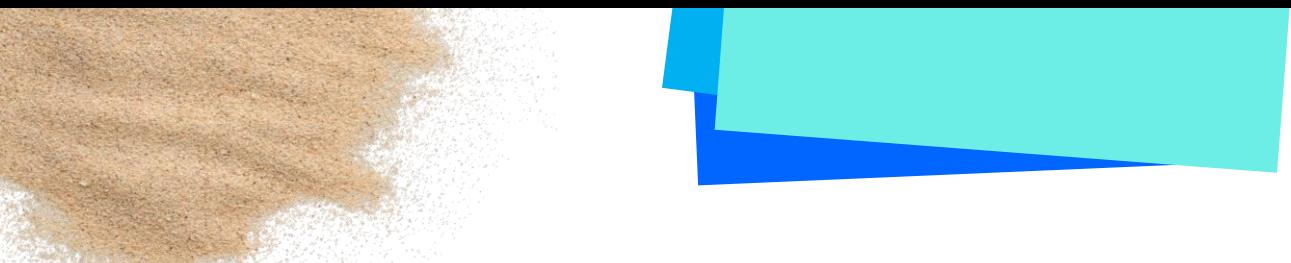


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Clue #4: Word Hunt
Find the words in the word hunt grid. Use the magnifying glass to help you!

Clue #5: Descrambler
What letter is missing from each word? Choose a letter from the top. Write the letter on each line. When the letters are unscrambled, they will make up the clue.
This animal:
S Q U I R R E L
sun queen nut dog cat ten it
I N K
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solve the mystery

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What Did I See in the Ocean?

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Name: _____

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out what sea creature you saw!

HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

On your scuba diving trip, you had a great time exploring the sea. The problem is that you don't know which type of ocean creature you saw! Now, you need to solve some clues to figure out which animal it was. Solve the mystery so you can tell your friends about your scuba adventure.

1. Take a list of sea animals and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering which animal you saw.
3. Cross out the wrong animals each time you find out new information. Good luck!



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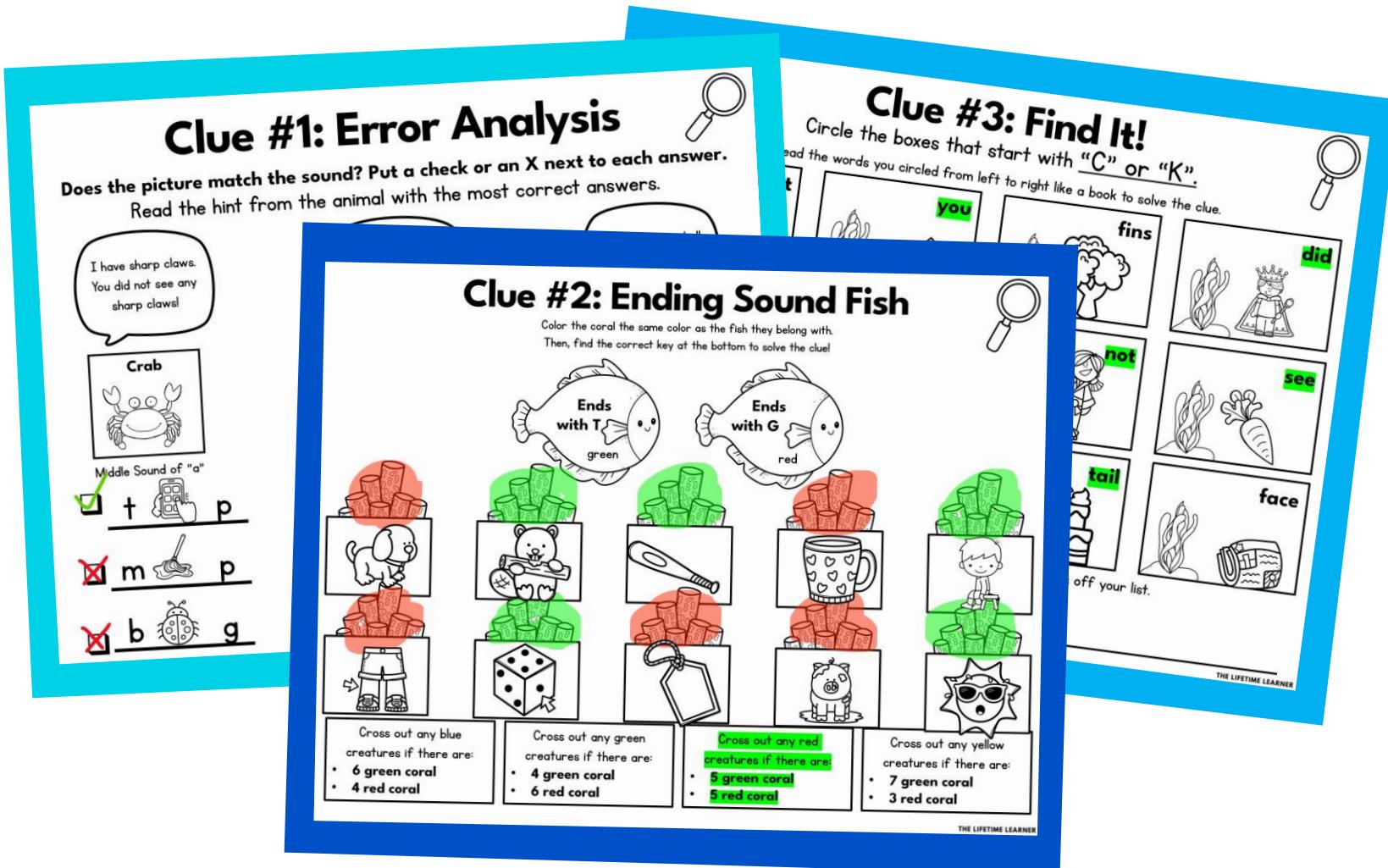
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal what sea creature to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the scuba diver will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE



