

# WHAT IS THIS?

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**solve the mystery**  
**The Case of the Big Race**  
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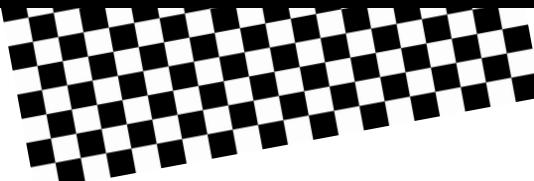
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Figure out who won the big race by solving each clue.

Car	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
My car is blue.	My car is green.	My car is red.	My car is blue.	My car is red.	My car is green.	My car is pink.	My car is black.	
Ji	Milo	Andres	Luna	Leo	Jada	Eve	Nobu	

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Students complete a series of clues to figure out who won the race!

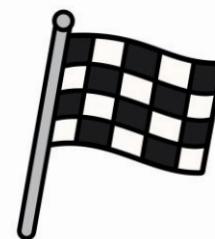
# HOW TO PLAY



# What Happened?

You forgot to watch the big race on TV last night. Now, you're going to need to solve some clues to figure out who won! Help figure out who came in 1<sup>st</sup> place so you'll be able to chat with friends about the winner.

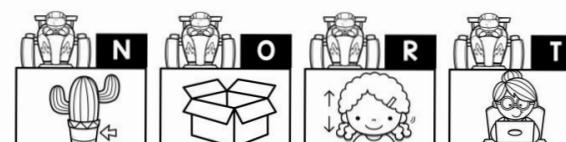
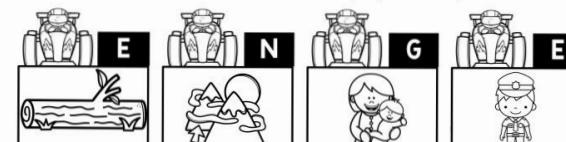
1. Take a list of racers and then start solving each clue.
2. Each time you solve a clue, you will get closer to discovering who won the race.
3. Cross out wrong race cars each time you  
find out new information. Good luck!



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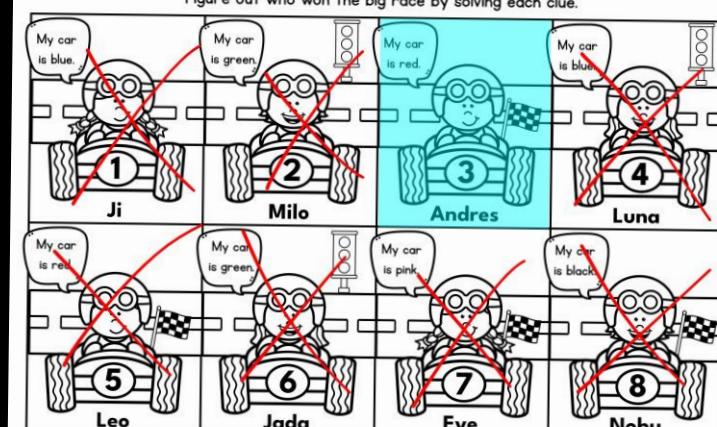


