

WHAT IS THIS?



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solve the mystery



The Case of the Missing Princess

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Where is the Princess Hiding?

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

3 Little Pigs	Goldilocks	Little Red Riding Hood	Little Red Hen
Jack and the Beanstalk	Gingerbread Man	Mary Had a Little Lamb	Humpy Dumpty

Name: _____

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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!



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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

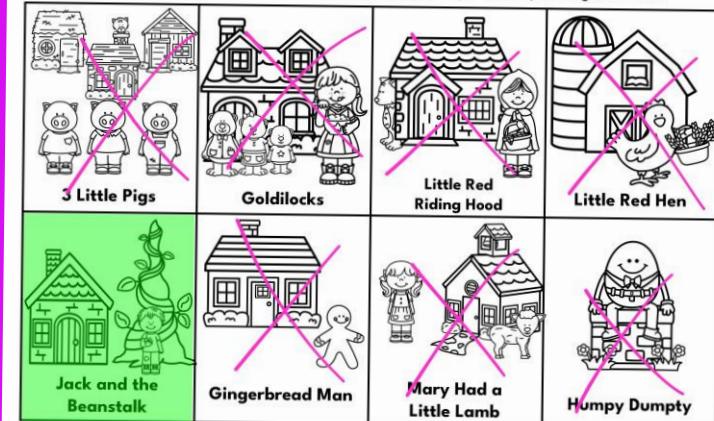
Write the phrase on the line. Use the hint to cross the wrong place off your list.

princess not near brick stick straw

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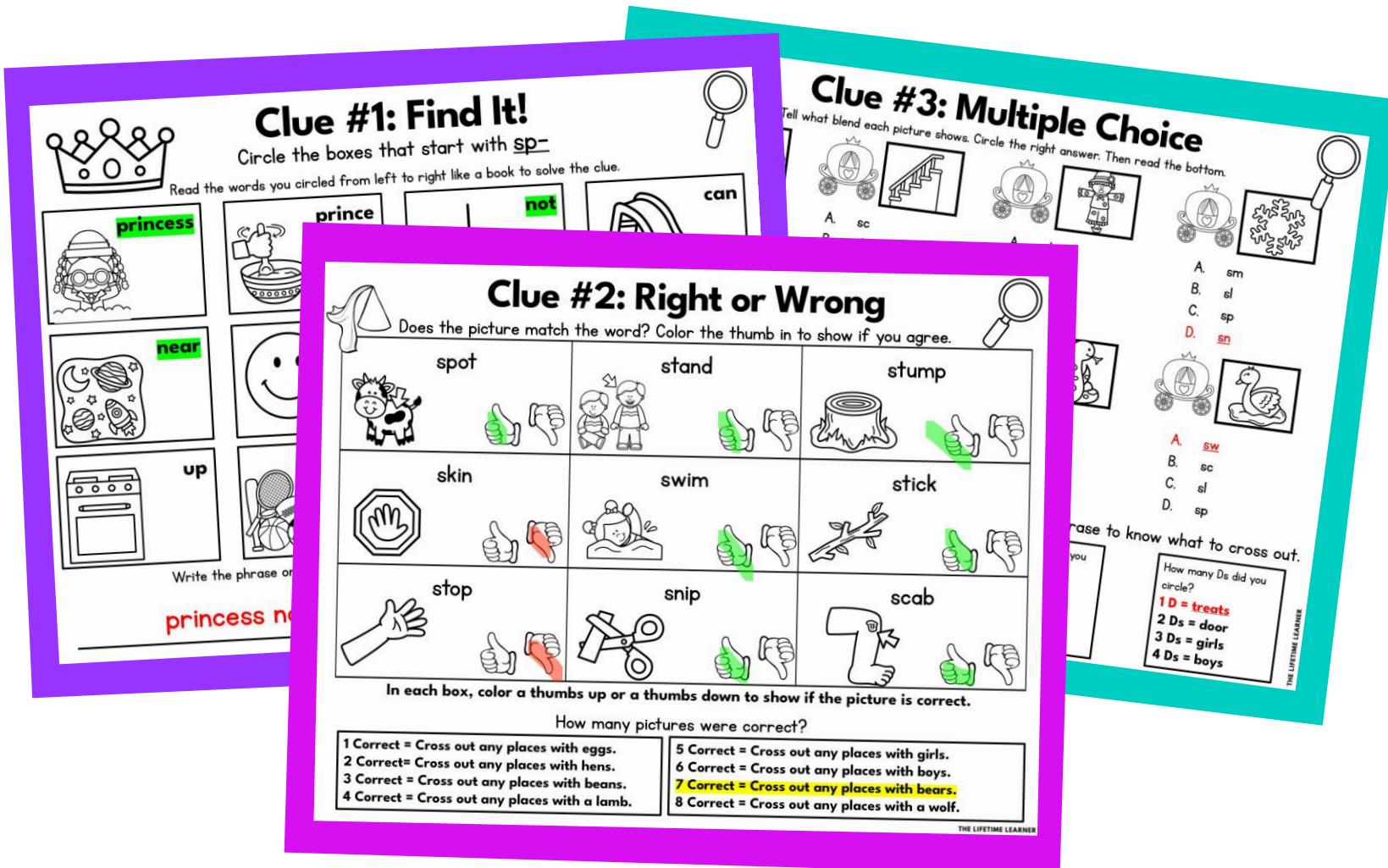
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what place to cross out.

