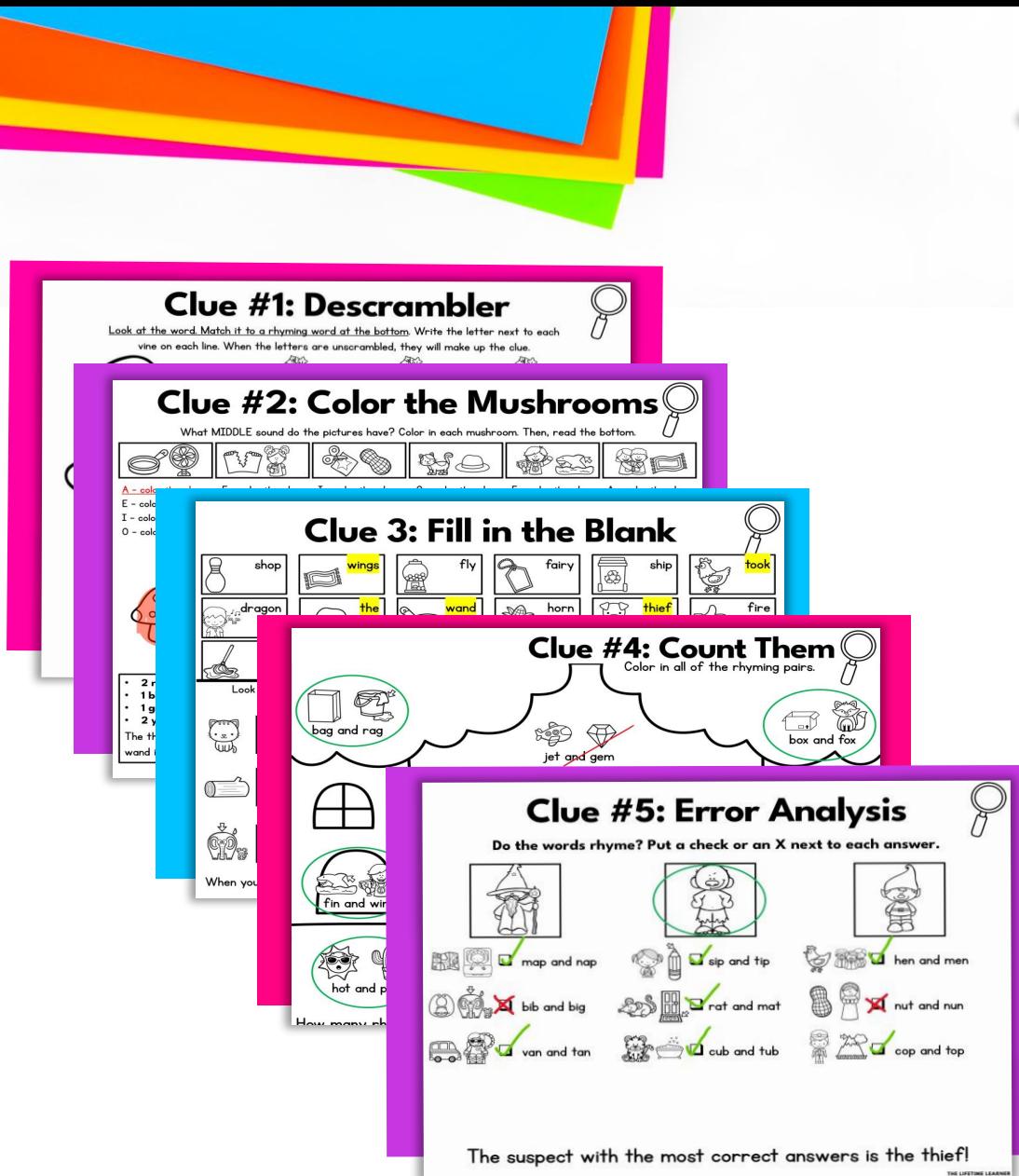


# WHAT IS THIS?



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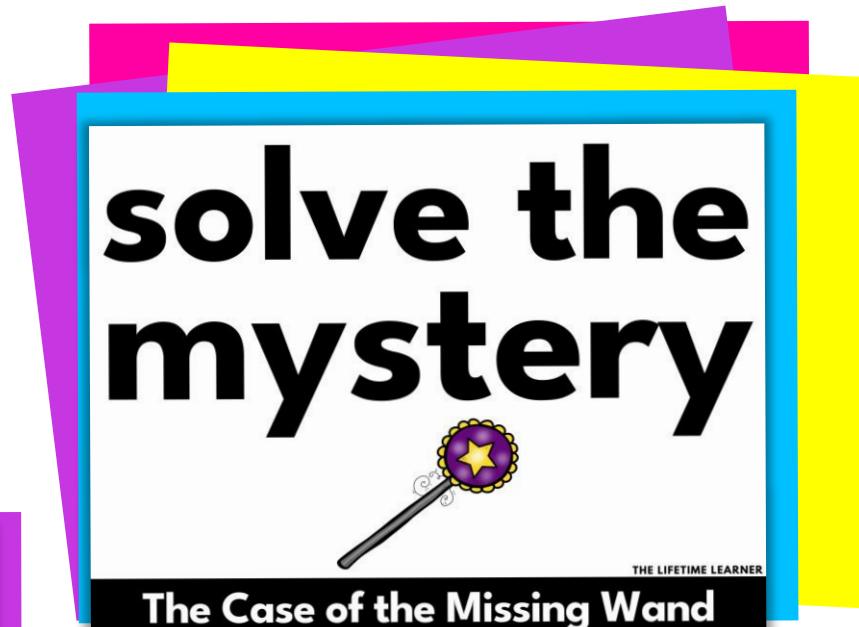
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dragon	the	wand	horn	thief
Look	wand	the	thief	fire

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The suspect with the most correct answers is the thief!



## solve the mystery

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### The Case of the Missing Wand



## The Suspect List

Read what the suspects had to say about where they were when the magic wand went missing.

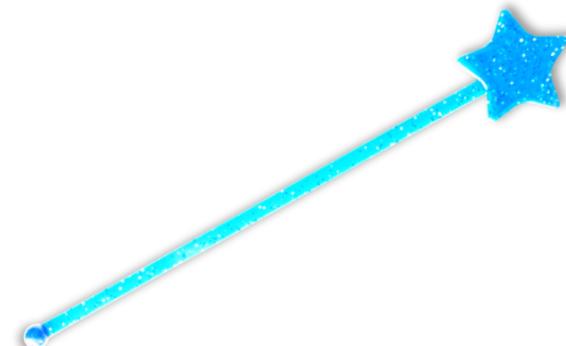
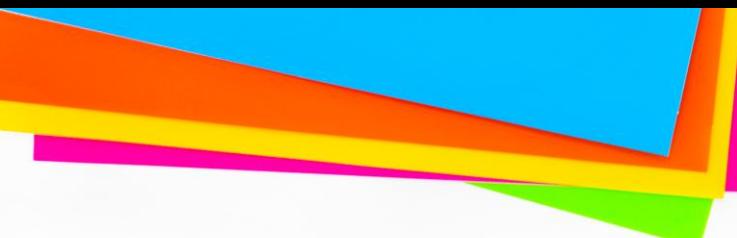
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I was flying in the forest.	I was flying in the garden.	I was at my house.	I was in the forest.
 Wizard	 Monster	 Witch	 Troll
I was at the shop.	I was in the garden.	I was at my house.	I was at the shop.

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

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

# HOW TO PLAY



## What Happened?

Uh oh! Your new magic wand went missing and you don't know who took it! It's up to you to find out where your wand might be.

