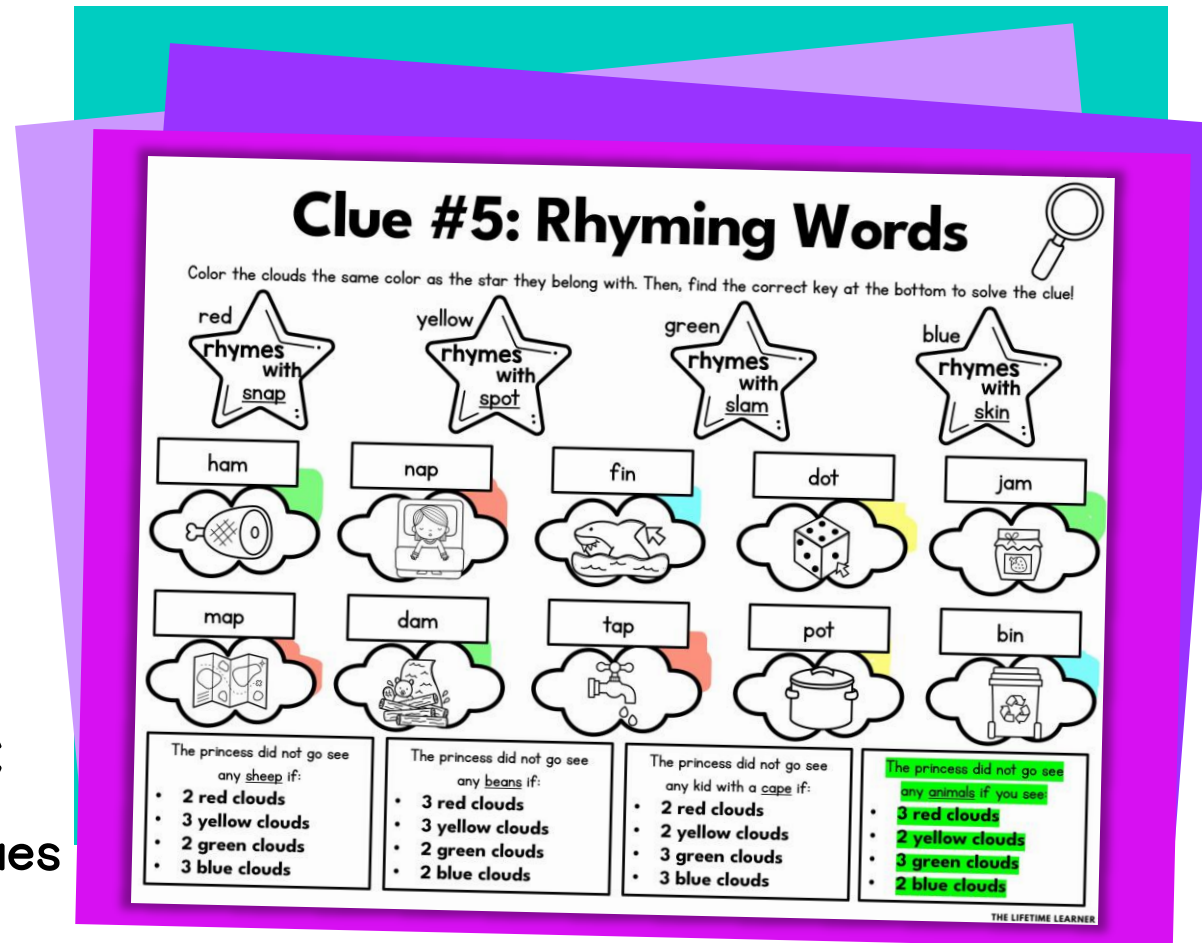


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If students finish early,
give them a
certificate of completion
and a directed drawing
to complete while others
continue working.

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



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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11/2 **SW**

Date Presented by:

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Color It!

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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

Math

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princess not near brick stick straw

Clue #1: Number Lines
Tell how many are in each box. Then, read the bottom.

The three little pigs have 5 bricks. They lose 1. How many do they have now?

The three little pigs have 6 bricks. They lose 4. How many do they have now?

The three little pigs have 5 bricks. They lose 3. How many do they have now?

The three little pigs have 9 bricks. They lose 6. How many do they have now?

The missing princess is not with any...

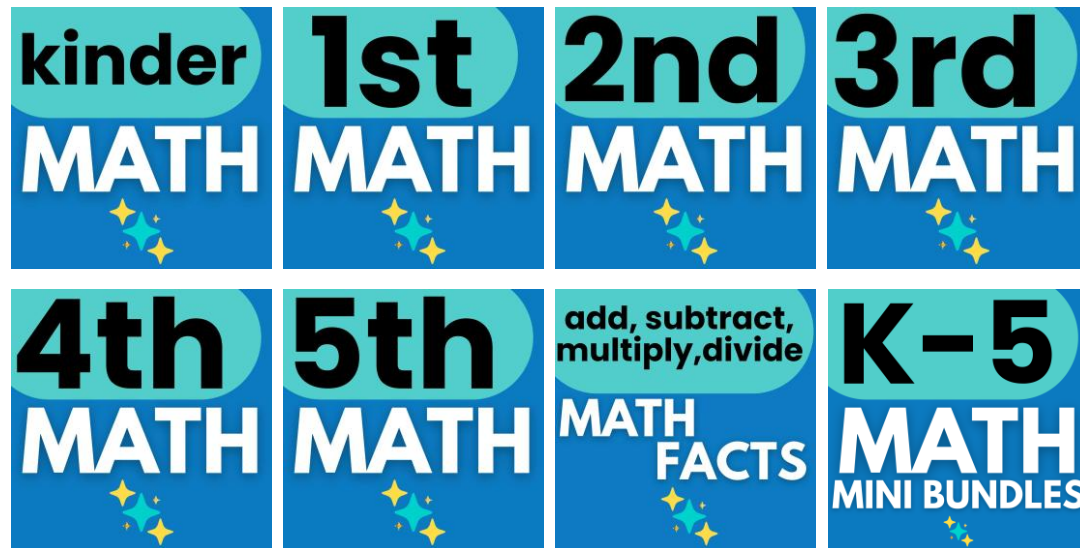
What answer do you see the most?

5: eggs	3: gingerbread
4: pigs	2: beanstalks

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!