The winner's car is

## N O T G R E E N

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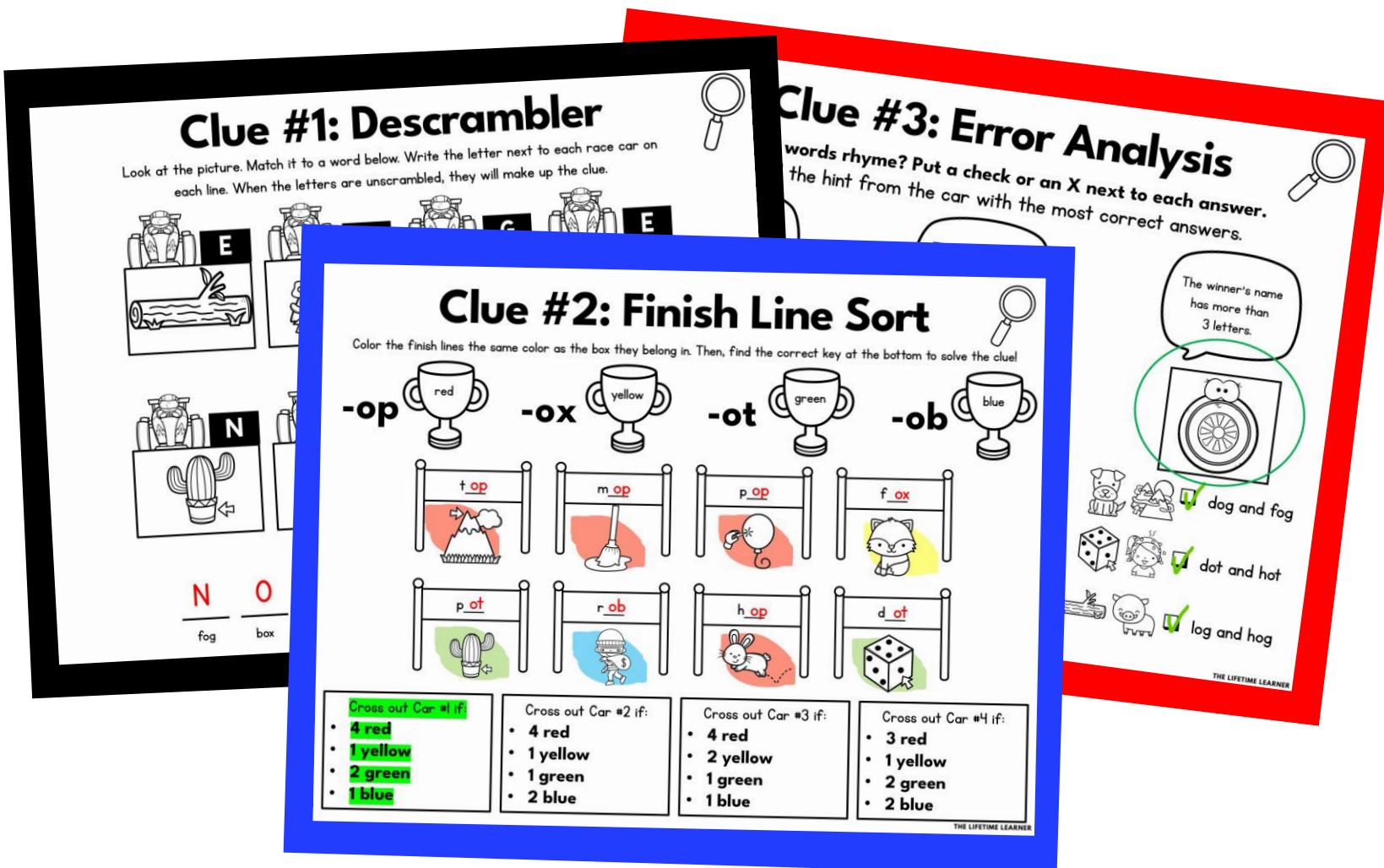
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Each time students solve a clue, it will reveal which racers to cross out. When all clues are completed, the mystery of the big race will be solved!

# SKILL PRACTICE

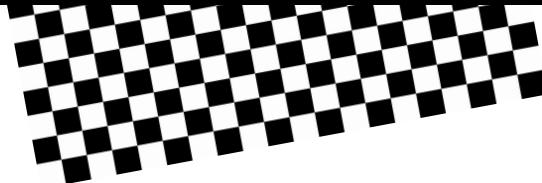


## CVC Short O Review:

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

All clues focus on reviewing short O words!

# MULTIPLE VERSIONS



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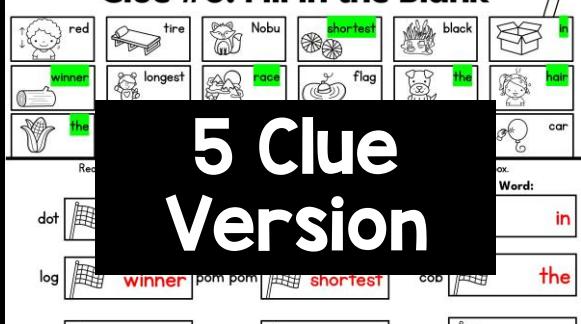
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## Print & Digital Forms

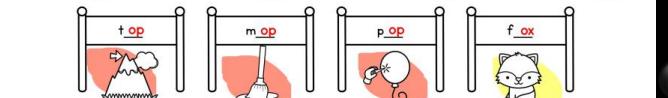
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## Short & Long Options

# CVC OPTION AVAILABLE

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**Clue #3: Error Analysis**

Starts with t

Starts with v

Starts with n

Starts with r

**Clue #4: Word Hunt**

Fill in the last letter of each word.