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

All clues focus on reviewing beginning S blends!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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 A. el	 A. ec	 A. st	 A. am
B. sp	C. sn	D. sc	

3 Clue Version

Circle how many As did you circle?
1 A = no
2 As = she
3 As = the
4 As = when

How many Bs did you circle?
1 B = loves
2 Bs = hates
3 Bs = eats
4 Bs = runs

How many Cs did you circle?
1 C = meat
2 Cs = crack
3 Cs = sweet
4 Cs = pet

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

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red rhymes with snap:	yellow rhymes with spot:	green rhymes with slam:	blue rhymes with skin:
ham	map	clam	skin

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

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

The princess did not go see any kid with a cape if:
• 2 red clouds
• 2 yellow clouds
• 3 green clouds
• 2 blue clouds

5 Clue Version

Short & Long Options

Print & Digital Forms

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

The princess went to visit a kid

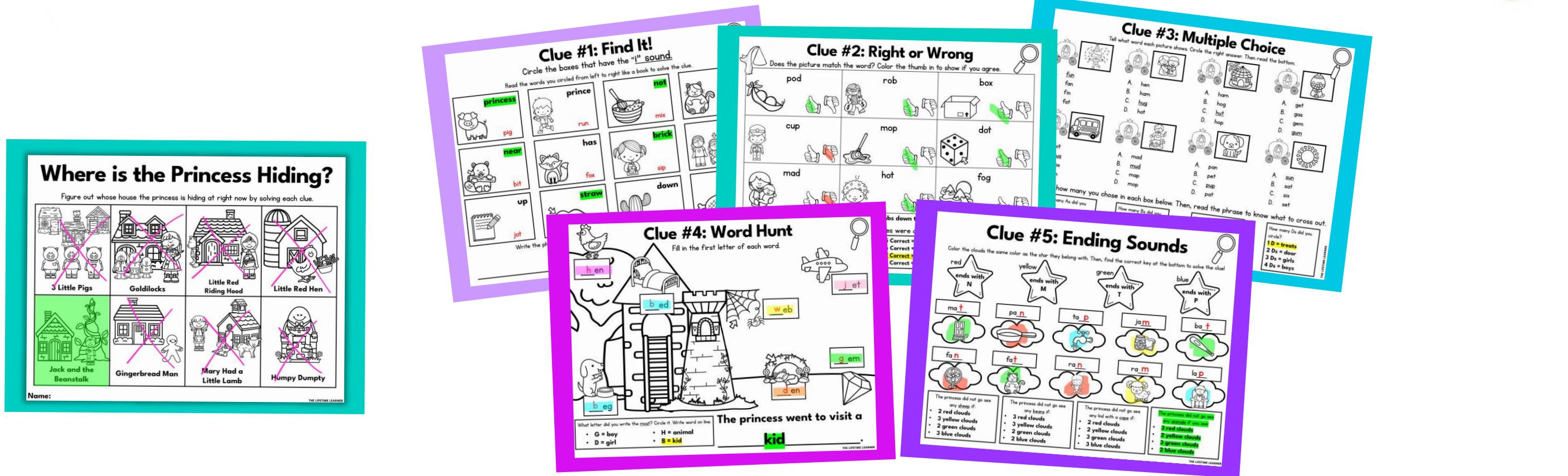
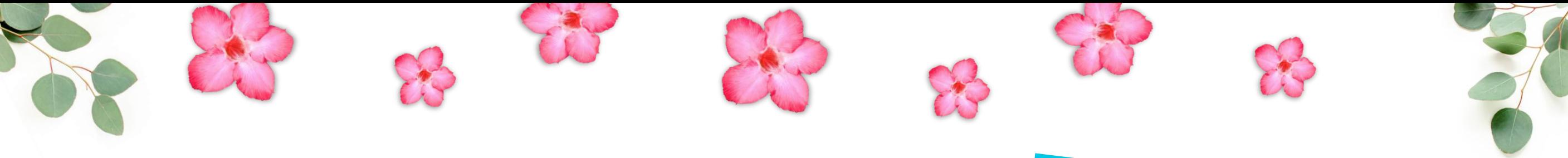
What letter did you write the most? Circle it. Write word on line.
• G = boy
• N = girl
• LL = animal
• P = kid