Solve each clue to figure out the mystery. Every time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the treasure is! Good luck!



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T	F	S
lap nap	hid lid	cop mop
O	E	R
pen ten	run sun	rat sat

The thief was not in the: **F** **O** **R** **E** **S** **T**

lid ten sat sun mop nap

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## The Suspect List

Read what the suspects had to say about where they were when the magic wand went missing.



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

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the magic wand will be solved!

# SKILL PRACTICE

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Look at the picture. Then write the word in each box.

**Word:**

each row to figure out the clue.

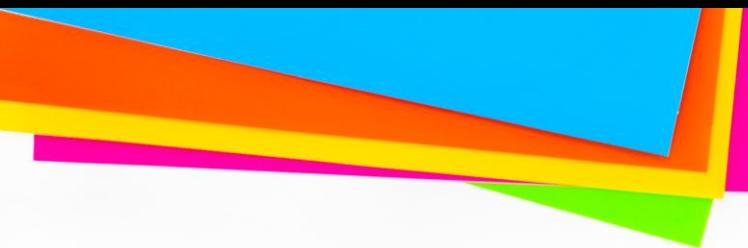
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# Rhyming CVC Words:

- Identifying Medial Sounds
- Rhyming CVC Pictures
- Rhyming Pairs
- Short A, E, I, O, U
- Error Analysis

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

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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**3 Clue Version**