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

- P = boy
- B = girl
- G = red color
- T = black color

**Clue #5: Fill in the Blank**

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

Word: bun

Word: net

Word: kit

Word: jug

Word: winner

Word: wig

Word: mod

Word: rat

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Word: nut

Word: hair

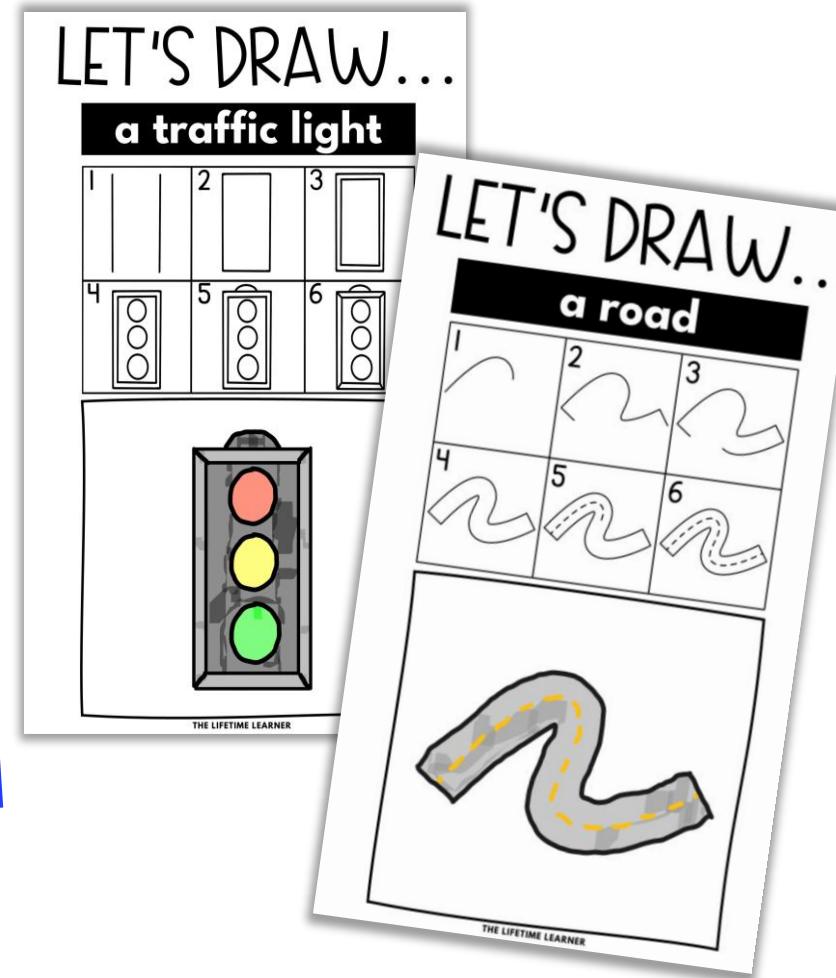
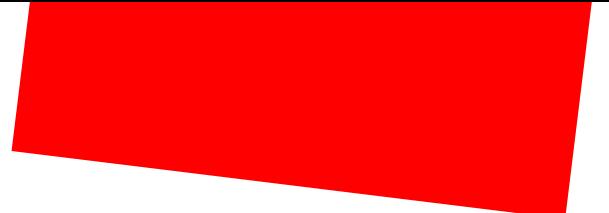
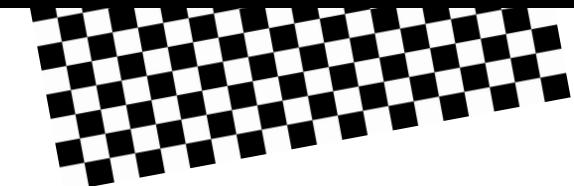
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Differentiate within your small groups. Same clues. Same mystery. Different focus!