Beginning Middle Ending Sounds Review:

- CVC Medial Sounds
- CVC Ending Sounds
- Onset & Rime
- Beginning Sounds Letters A-Z
- Matching Letters w/ Pictures
- Missing Letters

All clues focus on reviewing beginning, middle, and ending sounds!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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Print & Digital Forms

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Short & Long Options

CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

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Name: _____

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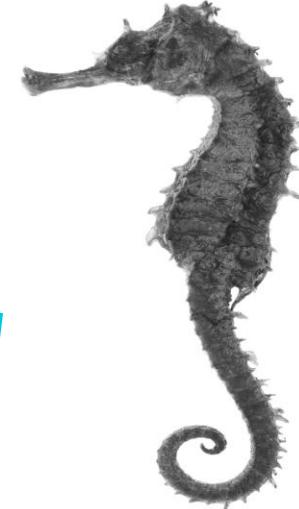
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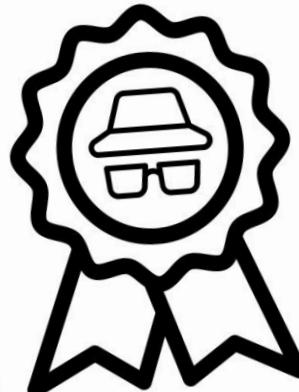
Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

You solved the mystery!

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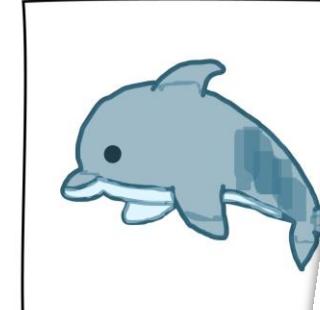
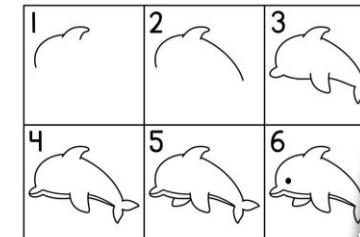
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LET'S DRAW...