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## Print & Digital Forms

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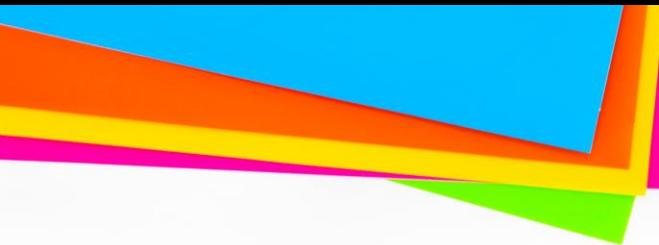
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## Short & Long Options

# CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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I was flying in the forest.	I was flying in the garden.	I was at my house.	I was in the forest.
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I was at the shop.	I was in the garden.	I was at my house.	I was at the shop.
<b>Wizard</b>	<b>Monster</b>	<b>Witch</b>	<b>Troll</b>

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

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Look at the picture. Match it to a word below. Write the letter next to each vine on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.

T	F	O	E
<b>lip</b>	<b>hen</b>	<b>pot</b>	<b>pea</b>

**Clue #2: Color the Mushrooms**

Answer each question. Color in each mushroom. Then, read the bottom.

mat	bit	peg	dot	rag	cub
color it red					
color it green					
color it yellow					
color it blue					

**Clue #3: Fill in the Blank**

Read each word below. Find the matching picture above. Then write the word in each box.

shop	wings	fly	fairy	ship	thief
dragon	the	wand	horn	thief	took
the	no	house	who	feet	had
hit	nut	hit	the	cat	has
thief	the	nut	hit	fox	no
wings	wings	the	nut	fox	wings

**Clue #4: Count Them**

Color in all of the words ending in -ing.

Color the key that long tail.

- 2 red
- 1 blue
- 2 green
- 1 yellow

The thief has a long tail.

5 words: Cross out Gnome.  
6 words: Cross out Wizard.  
7 words: Cross out Witch.  
8 words: Cross out Troll.

**Clue #5: Error Analysis**

Does the picture match the word? Put a check or an X next to each answer.

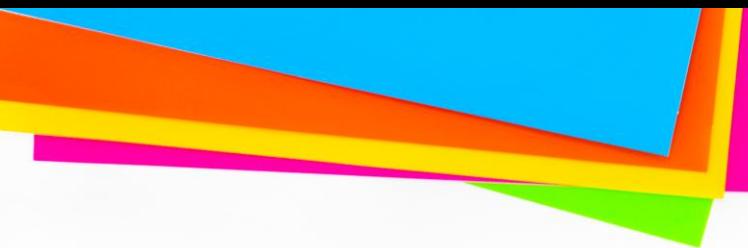
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Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY

