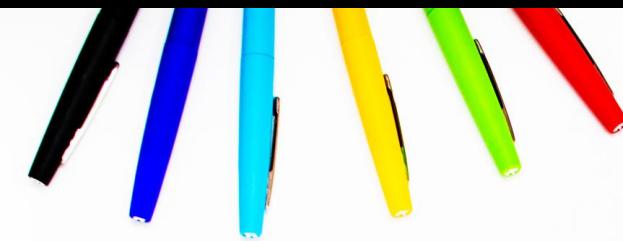


WHAT IS THIS?



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

grass the hut looking is water

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?

Color each thumb to show if you agree with each ending. Color it green for yes. Color it red for no.

Clue #3: Multiple Choice

What is each beginning sound? Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

Clue #4: Word Hunt

Circle the words in the map.

Clue #5: Descrambler

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

A	O	A	R	L
L	M	T	C	F

The chest is in a place that is: calm or flat

River is the answer.

solve the mystery

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

The Case of the Missing Treasure

Where's the Treasure?

As you solve each clue, cross out the places the treasure is not located. The location left at the end is where the treasure is.

Jungle	Beach	Waterfall	Volcano
Cave	River	Mountains	Beach Hut

Name: _____

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out where the treasure is located!

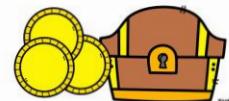
HOW TO PLAY



What Happened?

Oh no! The treasure has been stolen by pirates and no one knows where it is located. Now, it's your job to search different locations to find the treasure and save the day!

1. Take a location list and start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering where the treasure is located.
3. Cross out wrong places each time you find new information. Good luck!



Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

A 4x6 grid of small illustrations and words for matching. The words are: grass, the, hut, looking, is, water, you, sit, up, not, for, green, hot, chest, inside, walk, down, are.

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

Word: bun	Word: pup	Word: hum
the	are	is
tub	mud	cut
chest	looking	not
hug	sun	jug
you	for	inside

When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom ↓ in each row to figure out the clue.

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

When all clues are completed, the mystery of the pirate treasure will be solved!

SKILL PRACTICE

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

grass, the, hut, looking, is, water, for, green

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?

Color each thumb in to show if you agree with each ending. Color it green for yes. Color it red for no.

Word:	-ub	-ud	-us
bun	the	the	bus
tub	chest	the	the
hug	you	the	the

When you are done, read the words again.

Clue #3: Multiple Choice

What is each beginning sound? Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

Question	A	B	C	D
house	M	R	Z	K
boat	M	A	V	I
bowl	M	A	V	I

Use this page to know what to cross out.

How many Ds did you circle?
1 D = tree
2 Ds = spot
3 Ds = cave
4 Ds = hut

CVC Short U Review:

- Blending Short U Words
- Beginning Sounds
- Onset and Rime
- Sorting CVC Short U Words
- Rhyming Short U Words

All clues focus on reviewing short U words!

MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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Clue #3: Multiple Choice

What is each beginning sound? Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

3 Clue Version

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

How many As did you circle? 1 A = not 2 As = up 3 As = is 4 As = run	How many Bs did you circle? 1 B = over 2 Bs = next 3 Bs = under 4 Bs = in	How many Cs did you circle? 1 C = hot 2 Cs = high 3 Cs = cold 4 Cs = bad	How many Ds did you circle? 1 D = tree 2 Ds = spot 3 Ds = cave 4 Ds = hut
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5 Clue Version