a dolphin



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LET'S DRAW...

a fish



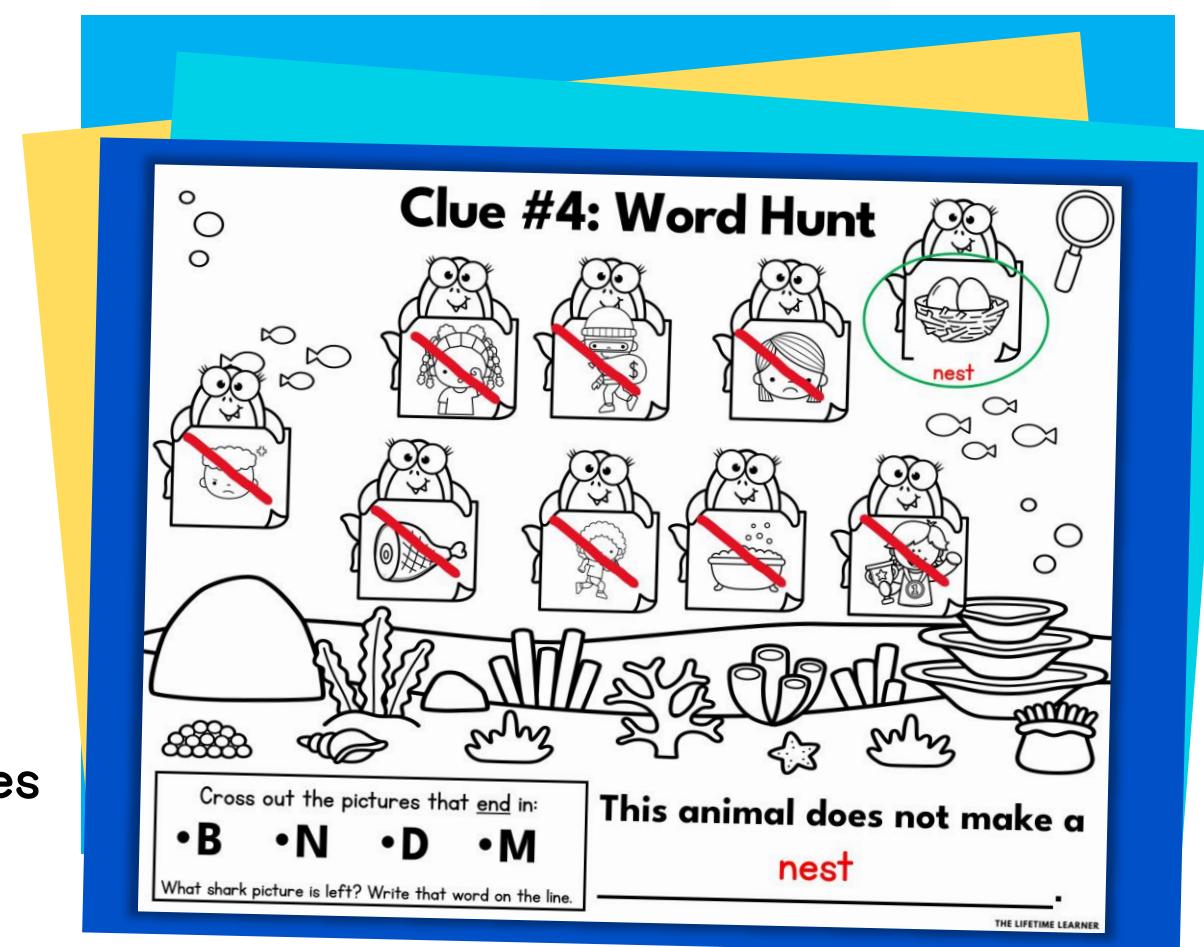
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If students finish early,
give them a
certificate of completion
and a directed drawing
to complete while others
continue working.