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

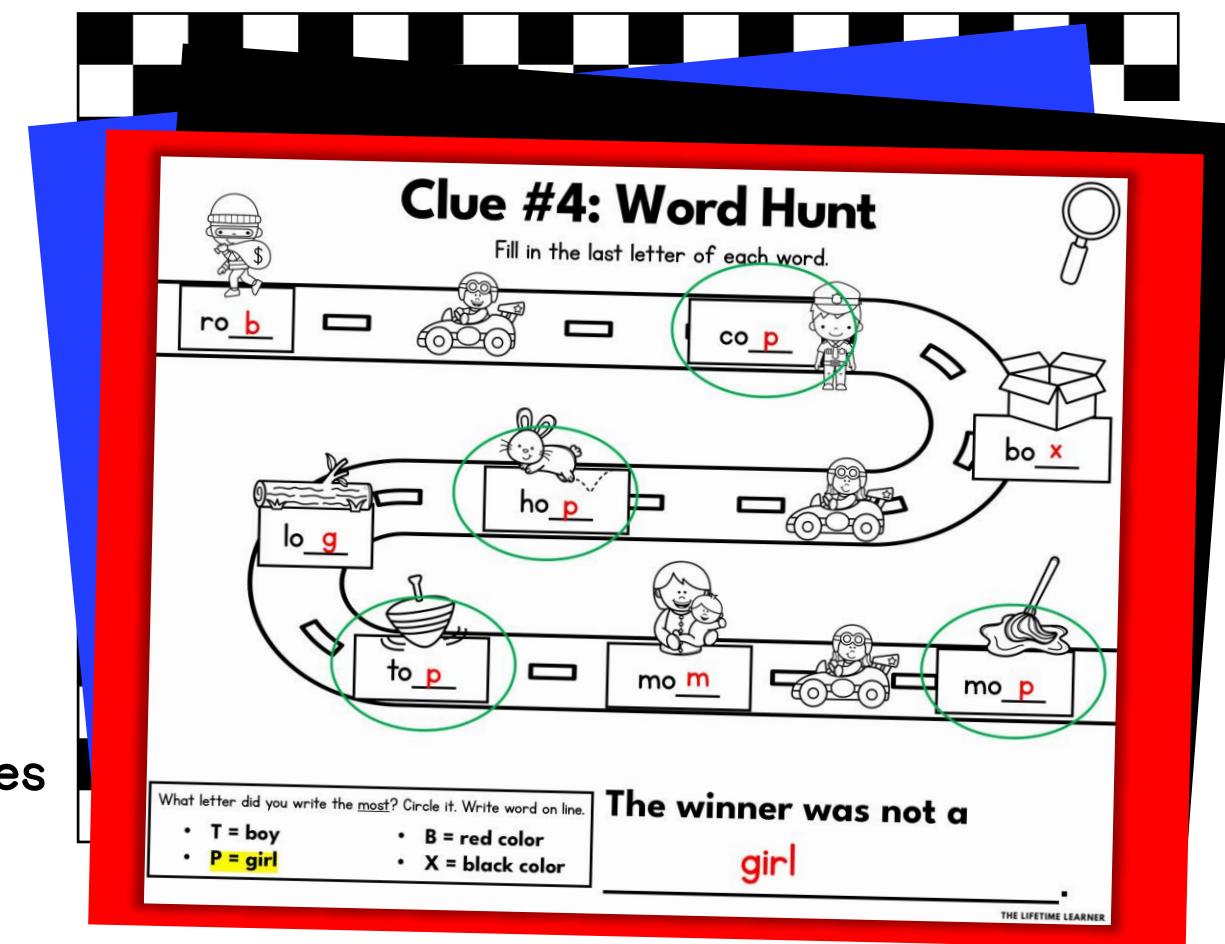
# FAST FINISHER ACTIVITY



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.

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

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

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

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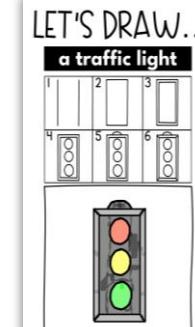
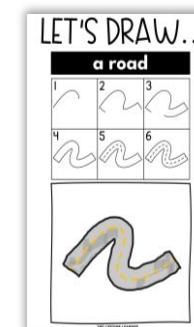
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8	Nobu	My car is blue.

Name:

**solve the mystery**



The Case of the Big Race



# 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!

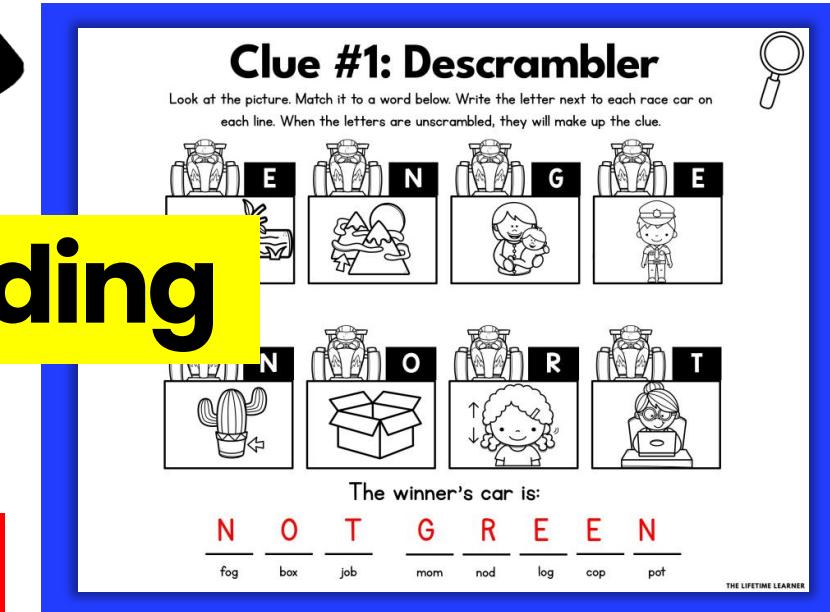
So, if you have both, students can play during math and then again during reading for double the fun.