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

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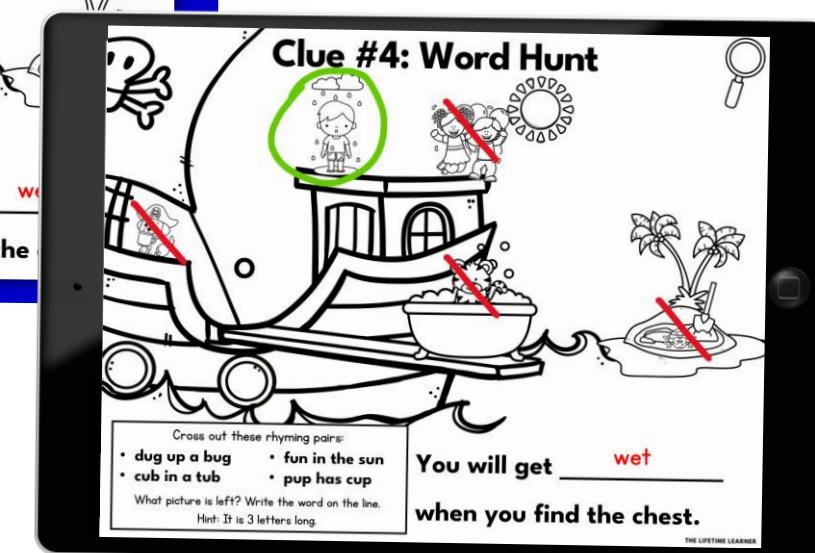
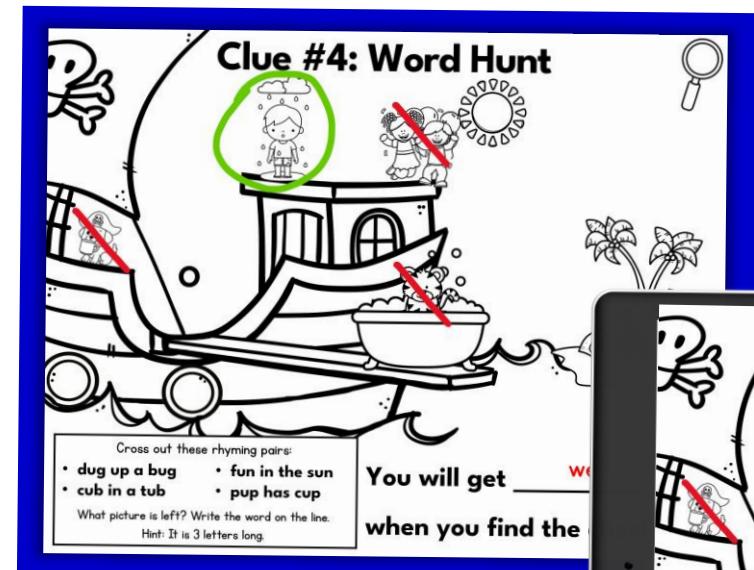
5 Clue Version

The chest is in a place that is:
calm or flat
sun bud gum nut tug nun pup bus yum rug

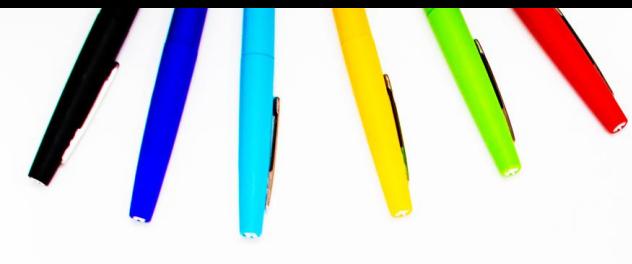
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Short & Long Options

Print & Digital Forms



CVC OPTION AVAILABLE



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Name: _____

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

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

bed	set	are
men	hen	looking
net	web	

Clue #2: Right or Wrong?

Color each thumb up to show if you agree with each word. Color it green for yes. Color it red for no.

pin	thumb up	thumb down	bib	thumb up	thumb down	big	thumb up	thumb down
bin	thumb up	thumb down	thumb up	thumb down	thumb up	thumb down	thumb up	thumb down
lan	thumb up	thumb down	thumb up	thumb down	thumb up	thumb down	thumb up	thumb down

Clue #3: Multiple Choice

Circle the right answer. Then read the bottom.

A. cod	B. nod	C. or	D. pax	A. jam	B. jot	C. jog	D. jig
A. pax	B. fox	C. ox	D. pax	A. jog	B. rot	C. lot	D. hot
pom	pod	pod	pot	A. cap	B. sub	C. cat	D. sub
pot	pod	pod	pot	A. hot	B. jog	C. jam	D. job

Clue #4: Word Hunt

Cross out the following pictures:

- tug
- pup
- tub
- sun
- nut
- bun
- cub
- run
- nut

You will get wet when you find the chest.

Clue #5: Descrambler

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

A	O	A	R	L
wax	bat	jam	sat	hat
cab	mad	fan	van	gap
cab	fan	van	gap	hat
cab	fan	van	gap	jam
cab	fan	van	gap	fan

The chest is in a place that is: C A L M O R F L A T

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: Multiple Choice
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Row 1:

A. K B. M C. W D. T	A. M B. H C. A D. P	A. B B. D C. E D. J	A. T B. R C. Z D. K
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Row 2:

A. W B. Y C. R D. E	A. C B. N C. D D. A	A. F B. P C. G D. B	A. M B. A C. V D. I
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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.

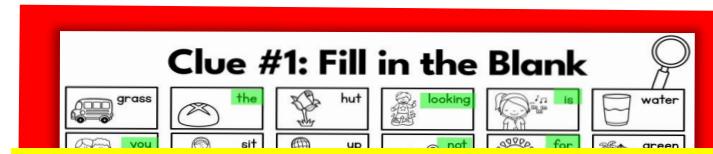
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Ordinary phonics worksheets can be boring and unoriginal.