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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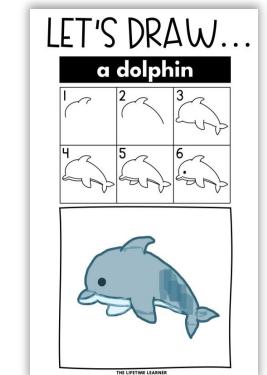
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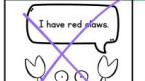
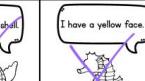
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Name:

solve the mystery



The Case of the Scuba Diver

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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 b g

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Middle Sound of "e"
 w b
 n t
 h n

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Math

Clue #1: Sorting Fish

Solve each equation by crossing out the fish in the tanks. Color the fish the same color as the box they belong to. Then, find the correct key at the bottom to solve the clue!

2 brown	3 purple	4 green	5 blue
6-1 3	10-8 2	8-4 4	7-4 3
7-3 2	6-3 3	9-7 2	8-3 5

Cross out the red animals if there are:
• 2 brown fish
• 3 purple fish
• 2 green fish
• 3 blue fish

Cross out the blue animals if there are:
• 2 brown fish
• 2 purple fish
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• 3 blue fish

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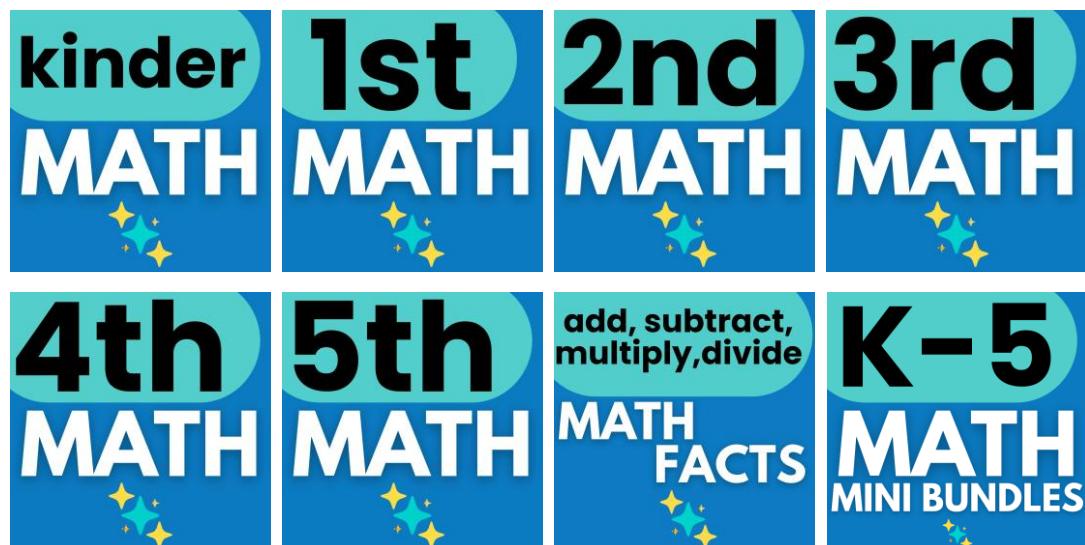
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KEEP THE FUN GOING!

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!

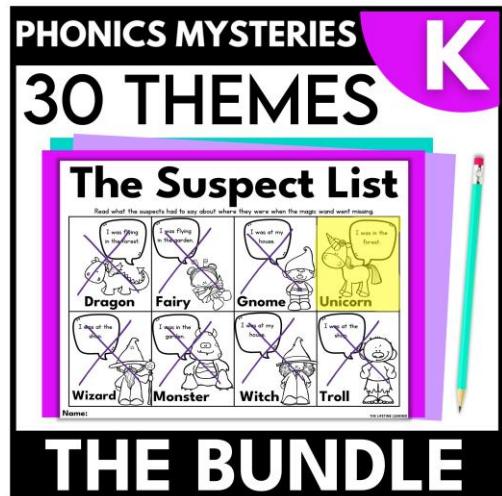


MORE READING MYSTERIES:

Explore other grade levels to differentiate and keep every student engaged.



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