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

The princess went to visit a kid

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CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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Clue #1: Find It!
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	mix
pig	run	has	brick
near	fox	up	straw
bit	down	mad	hot

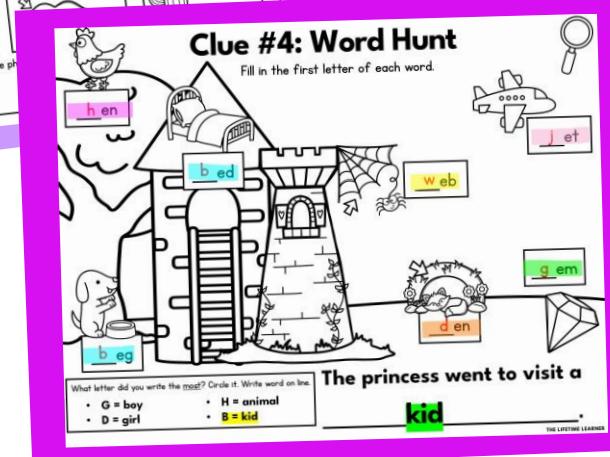
Clue #2: Right or Wrong
Does the picture match the word? Color the thumb up to show if you agree.

pod	rob	box
cup	mop	dot
mad	hot	fog

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Tell what word each picture shows. Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

fun	hen	ham	get
fan	ham	hog	gas
fat	hug	hut	gem
fan	hot	hop	set

Clue #4: Word Hunt
Fill in the first letter of each word.



The princess went to visit a _____.

What letter did you write the most? Circle it. Write word on line.
• G = boy • H = animal
• D = girl • B = kid

Clue #5: Ending Sounds
Color the clouds the same color as the star they belong with. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue.

red ends with N	yellow ends with M	green ends with T	blue ends with P
ma t	pa n	ta p	ba t
fa n	fa t	ra n	la p
the princess did not see any sheep if: 2 red clouds 3 yellow clouds 2 green clouds 3 blue clouds	the princess did not see any beans if: 3 red clouds 2 yellow clouds 3 green clouds 2 blue clouds	the princess did not see any kid with a cape if: 2 red clouds 3 yellow clouds 2 green clouds 3 blue clouds	the princess did not see any boy if: 2 red clouds 3 yellow clouds 2 green clouds 3 blue clouds