## Reading

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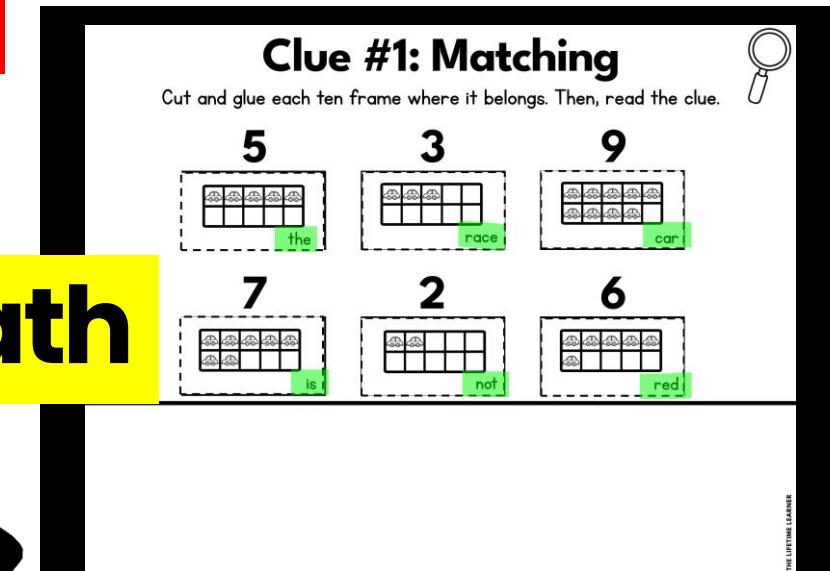
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## Example of Clue 1

## Math

**Clue #1: Matching**

Cut and glue each ten frame where it belongs. Then, read the clue.

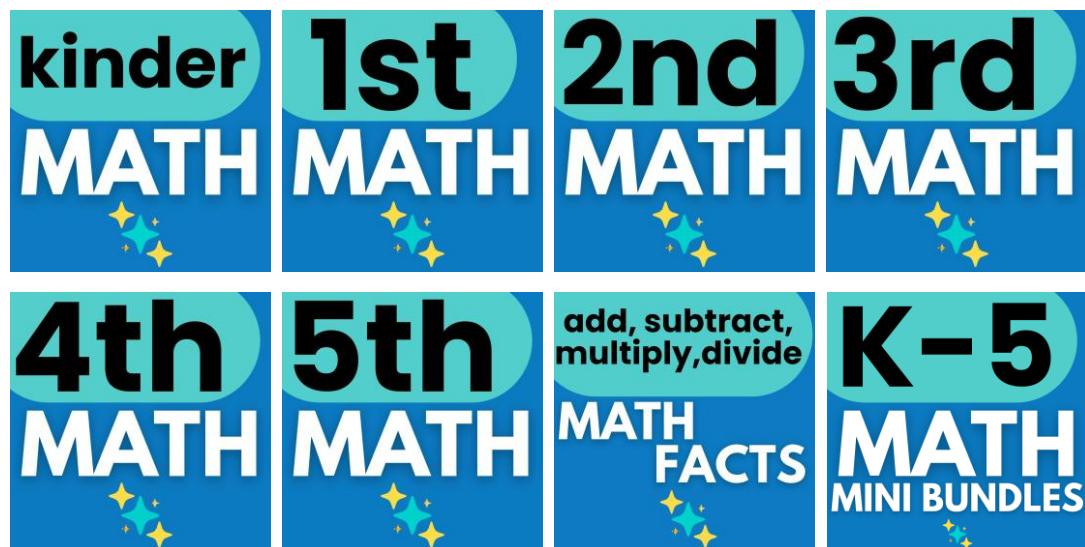


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# KEEP THE FUN GOING!

## 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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