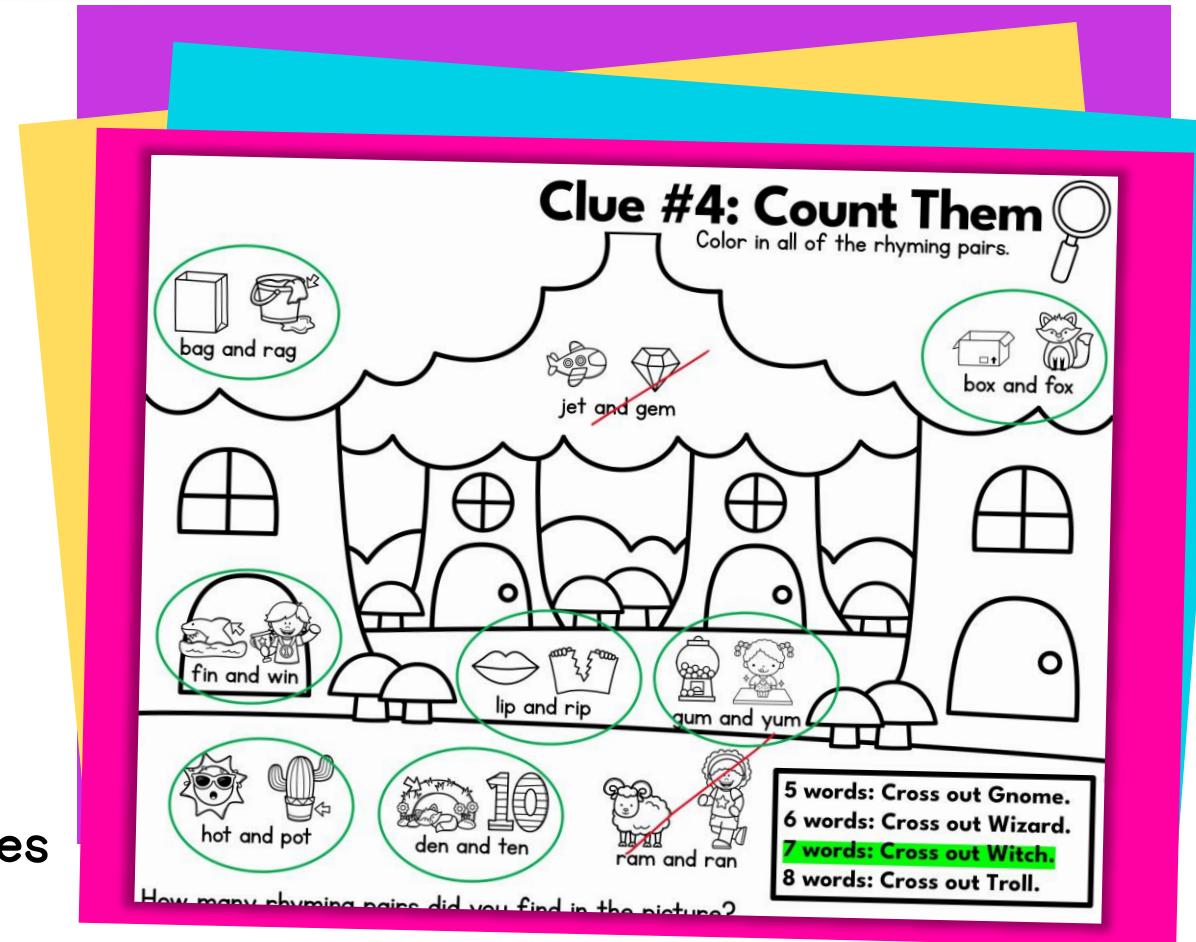


If students finish early, give them a certificate of completion and a directed drawing to complete while others continue working.

# 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.

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**The Detective Agency sends congratulations to:**  
Lindsay  
You solved the mystery!  
11/2 Date *ASW* Presented by:

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Name: *ASW*

**LET'S DRAW... a fairy**

1	2	3
4	5	6

**LET'S DRAW... a frog prince**

1	2	3
4	5	6

Color It!

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**solve the mystery**

**The Case of the Missing Wand**



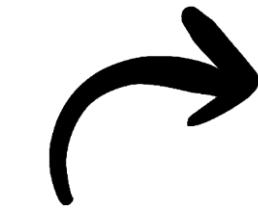
# WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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.



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The thief was not in the: F O R E S T lid ten sat sun mop nap

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## Example of Clue 1

## Math

**Clue #1:**

Write the answer on the lines. Cross out the 2 biggest answers.

10+9	10+8	10+3	10+5
19	18	13	15
10+7	10+2	10+6	10+1
17	12	16	11

Then, cross those suspects out on your recording sheet.

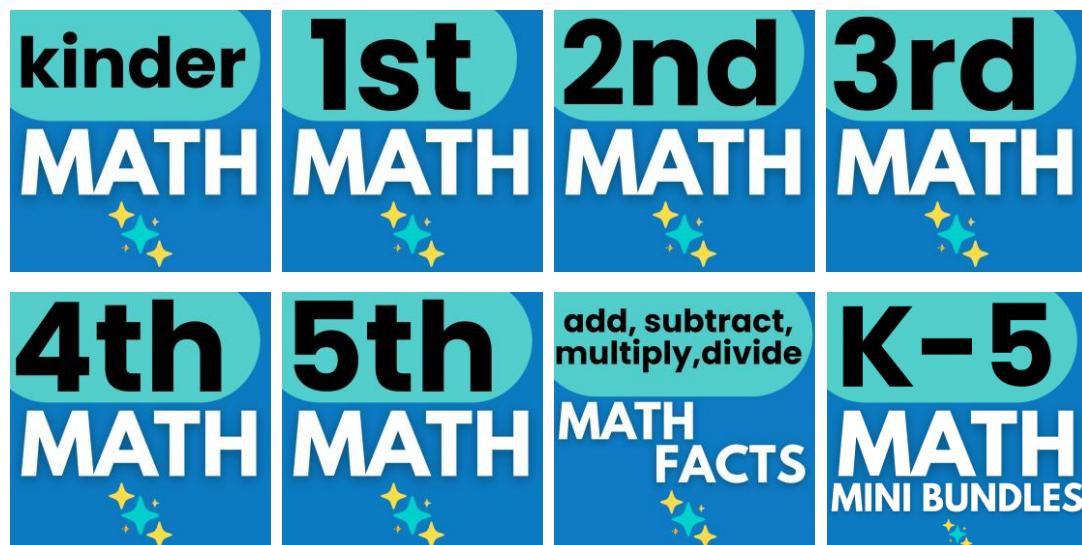
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# KEEP THE FUN GOING!

## GRAB A MATH MYSTERY:

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## MORE READING MYSTERIES:

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