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

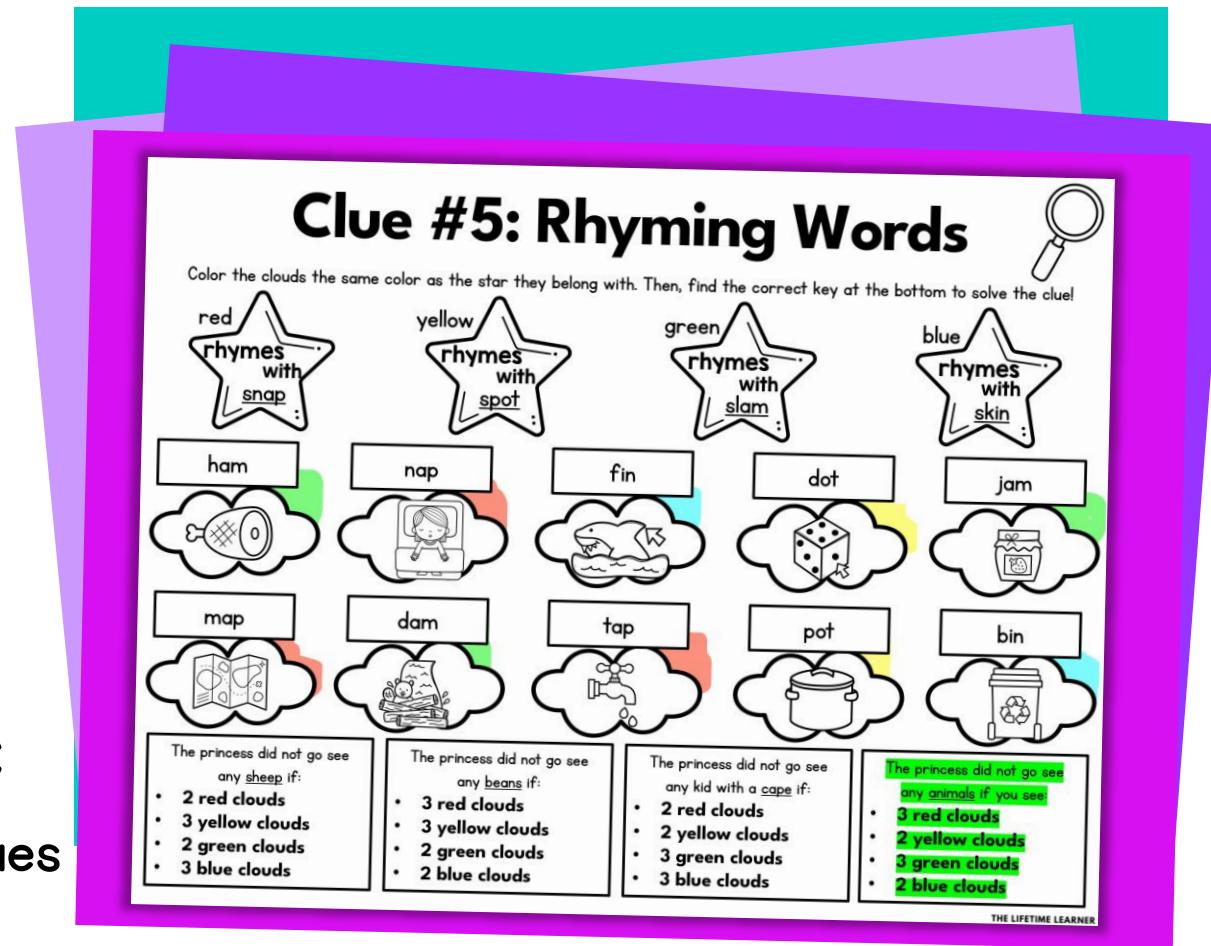


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

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.



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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red	yellow	green	blue
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ham	nap	fin	dot
map	dam	tap	pot
sheep	beans	kid	bin

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The princess did not see any kid with a cap if:
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• 3 blue clouds

The princess did not see any sheep if:
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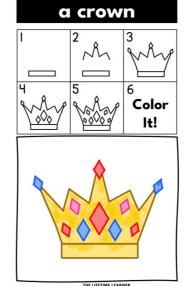
The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:
Lindsay
You solved the mystery!
11/2 SW
Date Presented by:

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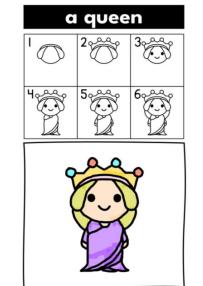
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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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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Example of Clue 1

Math



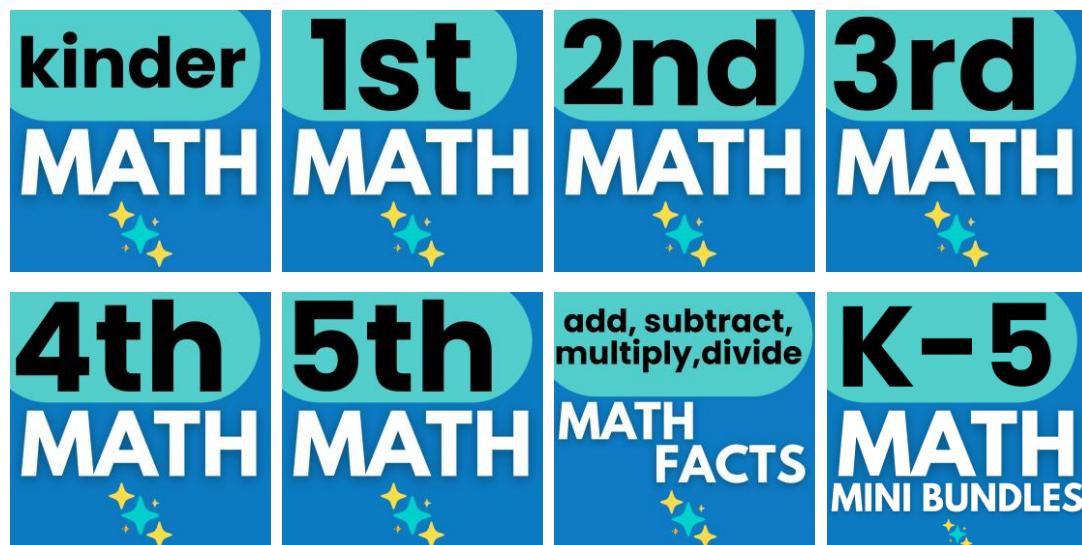
Clue #1: Number Lines
Tell how many are in each box. Then, read the bottom.

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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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