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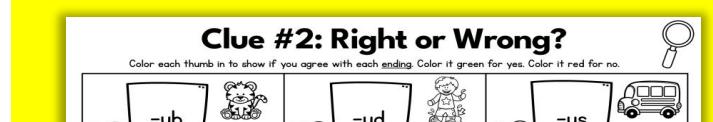
PHONICS MYSTERIES ARE EXACTLY WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

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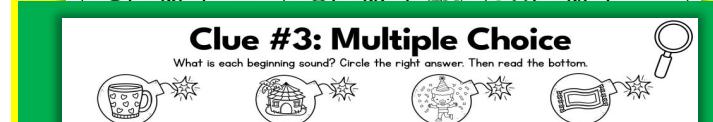
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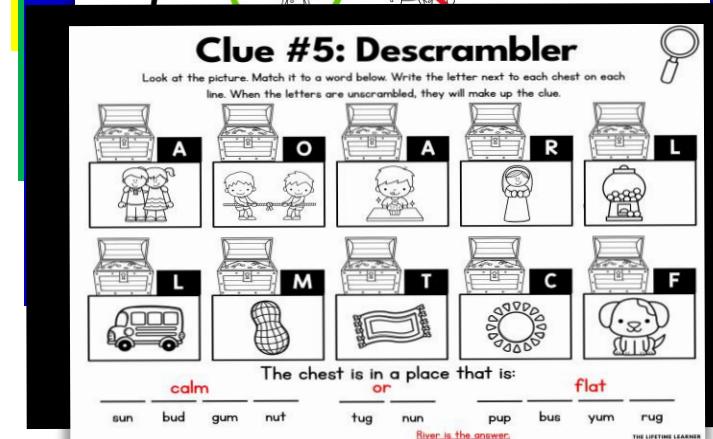


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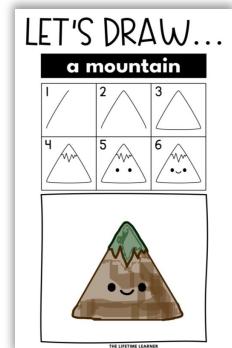
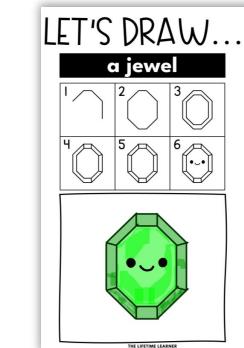
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WHAT MAKES READING MYSTERIES UNIQUE?

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

Example of Clue 1

Math

Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

 grass	 the	 hut
 you	 sit	 up
 chest	 inside	 walk
 me	 not	 for
 tub	 hum	 green
 hug	 is	 are
 mud	 cut	 not
 sun	 jug	 inside

ding

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

Word: pup Word: hum

are is

tub mud sun

chest looking for

hug cut jug

you not inside

When you are done, read the words in order from top to bottom ↓ in each row to figure out the clue.

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Clue #1: Fill in the Blank

Write the number. Then write the word under it.

1= hot

2= water

3= a

4= no

5= in

6= b

7= cold

8= with

9= door

10= place

The treasure is ...

How many? 6

How many? 3

How many? 10

How many? 5

How many? 3

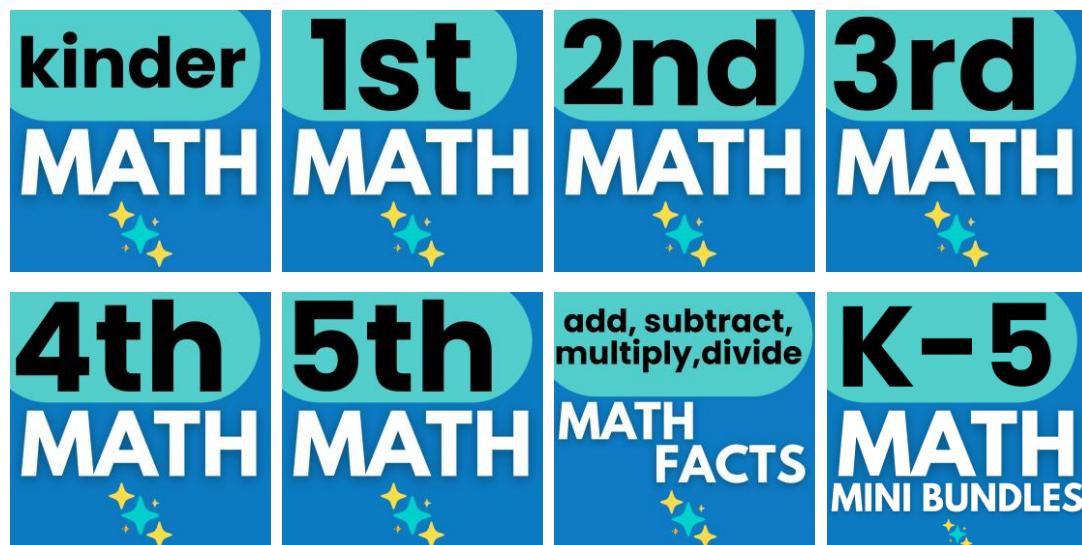
How many? 8

How many? 9

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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